



State Workforce Innovation Board Meeting

Tuesday, January 31, 2023

10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

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**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Dylan Klapmeier (Governor Gianforte Designee), Superintendent Elsie Arntzen, Commissioner Laurie Esau, Senator Jason Small, Commissioner Mary Armstrong, Commissioner Mike McGinley, Chair Paul Hopfauf, Chanda Hermanson, Shane Etzwiler, Paddy Fleming, Adam Gilbertson, Heather O'Hara, David Smith, Amber Terry, Bo Bruinsma, Dale Carpenter, Quinton Queer, Jim Wonnacott

**MEMBERS EXCUSED:** Representative Ed Buttrey, Vice-Chair Bentley, Deb Poteet, Jason Palin

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

**STAFF:** Wesley Feist

**PUBLIC PRESENT:** Roy Valdez (MT DLI), Kelly Cresswell (Reach Higher Montana), Sarah Swanson (MT DLI), Katie Madsen (MT OPI), Glen Disque (MT DLI), Jason Butcher (Reach Higher Montana), Jacque Treaster (MUS), Webb Brown (MT Dental Association), Ryan Van Ballegooyen (MT DLI), Jane Demaray (MT DLI), John Elizandro (MT DLI), Debra Krantz (MT DLI), Erica Swanson (JMG), Barb Wagner (MT DLI), Kendra Lodewick (Bloom Consulting), Anna Smith (Montana Primary Care Association), Gene Dudley (Channel Enterprises, LLC)

**CALL TO ORDER (10:02 A.M.):** Chair Hopfauf called the meeting to order.

**ROLL CALL (10:02 A.M.):** Wesley Feist completed Roll Call. A quorum was present.

**AGENDA:** Chair Hopfauf asked for a motion to approve the agenda.

***Paddy Fleming moved, and Shane Etzwiler seconded a motion to approve the agenda.***

***The motion carried.***

**REQUEST FOR PUBLIC COMMENT (10:06 A.M.):** Chair Hopfauf asked for public comment.

No public comment was provided.

**OCTOBER 19, 2022 MEETING MINUTES (10:06 A.M.):** Chair Hopfauf asked for a motion to approve the October 19, 2022 Meeting Minutes.

***Commissioner Mary Armstrong moved, and Paddy Fleming seconded a motion to approve the minutes.***

***The motion carried.***

**WIOA TITLE III TRAINING (10:08 A.M.):**

Ryan Van Ballegooyen provided a presentation about WIOA Title III and the Wagner-Peyser Act.

Commissioner Armstrong asked if details on employers and job seekers could be provided by MACo District. Ryan explained that with the Workforce Services Division reorganization may help with this request and setting structured goals. What data is available will be provided to the board. Commissioner Esau indicated that she would like to ensure goals and targets are tracked to ensure all Montanans are best served. Shane Etzwiler encouraged continued collaboration with local chambers.

**JOBS FOR MONTANA'S GRADUATES (JMG) (10:42 A.M.):**

Erica Swanson provided a presentation on JMG.

Commissioner McGinley asked about in-school and out-of-school youth. Erica provided an explanation of services for both populations of youth. Erica identified collaboration with Youth Challenge in Dillon, MT.

**VRBS COMPREHENSIVE STATEWIDE NEEDS ASSESSMENT (CSNA) (10:58 A.M.):**

Kendra Lodewick provided a presentation on the VRBS Statewide Needs Assessment.

**SWIB DIRECTOR UPDATE (11:10 A.M.):**

Wesley Feist provided an update on the following topics:

Montana's WIOA Youth Program Updates, WIOA Youth Program Waiver Requests, Youth Systems Building Academy Application (US DOL), Education Design Lab Update, May SWIB Meeting and US DOL Visit, 2023 Legislative Updates, National Governor's Association (NGA) – Winter Workforce Symposium, America's Jobs for America's Youth (AJAY Montana) – Summer Jobs Program, and a brief Legislator Update from Senator Small.

**STATE APPRENTICESHIP DIRECTOR INTRODUCTION (11:24 A.M.):**

Glen Disque was introduced.

**SWIB COMMITTEE UPDATES (11:25 A.M.):**

Committee Chair Smith provided an update from the recent Workforce Policy Committee Meeting.

Committee Chair Gilbertson provided an update on the recent Education, Training, and Upskill Committee Meeting.

Bo Bruinsma and Paddy Fleming asked about how the OPI Career Coach positions will be integrated into the statewide system. A conversation continued with Commissioner Esau and Division Administrator Barb Wagner about the goal and importance for all similar roles to be coordinated. More information will be sent and requested about the various positions.

The WIOA Committee did not meet, but Wesley Feist identified that it will need to for upcoming WIOA Policy and State Plan purposes.

Chair Hopfauf indicated that the Executive Committee did not meet but plans to in March.

**GOVERNOR'S OFFICE UPDATE (11:42 A.M.)**

Dylan Klapmeier provided an update from the Governor's Office and about some key legislative items.

**REQUEST FOR PUBLIC COMMENT (11:48 A.M.):** Chair Hopfauf asked for public comment.

No public comment was provided.

**ADJOURNMENT (11:49 A.M.)**

Chair Hopfauf adjourned the meeting.