

Nebraska Workforce Development Board
Meeting Minutes
December 8, 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 December 8, 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 13 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. Lindy Foley
3. Michael Geary
4. Jim Hansen
5. James Hanson, Jr.
6. Cindy Johnson
7. Tate Lauer
8. Mark Moravec
9. Kyle Nixon
10. Don Nordell
11. Bradley Schroeder
12. Jennifer Sedlacek
13. Jim Smith
14. Becky Stitt
15. Paul Turman
16. Courtney Wittstruck

Members Absent

17. John Albin
18. Kyle Arganbright
19. Elizabeth Babcock
20. K.C. Belitz
21. Steve Corsi
22. Gary Dixon, Jr.
23. Senator Ben Hansen
24. Susan Martin
25. Governor Jim Pillen
26. Terri Ridder
27. Lisa Wilson

Nebraska Department of Labor (NDOL) Administrative Staff in attendance

1. Derek Ahrens, State Monitoring Unit Supervisor, Division of Reemployment Services
2. Erick Carrillo, Interim Administrator, Division of Reemployment Services
3. Dawn Carrillo, Administrator, Division of Reemployment Services
4. Lucas Miller, Program Coordinator, Division of Reemployment Services
5. John O'Keefe, Director, Division of Reemployment Services
6. Nicole Schaefer, Administrative Programs Officer, Department of Labor

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 June 9, 2023 meeting of the Board. The draft minutes from the June meeting were emailed to Board Members on December 7, 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 Bradley Schroeder seconded the motion. Members of the Board in attendance voted on the motion by roll call vote. The motion carried unanimously.

Agenda item 5. New Business

a. Labor Market Information

Jodie Meyer and Scott Ferguson of Labor Market Information presented on how labor statistics are collected and presented for use by the public or businesses. Their presentation was provided as Handout 3.

b. InternNE

Shonna Dorsey of the Nebraska Tech Collaborative presented on how InternNE is partnering with the Department of Economic Development to provide work and intern opportunities for young adults in Nebraska. Her presentation was included as Handout 4.

c. Strategy and Innovation Subcommittee

Michael Geary, chair of the Strategy and Innovation Subcommittee, presented on the committee's efforts to produce a website that presents and organizes workforce initiatives across the state. A screenshot of the new website was included as Handout 5.

d. Policy and Oversight Subcommittee

James Hanson, Jr., chairman of the Policy and Oversight Subcommittee, gave an update on the status of the combined state plan and its submission timeline to the US Department of Labor, as well as the state's annual report. He also noted that Paul Turman would be stepping down as the lead of the Subcommittee's Career Pathways Workgroup and that Josh Hanson would be filling that role.

e. 2024 Proposed Meeting Dates

Mark Moravec updated the board on proposed meeting dates for 2024, with a schedule that offered two meeting dates or one that offered four meeting dates. After discussion, the board decided to adopt a modified three meetings per year schedule, with dates on March 15, June 14, and September 13, while dropping the December meeting. Paul Turman motioned that the board adopt the three dates per year schedule as outlined. Bradley Schroeder seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Agenda item 6. 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 7. Next Meeting – Date and Time

Chair Moravec reminded the Board that the next meeting of the Board is scheduled for March 15, 2024 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 8. Public Comment

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

Agenda item 9. Adjournment

Chair Moravec asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting of the Board. James Hanson, Jr. motioned that the meeting be adjourned. Brian Deakin 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 11:30a.