



MINUTES OF MEETING NO. 180 June 26, 2014

Board Members Present:

Cindy Zehnder, Chair
Creigh H. Agnew, Representing Business
Amy Johnson for Gary Chandler, Representing Business
Lee Newgent, Representing Labor
Lori Province for Jeff Johnson, Representing Labor
Mark Mattke, Representing Local Government
Jim Crabbe, for Marty Brown, State Board for Community and Technical Colleges (SBCTC)
Dale Peinecke, Employment Security Department (ESD)
Kathleen Lopp, for Randy Dorn, Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI)
David Stillman for Kevin Quigley, Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS)
Chris Alejano, Representing Target Populations

Board Staff Present

Eleni Papadakis, Executive Director

Welcome and Introductions

Board Chair Ms. Cindy Zehnder called the Workforce Training and Education Coordinating Board (Workforce Board) meeting to order at 9:05 a.m. at the Washington State Investment Board in Olympia. She welcomed new board member, Mr. Chris Alejano, and the Board made introductions.

Chair's Report

Motion 14-180-01: After corrections for spelling were noted Ms. Creigh H. Agnew moved to adopt the May 8, 2014, and May 23, 2014 Board Meeting minutes as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Dale Peinecke gave an overview of the Employment Security Department's current budget situation and recent cuts.

Executive Director's Report

Ms. Eleni Papadakis updated the board on recent agency staff changes. She reported the PVSA Unit Supervisor position had been filled and introduced Mr. Jim Parker. She updated the board on developments in the WIA Reauthorization Act reporting the Act was passed the day before the board meeting with bipartisan support 95 to 3. Ms. Papadakis gave an overview of next steps regarding the Act and the role of the Workforce Board and Board staff.

Ms. Papadakis spoke about the Health Workforce Council's coordination with the Health Care Authority (HCA) on the workforce pipeline piece of the Healthcare Innovation Grant and the HCA's efforts toward the implementation of the Affordable Care Act. She also updated the Board on the Make it in Washington Grant, praising Mike Brennan for taking the lead on this opportunity and ensuring Washington was able to retain its portion of the \$3 million grant.

Ms. Papadakis discussed with the Board the recent events regarding Corinthian Colleges Inc., the parent company of Everest College, Heald College and WyoTech, and the U.S. Department of Education. Ms. Meredyth Given, Regional Vice President of Operations Everest Colleges spoke to the Board to reassure them that the Washington Everest College campuses are continuing normal daily operations and all their students are continuing their studies without interruption.

Ms. Papadakis spoke briefly about preparation for the upcoming board retreat.

Workforce Development Council Recertification

Ms. Terri Colbert, Workforce Board Program Specialist for CTE/WIA, gave a short overview of the WDC approvals that took place at the last Board meeting, where all but four of the WDC applications were approved. Of the four that were not approved, three had incomplete rosters, and one had not yet submitted its roster. Since the last Board meeting, all four WDCs have submitted complete rosters and were approved for presentation to the Board by the review committee.

Motion 14-180-02: Mr. Mark Mattke moved to approve the recertification motion as presented; the motion was seconded and passed.

K-12 and *High Skills, High Wages*

Education Funding

Mr. Justin Montermini, Workforce Board Policy Analyst and Legislative Liaison, presented information on the McCleary decision, and what is actually defined as basic education and funded by the state.

OSPI Strategic Plan Alignment with the Workforce Board

Ms. JoLynn Berge, Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI), provided a presentation on OSPI's legislative priorities, which are: amply funding basic education, improving academic outcome for students, and additional early learning opportunities. OSPI's number one decision package will be fully funding basic education. Ms. Berge reported the state is on track to fund most of the four buckets required by the Legislature. The biggest issue remaining is how to fund compensation increases for teachers. OSPI plans to run another bill this session asking for teacher performance evaluations.

The board discussed CTE with Ms. Berge, who explained that at this point, CTE funding is not included in basic education, and is considered an additional enhancement. OSPI is recommending a formula revision for CTE staffing and curriculum.

Ms. Berge also spoke about levee reductions, class size limitations, and dropout prevention.

OSPI's Focus on Students in Poverty

Mr. Tim Stensager, OSPI, provided a presentation on the types of data OSPI is collecting and how key performance indicators are measured. Mr. Stensager discussed with the board what the performance indicators are showing, and how that drives OSPI's mission.

Career Guidance Washington

Ms. Danise Ackelson, OSPI, provided a presentation on Career Guidance Washington, and how guidance and counseling programs in public schools across the state are assisting students in their High School and Beyond Plan. Career Guidance Washington has built on the foundation of the Navigation 101 program. She noted there is no funding to develop a career guidance program, and OSPI is very proud of what they have been able to do with such a small budget. The Board discussed the difference between rural vs. urban participation.

SBCTC and OSPI Perkins Funding Alignment with *High Skills, High Wages*

Mr. Jim Crabbe presented on the State Board for Community and Technical College's (SBCTC) and OSPI's alignment with *High Skills, High Wages* and what they were able to move on Goal 1. He highlighted the things that were brought to the front using Perkins funding, including: improving career and education guidance, identifying, accessing and certifying skills, expanding programs of study, increasing work integrated learning, improving student access and retention, and assisting in job search and placement. He went over charts for each of these goals.

Ms. Phouang Hamilton, OSPI, presented on a new pilot project called Career Readiness for a Working Washington. She went over the objectives including expanding programs of studies that bring together a career focus that expands beyond high school, career guidance and the High School and Beyond Plan. She also went over the career skills examination pilot project which meets objective two and six of *High Skills, High Wages* and what it does is provide schools with skills exams at a very low cost compared to private examinations. The Board discussed the certification exams and accessibility.

Economic Forecast

Mr. Steve Lerch, Economic Forecast and Revenue Council gave a presentation on the most recent economic forecast. He noted that the weather this winter had a negative impact on the forecast but they expect that will correct itself. He reported that the economy is recovering but not at the pace expected for coming out of a recession. He spoke about the economic growth in China and their transition from producers to consumers, the housing and construction market and the relationship between employment and population on a national level.

Fiscal Year 2015 Budget

Ms. Glenna Red Elk, Workforce Board, presented the Board's 2015 agency Operating Budget, indicating that there were no changes to the plan other than adding the Make it in Washington Grant activity. She also presented the recommended Perkins distribution. The Board discussed the significant reduction in funding for important projects and how the Board will need to narrow their focus given what they now have to work with. The Board discussed not being able to do everything they have been doing in the same way and rethinking their priorities.

Board meeting adjourned at 1:25 p.m.