

MT SWIB

STATE WORKFORCE INNOVATION BOARD

Executive Committee Meeting

Wednesday, March 29, 2023

9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

Frances Perkins Conference Room – Walt Sullivan Building

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MEMBERS PRESENT: Chair Paul Hopfauf, Dylan Klapmeier (Governor Gianforte Designee), Superintendent Elsie Arntzen, Commissioner Laurie Esau, Chanda Hermanson, Dean Bentley, Adam Gilbertson, David Smith

MEMBERS EXCUSED:

MEMBERS ABSENT: Commissioner Mike McGinley

STAFF: Wesley Feist

PUBLIC PRESENT: Lisa Newman (CTI), John Elizandro (MT DLI), Barb Wagner (MT DLI), Katie Madsen (MT OPI)

CALL TO ORDER (9:02 A.M.): Chair Hopfauf called the meeting to order.

ROLL CALL (9:02 A.M.): Wesley Feist took roll, and a quorum was established.

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

Adam Gilbertson moved, and Chanda Hermanson seconded a motion to approve the agenda.

The motion carried.

REQUEST FOR PUBLIC COMMENT (9:03 A.M.): Chair Hopfauf asked for public comment. No public comment was provided.

OCTOBER 4, 2022 MEETING MINUTES (9:03 A.M.): Chair Hopfauf asked for a motion to approve the October 4, 2022 Meeting Minutes.

Adam Gilbertson moved, and Commissioner Esau seconded a motion to approve the minutes.

The motion carried.

WIOA YOUTH PROGRAM WAIVER REQUEST (9:05 A.M.):

Wesley Feist described the Youth Waiver Requests, found in the Executive Committee packet. Additionally, it was indicated that a letter of support from Superintendent Arntzen would be included in the waiver request submission to the US DOL. Superintendent Arntzen asked when MT DLI would receive a response to the requests. Wesley Feist indicated that the hope is by May 2023, but there is not a specific timeframe from US DOL. Superintendent Arntzen also asked what the datapoints are for success. Wesley Feist answered with information about graduation rates, ITA accounts created, and negotiated levels of performance. Additionally Superintendent Arntzen asked if the out-of-school youth funding percentages could go beyond 50% / 50%. Wesley Feist indicated that a 50% / 50% split of out-of-school / in school split is the maximum threshold waiver possible.

Chair Hopfauf asked for a motion to approve the Out-of-School Youth Percentage Waiver Request.

Superintendent Arntzen moved, and Dean Bentley seconded a motion to approve the minutes.

The motion carried.

Chair Hopfauf asked for a motion to approve the ITA for In-of-School Youth Waiver Request.

Superintendent Arntzen moved, and Dean Bentley seconded a motion to approve the minutes.

The motion carried.

FUTURE SWIB IMPACTS (9:15 A.M.):

Wesley Feist described opportunities present from the recent NGA Workforce Symposium and partnering more with the Montana Department of Commerce and Montana Chamber of Commerce. Chair Hopfauf elaborated on the time at the Symposium and some strategic opportunities moving forward. He indicated three areas of interest, including apprenticeship, partnerships with MT Department of Commerce and MT Chamber of Commerce, and Corrections partnership for justice involved potential employees.

Chair Hopfauf also led a conversation about committees and potential realignment of them. Vice Chair Bentley appreciates the direction of the SWIB. Adam Gilbertson asked if the SWIB could have more of a hand in the US Department of Commerce TechHub Application. He also asked for an update of the TechHub process at the May SWIB meeting. Superintendent Arntzen asked if there are any issues with the potential strengthened partnerships. Wesley Feist indicated that there are not. A conversation continued about the strategic opportunities forward for the SWIB, which will also allow opportunities for the board and economic and business development. Commissioner Esau is happy about a more strategic direction of the board and looks forward to where it can be plugged in.

Chair Hopfauf asked Commissioner Esau about additional populations to focus on and asked if there is interest to more meaningfully engage the board through Corrections Involved Montanans and Native Americans around the state. A conversation continued

about challenges and opportunities with the Corrections population, among other cohorts.

Wesley Feist discussed the upcoming One-Stop Certification Process and documentation. Mr. Feist also discussed the upcoming May 9, 2023 SWIB meeting, tentative agenda, and asked for ideas for additional content. Superintendent Arntzen asked if MT DLI or the SWIB will be asking of anything specific of the US DOL during the visit. Mr. Feist indicated no, not from the SWIB and that there will be program monitoring and not sure what they all are doing with the MT DLI Programs folks. Superintendent Arntzen described the OPI Career Coach positions and her hope with the impact for youth. She also asked for the items emailed to Wesley Feist to be sent to the Executive Committee. Additionally, she asked if a Career Coach presentation can be given at the May 9, 2023 SWIB Meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT (9:55 A.M.): Chair Hopfauf asked for public comment. No public comment was provided.

ADJOURNMENT (9:55 A.M.)
Chair Adjourned the meeting at 9:56 a.m.