

**Workforce Development Council
Board Meeting Minutes
March 14, 2014**

Mike Bolander called the meeting to order at 5:02 pm.

Directors Report

Dave asked for group consensus to reschedule the Spring Board & committee meetings from May to June. This provides an extra month to prepare plans & budgets for next year. New grants and amounts are often not firm till early May.

To save printing and postage costs, performance dashboards, meeting schedules, and Board roster will be posted online. The documents are on the North Central Workforce Development Council link located on the right side of the SkillSource.org home page. Information available includes; Board Roster, Meeting Calendar, Board Minutes, Performance Reports, and Dashboards. Committee members polled were in favor of an email notification reminder of meetings. Staff will email and postal meeting reminders for the next couple of quarters and get members feedback.

November 19 Board Meeting Minutes

Marcia Henkle moved and Jon Smith seconded to approve the November 2013 meeting minutes as presented. Motion passed.

Committee Reports

Okanogan: Duane Johnson reported that a Department of Commerce WorkStart employee training grant was awarded to Omak Wood Products. They plan to boost their workforce by another 70 workers. Dave contacted the Seattle-King County Workforce Council letting them know we would like to join their national Ready-to-Work H1B software developer application. Duane Johnson reported that the Kenross Mine is closing in 2015 effecting 250 workers.

Grant/Adams: Clyde Rassmussen, Big Bend Community College, reported a strong demand for welders and the college's response to increase training. Terry Leas elaborated that BBCC is at maximum capacity and offers class evenings & weekends to stretch capacity. Genie has provided space to BBCC on Saturdays for training on site. Proposed is a new Professional Technical Building to replace some of the WWII era buildings currently in use. Mike suggested the Council take a tour of the new High School Technical Skills Center after its completed.

Chelan/Douglas: Marcia Henkle gave an account of the CD Committee discussion around Board vacancies. Theresa Martinez will replace Mike Wade to fill that business vacancy. Current vacancies are Eric Ercanbrack (CD) and Armando Lopez (GA) representing Organized Labor and Selina Hoflund (GA) representing business. Armando has recommended Wayne Johnson as his replacement. Roger Thieme (GA) has announced his retirement creating a second business vacancy. Roger has nominated his replacement and introduced Polo Garza, business owner from Othello. CD committee members did not want to change the balance of funding priorities.

State Monitoring Report

The report was enclosed. Two monitors from Olympia spent most of a week in December reviewing records to substantiate compliance with grant requirements. There were no issues or findings.

Vice Chair Vacancy

Mike Bolander's term as Chair expires December 31, 2014. Usually, the Vice-Chair succeeds the Chair but this position is currently vacant. As immediate past Chair, Dimitri has filled in when necessary.

Roger Thieme parting remarks

Roger was appointed in 1985. He served as Chair for three years from 1988 thru 1991. In 1995, he was elected to the National Private Industry Council Association (NAPIC). He participated six years and was Chair for two of those years. During that time much of the legislation we have today was fashioned (Workforce Boards & onestop). Roger was a

strong proponent of work based learning and urged business to embrace their responsibility to train workers instead of expecting workers to gain experience elsewhere. Roger also served on the State Education Board during the transition toward skills centers. He developed a cooperative education program between John Deere and Walla Walla Community College. Roger has long been a strong proponent of educating High School youth on career opportunities through linkages between business and education.

The meeting adjourned at 6:09 pm.

Members Present:

Mike Bolander
Oscar Garza
Marcia Henkle
Duane Johnson
Shaun Koos
Terry Leas
Rich McBride
Irasema Ortiz-Elizalde
Jonathan Smith
Peggy Vines
Roger Thieme

Members Absent:

Armando Lopez
Eric Ercanbrack
Megan Richardson
Selina Hoflund
Michelle Price
Tom Boyd
John Butler
Debi Clark
Roni Holder-Diefenback
Dimitri Mandelis
Heidi Myers
Jim Richardson
Lavonne Roy

Staff:

Dave Petersen
Lisa Romine
Laura Leavitt
Yolanda Rios
Susan Adams
Mary Hinger

Guests:

Craig Carroll, Administrator Omak WorkSource