



Missouri Workforce Development Board

July 14, 2022

9:00 am-12:00 pm

Meeting Minutes

Old Kinderhook, Camdenton, MO

Web call

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, Tony Bryan, Commissioner Gary Jungermann,

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

Voting Proxy: LeRoy Stromberg participated by phone, and assigned voting proxy to Chair Toenjes. Todd Spencer was absent, and assign voting proxy to Chair Toenjes. Kristie Davis was absent during roll call vote.

OWD/DHEWD Staff Present: Dr. Mardy Leathers, SWDB Executive Director, Yvonne Wright, SWDB Secretary, Megan Sheets, Ronda Anderson, Melissa Woltkamp, Julie Carter, Mike Chittum, Jerri Bowles, Rebecca Fletcher, Donna Brake, Jennifer Roodhouse, Veronica Gielazauskas, Gerren McHam, Jessica Duren

Other Representatives Present and/or Presenters: Brent Stevens (NW WDB), Donna Parrott (SC WDB), Sally Payne, (Ozark WDB), Allison Zupancic (Wiley), Sherri Rheums (SW WDB), Stephen Rice (TalentSensus), Jenny Warren (St. Charles WDB), Mary Brown (Jeff/Frank WDB), Lori Myers (St. Charles WDB), Amy Sublett (CWIB), Spencer Clark (DOLIR), Ken Mall (EDSI), Colleen Malloy (Coursera), Tamara Tateosian (Callaway County Chamber)

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 and a quorum was declared.

Review and Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: Minutes for the January 24, 2022 SWDB meeting were presented for review. Tony Bryan made a motion to approve the previous meeting minutes. Garland Barton seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Minutes for the March 3, 2022 SWDB meeting were presented for review. Garland Barton made a motion to approve the previous meeting minutes. Gregg Roberts seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

SWDB Board Chair Announcements: Chair Toenjes introduced Interim Commissioner Leroy Wade, who will be taking the place of Commissioner Zora Mulligan on the SWDB. Chair Toenjes then recognized Zora Mulligan who has left DHEWD for another position and Tim Gaines, who has retired from Vocational Rehabilitation.

New Business: Northwest/Northeast Merger: Dr. Mardy Leathers indicated that the NW and NE regions have completed all required preliminary steps to move toward approval of combining into one region. He indicated that the SWDB is the approving body to move the process forward.

The following motions were made on this topic:

Motion #1: Motion to accept the Northwest Workforce Development Board's intention to merge with the Northeast local area. Motion was made by Celeste Cramer. Virgil White seconded the motion. A roll call vote was conducted. Motion passed unanimously. Gregg Roberts abstained from the vote.

Motion #2: Motion to accept the Northeast Workforce Development Board's intention to merge with the Northwest local area. Motion was made by Virgil White. Tony Bryan seconded the motion. A roll call vote was conducted. Motion passed unanimously. Gregg Roberts abstained from the vote.

Motion #3: Motion to approve the joint application and post for public comment for a 30 day period. Motion was made by Greta Bax. Gary Jungermann seconded the motion. A roll call vote was conducted. Motion passed unanimously. Gregg Roberts abstained from the vote.

DHEWD Communications Update: Assistant Commissioner Jessica Duren provided an update on several communications updates, included the updated webpage for the SWDB.

Open Discussion from Members: Chair Toenjes led a discussion with board members regarding how members are handling inflation with salary/hour wage rate adjustments.

Supply Chain Taskforce Presentation: Dr. Mardy Leathers provided an overview of the Governor appointed taskforce, which was co-led by Dr. Leathers and Director McKenna from the MO Department of Transportation.

Director Report: Dr. Mardy Leathers provided a Mid-Year update on OWD initiatives, including the agency's five main areas of focus. He then provided a brief update on the current vendor outage with OWD's case management provider GeoSol. Yvonne Wright provided an update to a recent Trade Adjustment Assistance Petition for Premier Surfaces. Dr. Leathers provided an

update on Project Charleston, which will focus on growing workforce services in the Southeast area of the state. Dr. Leathers then introduced new staff. Finally, Dr. Leathers gave a preview of the August meeting, which will be in conjunction with the Governor's Conference on Economic Development in Springfield, MO.

Additional Business: Chair Toenjes re-introduced the topic from the 7.13.22 SWDB retreat, which involved forming a SWDB WIOA Subcontractor Certification Subcommittee. Garland Barton made a motion that the subcommittee is formed. Gregg Roberts seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. The Chair and Executive Team will work to form the taskforce members.

Gary Jungermann then introduced Tamara Tateosian, Executive Director of the Callaway Chamber of Commerce. Tamara gave a presentation on the "Be Pro, Be Proud" Building Tomorrow's Workforce conference and their desire to bring a demonstration semi to Missouri

Move to adjourn: Tony Bryan made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Garland Barton seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 12:00 pm.

Next meeting will be August 31, 2022 at Oasis Hotel and Convention Center, Springfield, MO.