



## Missouri Workforce Development Board

August 31, 2022

9:00 am-4:00 pm

**Meeting Minutes**

**Oasis Hotel and Convention Center**

**Springfield, MO**

**WebEx Call in**

**Members present:** Chair Len Toenjes, Vice Chair Cara Canon, Garland Barton, Dr. Don Cook, Celeste Cramer, Stephanie Garrett, Gregg Roberts, LeRoy Stromberg, Virgil White, Kristie Davis, Director Anna Hui, Interim Commissioner Leroy Wade, Greta Bax, Commissioner Gary Jungermann, Astra Ferris, Assistant Commissioner Chris Clause, John Thomas, Senator Denny Hoskins, Jill Williams

**Members absent:** Herbert Dankert, Joshua Tennison, Commissioner Dan Atwill, Rep. Jeff Coleman, Todd Spencer, Commissioner Margie Vandeven, Tony Bryan

**OWD/DHEWD Staff Present:** Dr. Mardy Leathers, SWDB Executive Director, Yvonne Wright, SWDB Secretary, Harli Rhodes, Ashlyn Sherman, Haley Fifer, Donna Brake, Melissa Woltkamp, Ronda Anderson, Julie Carter, Mike Chittum, Jerri Bowles, Rebecca Fletcher, Assistant Commissioner Veronica Gielazauskas, Beth Whaley, Zeshan Hyder, Danielle Smith, Sarah Moore, Tim Dunville, Chris Will, Jessica Duren

**Other Representatives Present and/or Presenters:** Brent Stevens (NW WDB), Tim Connell, Sheila Barton, Sally Payne, (Ozark WDB), Sherri Rheums (SW WDB), Jim Kolvem Dr. Rui Yao, Nazrene Mannie

**Call to Order and Welcome:** Chairman Toenjes called the meeting to order at 9:00 am and extended a welcome to everyone.

**Roll Call:** Ms. Wright called roll. A quorum was not established; therefore any voting was tabled for a future meeting.

**Review and Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes:** Minutes for the July 13 SWDB retreat and July 14 SWDB meeting were presented for review. Voting for approval was tabled.

**New Business:** 2023 SWDB meeting dates were proposed. Voting for approval was tabled.

**Old Business:** Discussion and movement for vote on the Northwest/Northeast merge was tabled.

**Labor Market Participation Data Presentation:** Dr. Rui Yao from the University of Missouri provided data and findings from her recent labor market participation survey.

**Global Apprenticeship Network Presentation:** Nazrene Mannie, Secretariat of GAN Global, gave a presentation on apprenticeships from an international perspective.

**Chair's Topic Discussion:** Chair Toenjes led a discussion with board members on how employers are handling competition with other businesses for existing employees

**Workforce Development Performance Update Presentation:** Ronda Anderson, OWD Senior Advisor for Organizational Performance, provide an update on the agency's progress on performance measures and on OWD's strategic Initiatives

**MERIC Annual Report Presentation:** Veronica Gielazaukas, Assistant Commissioner of Performance and Strategy, provided the yearly report on MERIC activities

**State Director Update:** Dr. Mardy Leathers provided an update on the rollout of Missouri Job Ready Day One, which is an employability skills workshop available this fall for all citizens statewide. Dr. Leathers then announced that the Ozark WDB had received the EDA Good Jobs Grant, and called upon Sally Payne, Ozark WDB Director, to provide an overview.

**Move to adjourn:** Gregg Roberts made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Jill Williams seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 3:41 pm

Next meeting will be November 9, 2022 and will be a teleconference.