

**Meeting Minutes**  
**WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL**  
Southeast Technical College, Mickelson Center Room 101  
2320 North Career Avenue, Sioux Falls, SD  
Microsoft Teams  
Tuesday, April 9, 2024 | 1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. CDT

Chairman Lee Anderson called the meeting to order at 1:03 p.m. CDT. Molly Neyhart called the roll. A quorum was present.

**Members Present:** Michelle Black (joined at 1:06 p.m.), Dave Bonde, Liza Clark, Amanda Dokter, Chris Houwman, Secretary Marcia Hultman, Candy Klingensmith, Kim Ludwig, Jon Mahan, Amy Miller (representing Laura Scheibe), Adam Molseed, Mark Rogers, Amy Tlam, Vice Chairwoman Keri Wientjes, Chairman Lee Anderson.

**Members Absent:** Carla Gatzke, Jim Peterson.

**Others Present:** John Anderson, Tara Bartekoske, Jami Burrer, Jenna Bush, Taunya Charlton, Dawn Dovre, Jacob Fuerst, Ashley Glaspell, Derek Gustafson, Morgan Heuer, Lisa Johnson, Aubree Kaiser, Caitlin Kemnitz, Melodee Lane, Bill McEntaffer, Val McGovern, Rita Nelson, Adrian Ness, Molly Neyhart, Carmen Pacheco, Bailey Raml, Kendra Ringstmeyer, Amber Rost, Kristi Sandal, ReAnn Smith, Laura Smith-Hill, Julia Tate, Sommer VanDewater, Robin Wallum, Emily Ward, Alexandria Warejcka, Brenda Weishaar.

**AGENDA ITEM C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM FEBRUARY 8, 2024**

Mark Rogers made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from February 8, 2024. Kim Ludwig seconded the motion. **MOTION PASSED** 15-0.

**AGENDA ITEM D. LEGISLATIVE HIGHLIGHTS**

Executive Director Dawn Dovre shared Legislative Highlights related to labor and workforce topics. DLR had five agency bills including Senate Bills 41, 57, and 58, and House Bills 1058 and 1059. It was also involved with Senate Bill 190 and House Bills 1201 and 1233. All have been signed by Governor Noem.

**AGENDA ITEM E. JOB FAIR PLATFORM**

DLR Workforce Development Director Kendra Ringstmeyer and Labor Program Specialist Nathan Schlimgen presented on DLR's Virtual Job Fair Platform. The platform is offered to businesses and partners through a contract with Premier Virtual. Schlimgen shared the event process, how to register for events, analytics and reports available, and whom to contact in Job Service offices.

**AGENDA ITEM F. NATIONAL FARMERWORK JOBS PROGRAM  
MIGRANT AND SEASONAL FARMWORKER PROGRAMS**

National Farmworker Jobs Program Coordinator Gloria Miller and Labor Program Specialist II Derek Gustafson presented on the National Farmworker Jobs Program and the Migrant and Seasonal Farmworker Programs. This included an overview of the programs and how the programs collaborate to serve Migrant Seasonal Farmworkers.

**AGENDA ITEM G. WIOA FINANCIAL UPDATE**

DLR Administrative Services Director Emily Ward presented on State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2024 Workforce Funding. DLR receives approximately \$25 million in funding for

Workforce programs, excluding Trade Adjustment Assistance (TAA) funding. Director Ward provided estimated funding amounts for SFY2024 and SFY2025.

**AGENDA ITEM H. GED® AND NCRC UPDATES**

DLR Workforce Development Director Kendra Ringstmeyer shared the Department of Education (DOE) will be offering the GED and NCRC starting in July 2024. DLR will be offering preparation items for the GED and NCRC and will still offer the GED and NCRC to individuals enrolled in DLR programs. Starting in July 2024, Family Focus courses will be offered by DLR, instead of Family Focus providers.

**AGENDA ITEM I. LABOR MARKET INFORMATION**

Labor Market Information Center (LMIC) Administrator Melodee Lane shared the Benchmarking process has been completed. LMIC has been receiving more calls about the legitimacy of the surveys. There is a webpage with links to surveys and links to data.

**AGENDA ITEM J. ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION**

Executive Director Dawn Dovre asked Council Members the following questions: What role does collaboration play in your approach to workforce development, particularly in partnering with industries, educational institutions, and government agencies? How are you incorporating lifelong learning principles into your workforce development framework to support continuous skill development and career advancement? Adam Molseed stated the Governor's Office of Economic Development has been in contact with the CTE Consortium and is working with youth in middle schools and high schools. Amanda Dokter stated B9 Creations has also been in contact with the CTE Consortium. Dokter emphasized the importance of starting younger than post-secondary education. Michelle Black stated Northwestern Energy has done a few things individually but is looking out for collaboration opportunities. Vice Chairwoman Keri Wientjes stated Mobridge Regional Hospital has an employee teaching basic medical classes in the Mobridge School District, which makes it easier for students to attend. Executive Director Dovre suggested Junior Achievement to start with youth early.

**AGENDA ITEM K. PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

**AGENDA ITEM L. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR UPDATES**

Executive Director Dawn Dovre shared the next GOED Conference and WIOA Partner Symposium will take place in Pierre in February 2025. In July 2024, a new Council member appointment will be needed. Director Dovre introduced the new DLR Sioux Falls Job Service manager, Val McGovern. South Dakota Week of Work is April 8-12, 2024.

**AGENDA ITEM M. ADJOURN**

Chris Houwman made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Dave Bonde seconded the motion. **MOTION PASSED.**

Chairman Lee Anderson called the meeting adjourned at 3:28 p.m. CDT.