

Minutes of the
WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
July 9, 2020
2:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.
TEAMS conference call

Members present: Dave Farnsworth, Cindy Griffin, Perry Lubbers, Don Shilling

Ex Officio members present: Michelle Kommer, Bryan Klipfel

Commerce staff and Job Service staff present: Katie Ralston, Sherri Frieze

Dave Farnsworth called the meeting to order at 2:30 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: It was moved by Perry Lubbers, seconded by Don Shilling to approve the executive committee minutes of April 15, 2020. Motion carried.

DISCUSS/APPROVE AGENDA

Michelle discussed the joint meeting to be held on July 15th, between the Workforce Development Council (WDC) and the Economic Development Foundation (EDF). The WDC meeting will start at 10:00 a.m., ending at 12:00 p.m. A joint meeting between the WDC and EDF, will start at 12:30 p.m. and finish by 1:00 p.m. This joint meeting will focus on moving forward with the work the workforce development council has completed regarding the initiatives and efforts that will align with the Governor's strategic plans.

Michelle and Katie gave an overview of the WDC drafted agenda planned for the July 15th meeting with the WDC and afternoon meeting with the EDF:

- Welcome/Introductions
- Administrative Matters
 - WIOA update
 - Approval of In Demand Jobs List
- Economic and Labor overview
- Connecting the Dots
 - What remains relevant from the WDC work thus far based on economic shifts/translates into future goals

Discussion/Presentations

- Removal of Barriers – Adam Martin to present
- Pursuit of short-term skill building programs leading to a certificate – Wayde Sick to present
- Growing online degree programs – Lisa Johnson to present
- Maintain focus on Career Academies and CT Centers – Katie Ralston to present
- Economic Resiliency Grant – Michelle Kommer to present
- Technical Skills Training Grant – Katie Ralston to present
- Time/Deliverables with milestone dates

Discussion/Presentations (continued)

- Adjournment for 15 minutes
- Reconvene with EDF for a crossover meeting at 1:00 p.m.
- Quick debrief of WDC from the morning.

OTHER

Katie talked about the Technical Skills Training Grant, that was awarded to North Dakota for \$1 million through the federal program, CARES ACT. The grant will help support businesses and training providers as they develop the rapid reskill programs, to help displaced workers, decreasing the burden of unemployment. The grant will also be able to provide \$100,000 of matching funds to non-degree programs or help programs to expand, such as wind technician, CDL training, CNA. Funds need to be spent by December 31, 2020.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Cindy Griffin and seconded by Perry Lubbers to adjourn the meeting. Meeting was adjourned at 4:00 p.m. unanimously.