



Nebraska Workforce Development Board
Meeting Minutes
March 10, 2023, 9a – 12p
Nebraska Public Media Building
1800 N 33rd Street
Lincoln, NE 68503

Agenda item 1. Call to Order

Chair Mark Moravec called to order the meeting of the Nebraska Workforce Development Board (the Board) on March 10, 2023 at approximately 9a at the Nebraska Public Media Building, Lincoln, Nebraska.

Before taking up the business of the Board, Chair Moravec welcomed members of the public and encouraged the public to sign in at the registration table; indicating, however, that members of the public are not required to sign in. In addition, Chair Moravec stated that members of the public would have an opportunity to comment on agenda items requiring formal action by the Board. Chair Moravec also stated that members of the public would also have an opportunity to comment at the end of this meeting. In both cases, individuals are permitted five minutes to speak during the public comment period to allow all who wish to comment time to do so. Chair Moravec also indicated that members of the public may submit written comments, which would be made part of the permanent record for this meeting.

Agenda item 2. Roll Call

Chair Moravec asked Nicole Schaefer to call the roll for purposes of establishing quorum (minimum of 14 out of 24 Governor-appointed Board Members). Nicole called roll and advised Chair Moravec that quorum was established.

Members in Attendance

1. Brian Deakin
2. Gary Dixon, Jr.
3. Lindy Foley
4. Michael Geary
5. Jim Hansen
6. James Hanson, Jr.
7. Cindy Johnson
8. Tate Lauer
9. Mark Moravec
10. Don Nordell
11. Terri Ridder
12. Becky Stitt
13. Paul Turman
14. Lisa Wilson

Members Absent

15. John Albin
16. Kyle Arganbright
17. Elizabeth Babcock
18. Anthony Goins
19. Senator Ben Hansen
20. Susan Martin
21. Kyle Nixon
22. Governor Jim Pillen
23. Bradley Schroeder
24. Jennifer Sedlacek
25. Dannette Smith
26. Jim Smith
27. Courtney Wittstruck

Nebraska Department of Labor (NDOL) Administrative Staff in attendance

1. Derek Ahrens, State Monitoring Unit Supervisor, Division of Reemployment Services
2. Erick Carrillo, Program Analyst, Division of Reemployment Services
3. Jana Dye, Administrator, Division of Reemployment Services
4. Lucas Miller, Program Coordinator, Division of Reemployment Services
5. John O'Keefe, Director, Division of Reemployment Services
6. Ashley Pick, Administrator, Division of Reemployment Services
7. Nicole Schaefer, Administrative Programs Officer, Division of Reemployment Services

Agenda item 3. Notice of Publication

Nicole Schaefer announced that the Notice of Public Meeting was duly published, in accordance with the Nebraska Open Meetings Act, in the Beatrice Daily Sun, Columbus Telegram, Grand Island Independent, Hastings Tribune, Kearney Hub, Lincoln Journal Star, Norfolk Daily News, North Platte Telegraph, Omaha World-Herald, and Scottsbluff Star-Herald. Nicole also announced that notice of the meeting was posted on the State of Nebraska Public Meeting Calendar.

Agenda item 4. Approval of Minutes

Chair Moravec called the next order of business, which was the approval of the draft meeting minutes from the September 16, 2022 meeting of the Board. The draft minutes from the September meeting were emailed to Board Members on March 9, 2023. The meeting minutes were also included in Board Member meeting packets as Handout 1.

Chair Moravec opened the floor to Board Members for discussion on the draft minutes. Board Members had no comments on the draft minutes. Chair Moravec opened the floor for public comment on the draft minutes. No public comments were made.

Michael Geary motioned to approve the June minutes as provided, and Brian Deaken seconded the motion. Members of the Board in attendance voted on the motion by roll call vote. The motion carried unanimously.

Agenda item 5. Old Business

a. 2022 Modification of the 2020 – 2023 Combined State Plan

John O'Keefe provided a short update to the board on Federal approval of the 2022 modification of Nebraska's Combined State Plan. His presentation was included in the meeting packets as Handout 2.

b. Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services – ARPA Projects

Rick Gray, the Executive Strategic Advisor for the Office of the Chief Executive Officer of the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services presented on ARPA projects implemented by the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services. His presentation was included as Handout 3.

Agenda item 6. New Business

a. Institute for Career Advancement Needs

Aileen Warren, President and CEO of the Institute for Career Advancement Needs presented on developing inspired, authentic leaders who transform companies and communities. Her presentation was provided as Handout 4.

b. State Level Monitoring and Oversight

Derek Ahrens, State Monitoring Unit Supervisor with the Nebraska Department of Labor Reemployment Services Division presented on the state's monitoring and oversight activities. His presentation was included as Handout 5.

c. Program Year 2021 – Annual Performance Report

d. Program Year 2022 – Upcoming Local Area Activities

John O'Keefe, Reemployment Services Director, presented an overview of the Annual Performance Report Narrative for Program Year 2021, as well as updated the board about upcoming local area compliance activities related to certification of American Job Centers and submission of 2023 modifications of regional and local area plans. His presentations were included as Handout 6 and Handout 7.

e. Subcommittee Reports

James Hanson, Jr, Chair of the Policy and Oversight Committee and Michael Geary, Chair of the Strategy and Innovation Subcommittee gave brief updates on Subcommittee activity progress.

f. Subcommittee Appointments

Chair Moravec presented the board with lists of who was assigned to which subcommittees, which was also provided to the board members as Handout 8.

Agenda item 7. Member Updates

Chair Moravec asked Members of the Board for updates on their respective industries or organizations and local workforce development area activities for the Members who also serve on local workforce development boards. Members of the Board provided updates as requested.

Agenda item 8. Next Meeting – Date and Time

Chair Moravec reminded the Board that the next meeting of the Board is scheduled for June 9, 2023 from 9a to 12p, at the Nebraska Public Media Building, 1800 N 33rd Street, Lincoln, Nebraska. If the date, time or location of the meeting changes, Chair Moravec advised the Board that Members would be notified by email.

Agenda item 9. Public Comment

Chair Moravec opened the floor for public comment. Public comments were not made.

Agenda item 10. Adjournment

Chair Moravec asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting of the Board. Jim Hansen motioned that the meeting be adjourned. Lisa Wilson seconded the motion. Members of the Board in attendance voted on the motion by roll call vote. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at approximately 11a.