



Missouri Workforce Development Board
March 3, 2022 8:30 am-12:00 pm
Meeting Minutes
Courtyard by Marriott
610 Bolivar Street
Jefferson City, MO

Members present: Chair Len Toenjes, Vice Chair Cara Canon, Garland Barton, Celeste Cramer, Gregg Roberts, LeRoy Stromberg, Virgil White, Assistant Commissioner Tim Gaines, Director Anna Hui, Greta Bax, Tony Bryan, Commissioner Gary Jungerman, Jill Williams, Veronica Gielazauskas (proxy for Commissioner Zora Mulligan), Virgil White

Members absent: Herbert Dankert, Joshua Tennison, Commissioner Dan Atwill, Rep. Jeff Coleman, Dr. Don Cook, Astra Ferris, Stephanie Garrett, Todd Spencer, Kristie Davis, Commissioner Margie Vandeven, Senator Denny Hoskins

OWD/DHEWD Staff Present: Dr. Mardy Leathers, SWDB Executive Director, Yvonne Wright, SWDB Secretary, Megan Sheets, Ronda Anderson, Melissa Woltkamp, Julie Carter, Jerri Bowles, Rebecca Fletcher, Gerren McHam, Sara Harrison, Jeanna Caldwell, Evan Keese, Diana Murillo, Rachel Stoltzmann,

Other Representatives Present and/or Presenters: Ken Mall, EDSI, Amy Sublett, Sheila Barton, Haley Sides, Sally Payne, Brent Stevens, Jim Kolve, Donna Parrott, Sherri Rheums, Cindy State, Diane Simbro, Jenny Warren, Mary Brown, Tammy Tankersley

Call to Order and Welcome: Chairman Toenjes called the meeting to order at 8:30 am and extended a welcome to everyone.

Roll Call: Ms. Wright called roll. Quorum was not declared. Len indicated that the vote to approve meeting minutes for January 24 will be tabled until the next meeting.

Review and Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: Due to lack of quorum, this item was tabled until the next scheduled meeting.

New Business:

WIOA Waivers: Melissa Woltkamp provided an update on the waivers currently in place for OWD, and provided information regarding submission of a renewal for the WIOA youth waiver.

Introduction of New SWDB Executive Committee Member: Chair Toenjes introduced Celeste Kramer as the newest member to the SWDB Executive Team. The team consists of Chair Toenjes, Vice Chair Canon, Garland Barton, and Celeste Kramer.

Chair Toenjes also congratulated Astra Ferris on her recent Senate confirmation as a SWDB member.

SWDB Member Discussion: Chair Toenjes led a discussion which elicited feedback from SWDB members and meeting attendees regarding the topic of Inflationary Pressures on Wages and Other Costs.

Missouri Job Center Connect Update: Wagner-Peyser Standardization: Guest speaker Ken Mall, EDSI, presented on this initiative with OWD designed to streamline job center services for citizens.

State Director Update: Dr. Leathers asked Ronda Anderson to provide an update on the OWD Placemat Initiatives.

Dr. Leathers and Jeanna Caldwell provided an update on Apprenticeship Missouri and Work based Learning. This included an overview of the 2021 OAWBL Annual report.

Dr. Leathers introduced the OWD Migrant Seasonal Farmworker Team: Rachel Stoltzmann, Diana Murillo, and Evan Keese. The team each spoke briefly to provide an overview of MSFW services. Dr. Leathers recognized the talents of this team and how their outreach benefits the populations they serve.

Dr. Leathers then recognized Amy Sublett and Gary Jungerman from the Central Workforce Board for the exemplary work they have done to be removed from substantial violation and have successful regional operations.

Legislative Update: Gerren McHam provided the Board an update on activities from the 2022 Missouri legislative session.

Local WDB Presentation: Sally Payne, Director of the Ozark WDB, provided an overview of projects and activities in her region.

Chairman Toenjes entertained any questions, comments or closing remarks.

Move to adjourn: Garland Barton made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Greta Bax seconded the motion.

Meeting adjourned at 11:53 am.

Next meeting will be a Board retreat followed by the SWDB Board meeting on July 13-14, 2022.
Location is Old Kinderhook, Camdenton, MO.