



Washington State
Workforce Training
And Education
Coordinating Board

MINUTES OF MEETING NO. 177
March 20, 2014

Board Members Present:

Cindy Zehnder, Chair

Jeff Johnson, Representing Labor

Beth Thew, Representing Labor

Lee Newgent, Representing Labor

Creigh H. Agnew, Representing Business (Vice Chair)

Gary Chandler, Representing Business

Lee Anne Caylor, Representing Business

Mark Mattke, Representing Local Government

Marty Brown, State Board for Community and Technical Colleges (SBCTC)

Dale Peinecke, Employment Security Department (ESD)

Marianna Goheen for Randy Dorn, Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI)

Andres Aguirre for Kevin Quigley, Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS)

Board Staff Present

Eleni Papadakis, Executive Director

Welcome and Introductions – Cindy Zehnder, Board Chair

Board Chair Cindy Zehnder called the Workforce Training and Education Coordinating Board (Workforce Board) meeting to order at 9 a.m. at the State Board for Community and Technical Colleges in Olympia.

Chair's Report – Cindy Zehnder, Board Chair

Motion 14-177-01: Ms. Beth Thew moved to adopt the January 6, 2014 and January 23, 2014 Board Meeting minutes as presented. Mr. Jeff Johnson seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Board Chair Cindy Zehnder announced the Governor had appointed Lee Anne Caylor and Gary Chandler to the Board. Both appointments have been confirmed. Ms. Zehnder gave a brief update on the meeting that took place with US Department of Labor Secretary Tom Perez and Governor Jay Inslee.

The Board discussed K-12 Comprehensive Career Guidance and the need to come up with a strategy to explore funding options. An ad-hoc committee was formed to explore this issue to report back at the May 8, 2014 board meeting.

Long Term Unemployed Funding Initiative - Dale Peinecke, ESD

Mr. Dale Peinecke spoke about Employment Security Department (ESD) work to address one of the long-term unemployed. Mr. Peinecke informed the Board of a funding source that has been identified as a resource for assisting Workforce Development Councils (WDCs) in their effort to assist the long term unemployed. WDC's have been asked to apply to ESD for funding and ESD's intent is to have the money committed by May 30.

Vice Chair's Report, Creigh Agnew, Vice Chair

Ms. Agnew gave an overview of the Washington D.C. Skills Summit. She shared that the issue that received the most attention was the White House review of federal workforce development investments. The review is being led Vice President Joe Biden.

Executive Director's Report, Eleni Papadakis, Executive Director

Ms. Eleni Papadakis provided an update on the National Governors Association (NGA) Meeting and the Chair's Initiative focused on the alignment of economic and workforce development.

Ms. Papadakis presented information on a new website being developed at the direction of the Board. The focus of the website is on effective work integrated learning. She asked the Board for outreach and input. She reported there will be a video production crew coming to make a video for the website and noted the website is funded through a small grant from the Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction and a small amount of Carl Perkins funding. Ms. Marina Parr gave an overview of the programs that will be highlighted on the website and the Board discussed how to utilize existing technology to make the site more appealing and accessible to young people.

Ms. Papadakis also discussed the plan for the new Tahoma High School. She explained how the community has pulled together in an effort to ensure every student be provided with access to applied learning and real work experience, as well as classroom based learning to encourage multiple pathways to economic success.

Mr. Lee Newgent commented on his work over the past two years with Tahoma School District and the outstanding efforts by all to provide an innovative learning environment.

Legislative Update, Justin Montermini and Nova Gattman

Mr. Justin Montermini noted that for the first time in seven years there was no budget shortfall and that many of the items were technical fixes with few policy issues.

Ms. Nova Gattman discussed progress toward building solid relationships with members of the Legislature and their staff and reported on the final approval and adoption of *High Skills, High Wages*. She also discussed the inmate postsecondary education bill which would have allowed Department of Corrections to provide inmates with associate's level degree training. This bill did not pass.

Mr. Montermini and Ms. Gattman reviewed the supplemental budget items that impacted the Workforce Board. They reported the America Works grant appropriation was approved, funding for the changes to the Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS) Workfirst program were approved and Employment Security Department (ESD) was granted the funds to replace their tax assessment.

Mr. Montermini and Ms. Gattman explained that they are now shifting their focus to planning for the interim and will be returning to the Board with a solid plan on how to best partner with stakeholder organizations.

Mr. Marty Brown reported that for the first time in a long time the State Board for Community and Technical Colleges (SBCTC) did not receive any funding in the capital budget.

Mr. Dale Peinecke reported that ESD has been asked to work with the Workforce Board, SBCTC and WDCs on a short and long term trainings outcome report, which ESD will submit. He reported that new work was assigned to ESD to accomplish within existing resources.

Eligible Training Provider Performance Policy, Dave Pavelchek

Mr. Dave Pavelchek presented the recommended adjustments to eligible training provider performance criteria.

Motion 14-177-02: Mr. Jeff Johnson moved to approve the resolution regarding eligible training performance criteria as presented, Mr. Mark Mattke seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Washington's Input to Federal Reform Plan for a More Effective Jobs Driven Workforce Training System, Terri Colbert

The Board reviewed the draft letter to Vice President Joe Biden and discussed the Trade Adjustment Assistance Community College and Career Training (TAACCCT) Grant process. The Board discussed how to best address both issues and agreed the final letter should include Washington's congressional delegation. The Board formed a committee to bring both the labor and business perspectives together with service providers on these issues. Committee members include: Lee Anne Caylor, Dale Peinecke, Marie Bruin, Creigh Agnew and a representative from the Department of Commerce, Washington Workforce Association, Department of Health and Human Services, and the Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction.

Healthcare Personnel Shortage Taskforce, Nova Gattman and Dorothy Teeter, HCA

Ms. Nova Gattman gave a presentation on the Healthcare Personnel Shortage Taskforce; she gave an overview of the taskforce's accomplishments including the rapid increase in nursing staff.

Ms. Dorothy Teeter provided an overview of the implementation of the Affordable Care Act (ACA) and the State Healthcare Innovation Plan. She discussed the larger than projected health insurance enrollments in both Medicaid and qualified health plans and the potential impact on current healthcare resources.

The Board discussed healthcare apprenticeships.

Career Connected Learning, Justin Montermini, Workforce Board

Mr. Justin Montermini introduced the first of several presentations on Career Connected Learning.

Dr. Margaret Tudor, Pacific Education Institute presented on how her organization is focusing on bringing hands-on environmental STEM experience to Washington K-12 students. The program also introduces students to the range of careers available in the field.

Dennis Conger, Diana Haglund and Susan Adams, from Wenatchee Learns offered information on their innovative program aimed at providing Wenatchee area students with hands-on career experience in a variety of fields. In their combined presentation they noted several ways in which Wenatchee Learns is taking a nontraditional approach to career connected learning such as setting up their headquarters in a storefront downtown as opposed to a school and partnering with the Wenatchee Valley Chamber of Commerce to provide teacher externships.

Dr. Eddie Reed and Lois Brewer of Seattle's Cleveland High School provided an overview of the school's history and demographics. In their combined presentation, Dr. Reed and Ms. Brewer discussed their efforts to bring STEM learning and comprehensive career education to traditionally underserved communities.

Board meeting adjourned at 3:30 p.m.