

MT SWIB

STATE WORKFORCE INNOVATION BOARD

WIOA Committee Meeting
December 11, 2024
11:00 a.m.
[Zoom Meeting](#)

MEETING MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mike McGinley, Chanda Hermanson, Jenn Cronk, Sarah Swanson

MEMBERS ABSENT: Heather O'Hara, Amber Terry

STAFF: Jennifer Owen, Sara Fox, Crystal Armstrong, Sarah Wimmer

PRESENTERS: Salvador Ochoa, Gary Mitchell

* *Commissioner Mike McGinley chairs the meeting in absence of Chair O'Hara.*

CALL TO ORDER (11:02 a.m.): Chair McGinley called the meeting to order. A quorum was present.

AGENDA (11:02 a.m.): Chair McGinley asked for a motion to approve the agenda.

Chanda moved to approve the agenda as presented and Jenn seconded. The motion carried on unanimous voice vote.

NOVEMBER MEETING MINUTES (11:03 a.m.): Chair McGinley asked for a motion to approve the November Meeting Minutes.

Jenn moved to approve the November meeting minutes as written. Chanda and the motion carried on unanimous voice vote.

REQUEST FOR PUBLIC COMMENT (11:04 a.m.): Chair McGinley asked for public comment.

None.

JOB CORPS PRESENTATION (11:05 a.m.): Salvador Ochoa and Gary Mitchell present on Job Corps program, nationally and in Montana. Committee members ask questions and discuss the program. Job Corps working hard to reach students in tribal communities; lack of technology access is challenging. Population of students varies widely – not just “bad kids,” but a wide diversity of youth seeking job opportunities. Montana enrolls 400+ at a time in the two sites; students move through at their own pace consistent with skill development parameters. Good connection with MYCA. Students can also continue along with advanced training opportunities.

Committee members indicate a desire to visit Anaconda site during spring SWIB Meeting.

WIOA REAUTHORIZATION (11:29 a.m.): DLI staff provided an update on Congressional reauthorization efforts and the proposed bipartisan agreement language. Governor and Commissioner Swanson have signed letters of support for the Stronger Workforce for America Act, despite some concerns about provisions related to small states.

Sen. Bob Casey has pushed back on subminimum wage provisions for disabled workers; unclear if that will be resolved. Timeline for House and Senate floor visits unclear at this time.

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GENERAL COMMITTEE DISCUSSION (11:40 a.m.):

None.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS (11:41 a.m.):

Sal Ochoa notes that, in the context of WIOA reauthorization, Job Corps is not at 80% OBS and that is a concern. SWIB promotion of Job Corps programs would be very helpful.

ADJOURNMENT (11:44 a.m.): Chair McGinley adjourned the meeting
CHAIR O'HARA