



MINUTES OF MEETING NO. 212
July 27, 2017

Board Members Present:

Perry England, Chair
Beth Thew, Vice Chair, Representing Labor
Creigh H. Agnew, Representing Business
Caitlyn Jekel for Jeff Johnson, Representing Labor
Gary Chandler, Representing Business
Greg Christiansen, Representing Labor
Mark Mattke, Representing Local Government
Nancy Dick for Jan Yoshiwara, State Board for Community and Technical Colleges (SBCTC)
Marie Bruin for Dale Peinecke, Employment Security Department (ESD)
Chris Alejano, Representing Underserved Populations

Board Staff Present

Eleni Papadakis, Executive Director

Welcome and Introductions

Mr. Perry England called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. via conference call.

Review and Approve Upskill-Backfill Grant Applications

Mr. Eric Wolf provided the Board with an overview of the grant review process. He noted that the Phase Two applicants were different from Phase One applicants in that they were really looking for regional collaborative projects. After reviewing Phase Two applications in July 2017, the Upskill-Backfill Review Committee came up with a two-part recommendation; part one recommends to the Board that the Olympic/Pierce County application on the maritime sector (\$288,216) be awarded in full. The application received the highest overall score from the review team, excelling in their project narrative and their sustainability plan, which was the strongest evaluated during Phases One and Two. Part two the review team also recommended the Workforce Board Executive Director and the Office of the Governor explore supporting an additional awardee or awardees, expressing a preference for the North Central/Eastern Washington Partnership/Benton-Franklin Workforce Development Council application. Reviewers were especially interested in the large participant numbers offered in the application.

The Board acknowledged that after fully funding the Olympic/Pierce application, there would still be some money left over. However, that money would not be enough to fully fund the North Central/Eastern Washington application. They also acknowledged that funding these projects comes out of the Governor's discretionary funds, so the possibility exists that the Governor may choose to add additional funding. With that in mind, they discussed various funding options

including scaling both projects down in order to fund both within the allotted amount. On behalf of Mr. Dale Peinecke, Ms. Marie Bruin asked that the recommendation to approve the applications be sent to the Governor's Office with direction to stay within the originally allotted \$479, 051. After an in-depth discussion the Board made the following motions:

Motion 2017-212-01: Ms. Beth Thew moved to make a recommendation to the Governor to fully approve the Olympic/Pierce application. Mr. Gary Chandler seconded the motion. The motion passed six to one.

Motion 2017-212-02: Ms. Beth Thew moved to submit the North Central/Eastern Washington application to move forward and authorize Ms. Papadakis to work with the Governor's office to fund at his discretion. Mr. Christensen seconded the motion and it passed six to one.

The meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m.