



Missouri Workforce Development Board

September 6, 2023

11:00 am-3:00 pm

Meeting Minutes

Margaritaville, Lake of the Ozarks, MO

Members present: Chair Len Toenjes, Garland Barton, Gregg Roberts, Commissioner Bennett Boggs, Commissioner Gary Jungermann, Jill Williams, Rob Binney, Asst. Commissioner Chris Clause, Senator Denny Hoskins, LeRoy Stromberg, Director Anna Hui, Virgil White, Tracy Johnson, Megan Price, Tony Bryan

Members absent: Herbert Dankert, Vice Chair Cara Canon, Joshua Tennison, Rep. Jeff Coleman, Commissioner Margie Vandeven, Kristie Davis

OWD/DHEWD Staff Present OWD Director Julie Carter, Yvonne Wright, SWDB Secretary, Rebecca Fletcher, Mark Bauer, Sara Harrison, Veronica Gielzauskas, Erik Anderson

Other Representatives Present and/or Presenters: Ken Mall, EDSI (by call-in) Sheila Barton (MSU), Brent Stevens (North WDB), Amy Sublett (CWIB), Justin Logan (DSS), Gretchen Morse (SE WDB), Kris Baldwin (SW WDB), Josiah Meltzer (DSS), Missy Eidson (WC WDB), Elizabeth Perkins (VR), Paul DiBello (VR), Matt Hankins (DOLIR), Greg LaPosa (StL County WDB), Jeff LaMontia (RSB), Keith Roderick (RSB), Megan Wadley (AEL), Ericka Schmeekle (Ozark WDB), Allan Andrews (DOLIR), Logan Hobbs (DOLIR)

Call to Order and Welcome: Chairman Toenjes called the meeting to order at 11:00 am and extended a welcome to everyone. Chairman Toenjes called upon Megan Price (AFLCIO-labor rep) and Tracy Johnson (DHSS rep) to introduce themselves as new members. The Board then did a round of introductions to Ms. Price and Ms. Johnson.

Roll Call: Ms. Wright called roll. Quorum was not established.

Review and Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: Minutes for the January 26, 2023 Board teleconference, July 13, 2023 Board retreat and July 14, 2023 Board meeting will be tabled to the November 9 teleconference meeting for approval in light of the lack of quorum.

Strategic Priorities Review: Chair Toenjes led a discussion regarding follow up to the July 13, 2023 Strategic Planning meeting. Ken Mall from EDSI joined by phone to review the established priorities, activities, timeline for milestones, and OWD staff responsible for implementation. Len then called on Yvonne Wright and Becky Fletcher to provide updates on those activities which had the earliest milestone dates. Anna Hui suggested that a specific State Board member activity should be added to the public awareness goal. Megan Price added that she could assist with connecting OWD with organizations and training providers to include awareness. Virgil

White also indicated that he could help with messaging. This suggested Board activity will be added to the strategic priorities.

Len also indicated that the Strategic Priorities Review would be a standing agenda item at the beginning of each future Board meeting beginning with the November 9 teleconference. He also requested that a column is added to the priorities document, indicating the status of each activity, as well as a report-out on progress by the responsible OWD staff.

FastTrack Presentation: Erik Anderson, Director of Financial Assistance for DHEWD, gave presentation on the FastTrack program. Len requested that each Board member review the presentation further after the meeting, and requested a report-out at the November 9 meeting from Board members on how they utilized the materials.

New Business: State Plan Review: Yvonne Wright provided a brief overview of the 2024-2027 WIOA Combined State Plan. The State Board is the sanctioning body of the plan to submit to Governor Parson and subsequent submission to the Department of Labor. Yvonne requested consideration of a SWDB subcommittee to review the plan draft with the intent of a motion to move the plan into public comment at the November 9 meeting and to recommend the plan approved for submission to the Governor in late January 2024. Len asked the Board members to let Yvonne know if they want to serve on the committee. The committee is as follows: Garland Barton, Anna Hui and Gregg Roberts.

Yearly Performance Report: Veronica Gielazauskas, Assistant Commissioner of Policy and Performance at DHEWD, gave a presentation on the yearly activities of her unit (also known as MERIC).

Local Workforce Board Presentation: Greg LaPosa, Chair of the Training and Employment Administrators of Missouri (TEAM) gave a report out and shared success stories of customers who have engaged with local workforce boards.

State Director Update: Director Julie Carter provided an update on the following items: NGA symposium in Denver. Julie asked Jill Williams, who attended to share about the experience and about Missouri's panel presentation which included representation from OWD, the Department of Mental Health, Missouri Hospital Association and the Department of Health and Senior Services. Julie also shared about the OWD apprenticeship, information about increasing OWD's goal for new apprentices, since the previous goal has been met, information about how OWD has been involved in assisting those impacted by the two Tyson plant closures in Missouri through Rapid Response activities and in partnership with state agency partners and local workforce boards. Julie shared about her recent meeting with Dr. Boggs and Chair Toenjes with Aaron Willard at the Governor's office. Discussion included appointment of new board members and sharing of the Board's strategic priorities.

Chair Comments: Chair Toenjes ask for any additional updates from Board members. During these updates, Dr. Boggs announced that Julie Carter is no longer an Interim and has full title as Director of the Office of Workforce Development.

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

Meeting adjourned at 2:40 pm.

The next Board meeting will be November 9, 2023 and will be conducted via teleconference.