



Missouri Workforce Development Board

November 9, 2022

9:00 am-10:00 am

Meeting Minutes Teleconference

Members present: Chair Len Toenjes, Vice Chair Cara Canon, Garland Barton, Dr. Don Cook, Stephanie Garrett, Gregg Roberts, Virgil White, Kristie Davis, Director Anna Hui, Interim Commissioner Leroy Wade, Commissioner Gary Jungermann, Assistant Commissioner Chris Clause, Tony Bryan

Members absent: Herbert Dankert, Celeste Cramer, Joshua Tennison, Commissioner Dan Atwill, Rep. Jeff Coleman, Todd Spencer, Commissioner Margie Vandeven, Astra Ferris, LeRoy Stromberg, John Thomas, Greta Bax, Jill Williams, Senator Denny Hoskins

OWD/DHEWD Staff Present: Dr. Mardy Leathers, SWDB Executive Director, Yvonne Wright, SWDB Secretary, Harli Rhodes, Ashlyn Sherman, Haley Fifer, Ronda Anderson, Julie Carter, Rebecca Fletcher, Assistant Commissioner Veronica Gielazauskas, Gerren McHam, Sara Harrison

Other Representatives Present and/or Presenters: Brent Stevens (NW WDB), Sherri Rheums (SW WDB), Jim Kolve (NE WDB), Keith Roderick (RSB), Mary Brown (Jefferson/Franklin Consortium), Matt Hankins (DOLIR), Amy Sublett (CWIB), Donna Parrott (SC WDB), Elizabeth Perkins (VR), Greg LaPosa (St. Louis Co WDB), Justin Logan (FSD), Cassandra Williams (SLATE), Jeriane Jaegers-Brenneke (FSD), Missy Eidson (WC WDB)

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. Quorum was established.

Review and Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: Minutes for the July 13 SWDB retreat were presented for review. Gary Jungermann made a motion to accept the minutes as presented; Cara seconded the motion. Motion was passed unanimously. Minutes for the July 14 SWDB meeting were presented for review. Garland Barton made a motion to accept the minutes as presented; Tony Bryan seconded the motion. Motion was passed unanimously. Minutes for the August 31 SWDB meeting were presented for review. Garland Barton made a motion to accept the minutes as presented; Tony Bryan seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

New Business: 2023 SWDB meeting dates were presented for review and approval. Garland Barton made a motion to accept the 2023 meeting dates as presented; Virgil White seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. The 2023 meeting dates are: January 26 (Jefferson

City), March 15-16 (Jefferson City, in conjunction with the annual CLEO and LWDB chair Summit), June 13-15 (Lake of the Ozarks, annual Board retreat and meeting), September 6 (Lake of the Ozarks, in conjunction with the Governor's Conference on Economic Development) and November 9 (Teleconference)

Old Business: No old business.

Chair's Topic Discussion: Chair Toenjes extended a welcome to the new SWDB representative for Vocational Rehabilitation, Dr. Chris Clause. He then led a roundtable with the Board members to discuss how they were encouraging youth to apply for positions or look at career pathways. The group also suggested that the January Chair Topic be focused on the new legalization of marijuana in Missouri and how that will impact business.

State Director Update: Dr. Mardy Leathers provided a detailed overview of the upcoming Apprenticeship Summit (November 14-15). He then shared the announcements of retirement for Melissa Woltkamp and Julie Carter and the departure of Jessica Duren. Dr. Leathers provided an update on the Missouri Job Ready Day One, the Re-Entry Connect project, and an apprenticeship opportunity in collaboration with DESE for a Child Development Associate.

Move to adjourn: Gregg Roberts made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Virgil White seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 10:00 am.

Next meeting will be January 26, 2023 in Jefferson City, MO.