

Meeting Minutes
WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL
Ramkota Hotel Gallery B
920 W. Sioux Ave, Pierre, SD
Wednesday, May 3, 2023 | 1 – 4:30 p.m. CDT

Chairman Lee Anderson called the meeting to order at 1:02 p.m. CDT. Molly Neyhart called the roll. A quorum was present.

Members Present: Dave Bonde, Liza Clark, Chris Houwman, Secretary Marcia Hultman, Adam Molseed, Mark Rogers, Vice Chairwoman Keri Wientjes, Chairman Lee Anderson.

Members Absent: Caleb Arceneaux, Carla Gatzke, Rick Larson, Kim Ludwig, Jim Peterson, Laura Scheibe.

Others Present: Felicia Alspach, John Anderson, Pam Armstrong, Jodi Aumer, Tara Bartekoske, Jami Burrer, Jenna Bush, Taunya Charlton, Bill Christensen, Bobbie Country, Kevin Dary, Dawn Dovre, Gwyn Fischbach, Kaitlin Foster, Jacob Fuerst, Sara Garbe, Melanie Garstenshlager, Allison Green, Richard Gully, Erica Henry, Jason Himrich, Ashley Ivica, Lacey Johnson, Lisa Johnson, Aubree Kaiser, Caitlin Kemnitz, Maureen Klaudt, Scott Kwasniewski, Melodee Lane, Becki Lemke, Jon Mahan, Alan McEntaffer, Bill McEntaffer, Heather Nelson, Molly Neyhart, Lois Niedert, Jason Nylen, Kim Olson, Rebecca Ortmeier, Carmen Pacheco, Kara Palmer, Gloria Pluimer, Jenni Portales, Hannah Resick, Kendra Ringstmeyer, Amber Rost, Nathan Schlimgen, ReAnn Smith, Laura Smith-Hill, Amanda Stanton, Mason Sullivan, Yvonne Taylor, Barb Unruh, Sommer VanDewater, Jill Vining, Robin Wallum, Alexandra Warejcka, Brenda Weishaar, Bill Wendling, Dawn Williams.

AGENDA ITEM C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM MARCH 7, 2023

Mark Rogers made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from March 7, 2023. Dave Bonde seconded the motion. **MOTION PASSED** by 8-0 roll call vote.

AGENDA ITEM D. DIGITAL EQUITY

DLR Workforce Development Director Kendra Ringstmeyer introduced Guidehouse's Director Dave Matusoff, Associate Director Harrison Phelan, and Managing Consultant Miranda Vetter. Associate Director Phelan informed the Council of the four primary programs National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) oversees, including Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment Program (BEAD), Digital Equity, Tribal Connectivity Technical Amendments, and Enabling Middle Mile Broadband Infrastructure. Director Matusoff, Associate Director Phelan, and Managing Consultant Vetter led a facilitated discussion to identify priorities or gaps.

AGENDA ITEM E. LABOR MARKET INFORMATION

Labor Market Information Center (LMIC) Administrator Melodee Lane shared the results of the latest Business Response to the Pandemic survey and new wage estimates. Topics include changes in the extent of telework, trends in hiring activity, efforts to increase attractiveness of job openings, and advertising methods for vacant positions.

AGENDA ITEM F. START TODAY SD APPRENTICESHIPS

Labor Program Specialist II Tara Bartekoske shared information on Start Today SD Registered Apprenticeship Program. Registered apprenticeships consist of experience, structured on-the-job learning, education, and related instruction. There are five

components of registered apprenticeships: business involvement, structure on-the-job learning, related instruction, progressive wage increases, and national occupational credential. Benefits of registered apprenticeships include a skilled workforce, positive return on investment, retained workforce, improved productivity, customized training, and accessible rural training. When an organization or business wants to build an apprenticeship program there are six steps: explore, design, partner, build, launch, and manage. Bartekoske shared the history of apprenticeship funding and Governor Noem's announcement for her support of Registered Apprenticeship Programs with state funding.

AGENDA ITEM H. ADULT EDUCATION AND LITERACY

Labor Program Specialist II John Anderson gave an overview on Adult Education and Literacy, including updates and leadership changes. Providers, including Cornerstones Career Learning Center's Executive Director Kim Olson and Assistant Director and Education Coordinator Becki Lemke, Black Hills Special Services Cooperative's Director Gloria Pluimer, and Lutheran Social Services' Education Program Coordinator Laura Smith-Hill presented on promising practices, initiatives, and success stories.

AGENDA ITEM I. JOB SERVICE ACTION PLAN UPDATES

Rapid City Job Service Manager Kara Palmer and Sioux Falls Job Service Manager Sara Garbe shared statewide highlights, including WIOA Title I enrollments and populations of focus, funds spent by program, youth spending by service type, and enrollments by county. The council was informed of partnership development, business engagement, and veterans outreach top accomplishments from job service offices. Palmer and Garbe shared challenges Field Operations have had, including staff overturn, current vacancies, and extensive commutes for staff.

AGENDA ITEM J. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

AGENDA ITEM K. DIRECTOR UPDATES

Executive Director Dawn Dovre shared the next Council meeting will take place face-to-face in September. New appointments and reappointments are under consideration.

AGENDA ITEM L. ADJOURN

Adam Molseed made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Dave Bonde seconded the motion. **MOTION PASSED.**

Chairman Lee Anderson called the meeting adjourned at 4:53 p.m. CDT.