

MEETING MINUTES
Forum of County Commissioners
Friday January 26, 2024
2:00 – 3:00 PM
Via Zoom

Commissioners in attendance: Danny Stone, Tiffany Gering, Jay Weise, Chris Branch

Staff: Lisa Romine, Laura Leavitt

1. Call to Order & Introductions

Commissioner Branch called the meeting to order and welcomed

2. July 13, 2023 Meeting Minutes

Danny Stone moved and Tiffany Gering seconded to approve the July 13, 2023 meeting minutes. Motion passed.

3. Mid-Year Budget Modification

SkillSource has been awarded approximately \$1.3 million in Community Reinvestment Funds through the Department of Commerce, \$108K of Economic Security for All (EcSA) Business Navigator funds and \$84K of redistributed funds from other workforce areas. Commissioners reviewed the modification and discussed the different funding sources used to braid services. ***Jay Weise moved and Danny Stone seconded to approve the budget modification as presented. Motion passed.***

4. Board Reappointments

Four board members' terms expire December 31, 2023. (Tad Hildebrand (business), Ken Johnson (business), Irasema Ortiz- Elizalde (other workforce) and Todd Wurl (public)). All four are board members in good standing and have indicated they would like to serve another term. ***Danny Stone moved and Tiffany Gering seconded to approve all four re-appointments. Motion passed.***

5. Direct Delivery

The State Workforce has drafted Policy 1015: Procurement of One Stop Operators and Service Providers in a way that removes local decision-making authority provided by federal law. Commissioners discussed this ongoing challenge and reviewed a draft letter of response. Several other local boards and Count commissioners around the state advocate for this local decision-making authority and will be submitting similar letters to help educate/inform policy makers. ***Danny Stone moved and Jay Weise seconded to sign and submit the letter to the State Workforce Board and Governor. Motion passed.***