



## **STRATEGIC WORKFORCE INITIATIVES COMMITTEE**

10:30 – 11:30 AM  
Monday, August 5, 2019  
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Helena, MT

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Karen Baumgart (Chair), Rebecca Morgan, Ken Fichtler, Becky Bey, Jennifer Kobza, and Paul Hopfauf

**MEMBERS EXCUSED:** Asta So and Grover Wallace

**STAFF:** Shannon Lewis

**CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL:** Chair Baumgart called the meeting to order at 10:30.

**ROLL CALL:** Shannon Lewis conducted roll call and established a quorum.

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

*Mr. Hopfauf moved, and Ms. Kobza seconded a motion to approve the agenda.*

*The motion carried.*

**APRIL 30, 2019 MEETING MINUTES:** Chair Baumgart asked for a motion to approve the April 30, 2019 meeting minutes.

*Ms. Kobza moved, and Ms. Bey seconded a motion to approve the April 30, 2019 meeting minutes.*

*The motion carried.*

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

#### **FUTURE READY INDUSTRY RECOGNIZED CREDENTIAL PROJECT:**

Casey Schreiner, the Director of Work-Based Learning updated the committee on the implementation of the Future Ready Cabinet recommendation to track industry-recognized credentials. Currently there is not a mechanism to track credentials issued outside the University System, the Montana Registered Apprenticeship Program, or the Eligible Training Provider List. In addition, there is no reliable information about credentials that industry actually values in its employees or occupations. The goal is to have a baseline for the volume of untracked credentials and a methodology to survey industry partners on what credentials they value.

### **WIOA STATE PLANNING, SNAP STATE PLANNING AND STATEWIDE PROGRAM COORDINATION:**

Ms. Lewis gave an update on the WIOA state planning process and the coordination across required partners, including Adult Education, Vocational Rehabilitation, and all the WIOA Title I programs. In addition to the core partners, the state plan will also lay out the state's strategy to coordinate with education, both secondary and post-secondary, registered apprenticeship, economic development, and other entities that are part of Montana's public workforce and talent development system. Ms. Lewis will have a draft plan and an update at the board's full meeting in November.

### **RURAL WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT:**

Ms. Lewis discussed the role that this committee could play in sharing best practices and offering solutions to workforce and economic development challenges that impact Montana's rural areas. She discussed the Main Street Montana Project's ongoing work and its focus on rural communities. The committee asked that Ms. Lewis follow-up with Elisa Fiaschetti at the Governor's Office for an update on her work and where she sees the board fitting into that work.

### **SWIB MEMBER CONNECTION TO JOB SERVICE OFFICES:**

Ms. Lewis discussed her role in facilitating better relationships between SWIB board members and local job service offices. The hope is that Job Service staff will reach out to SWIB members and engage them on community-based workforce initiatives and serve as a community catalyst for sharing information.

### **ADJOURNMENT:**

Chair Baumgart adjourned the meeting at 11:30.