

**SkillSource Regional Board  
Meeting Minutes  
June 22, 2021  
Via Web Video Conference  
Moses Lake, Wenatchee & Omak, plus other locations**

Ken Johnson, Chair, called the meeting to order at 5:33 pm and declared a quorum. He thanked everyone for attending. He added item 9 (closed executive session) to the agenda.

**Director's Report**

Dave welcomed the board and hopes the next meeting will be in person. He introduced board members, in particular the newest member, Randy Curry, who serves as president of the Central Labor Council as well as president of IBEW LU 191. Dave thanked Mary Hinger for her many years of service to WorkSource Okanogan and wished her well on her retirement. He summarized the meeting agenda and updated the board on resumption of normal operations. He announced the board planning retreat will be on December 3<sup>rd</sup> at Cave B in George. He concluded with a short slideshow of youth graduation pictures from around the area.

**April 6, 2021 Board Meeting Minutes**

***Sara Thompson Tweedy moved and Jim Richardson seconded to approve the April 6 meeting minutes. Motion carried.***

**Area Committee Discussions**

**Okanogan:** Dave and Lisa summarized the Okanogan service delivery budget proposal. Okanogan will see a \$167k funding decrease (15% overall). Lisa explained the effect of the reductions across the budget lines. The one-stop operator costs are substantially reduced. Basic education and computer basic skills will see an increase. Reductions in work based learning and vocational education also reflect the absence of COVID dislocated worker discretionary grant funding. She also explained where the budget changes will effect number of participants and activities targeted for the program year. Roni Holder-Diefenbach asked the status of staff returning to the Center; Alberto Isiordia answered that Employment Security resumed in-person services last week in Okanogan and Moses Lake. Roni also asked about the decrease in One Stop Operator costs. Dave answered that he plans to seek a more economical way to coordinate partners in Okanogan.

***Roni Holder-Diefenbach moved and Lavonne Roy seconded to approve the 21-22 Okanogan service delivery budget as proposed. Motion carried with Alberto Isiordia abstaining.***

**Grant/Adams:** Dave commented that due to Grant/Adams receiving 100% of the planned Economic Security for All (EcSA) funding, \$142k of Title I formula funds were transferred to Chelan/Douglas and Okanogan to maintain equity. Emily Anderson, Leonor Barker and the EcSA planning team will present their EcSA delivery plan to Olympia next month, including commercial driver's license & advanced manufacturing training, and work based learning in the subarea's southern communities.

***Pablo Villareal moved and Irasema Ortiz-Elizalde seconded to approve the 21-22 Grant/Adams service delivery budget as proposed. Motion carried.***

**Chelan/Douglas:**

*Jim Richardson moved and Peggy Vines seconded to approve the 21-22 Chelan/Douglas service delivery budget as proposed. Motion carried.*

**Executive Committee:** Dave clarified the executive committee report, that funds for federal adult, youth and dislocated worker programs decreased. Additionally, luncheons will be held, and costs for retreat presentation will not be as high as summarized. Ken noted that the executive committee recommended approval.

*Heidi Myers moved and Irasema Ortiz-Elizalde seconded to approve the 21-22 executive budget as proposed. Motion carried.*

**Secretary-Treasurer Election**

*Heidi Myers moved and Jim Richardson seconded to nominate Laura Leavitt as interim/assistant board secretary-treasurer, until a permanent board is elected to the position. Laura accepted the nomination. Motion carried.*

Heidi Myers urged the board to be on the lookout for a suitable board member to serve as secretary/treasurer, as Laura cannot carry out the duties on a long-term basis. Dave reviewed the three vacant positions. Heidi will contact Gebbers Farms.

**Announcements**

Dave advised the board that during the most recent state monitoring review, the monitors questioned advertising and promotion costs participating in to chamber of commerce events. Staff submitted our formal rebuttal citing a half dozen federal “musts and mayas” reaching out to business. Previous reviews did not question the same or similar costs.

The next board meeting is scheduled for September 28, 2021. It will be determined at a later date whether the meeting will be held virtually.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:38 pm, followed by the closed executive session.

**In Attendance:**

Randy Curry  
Tad Hildebrand  
Roni Holder-Diefenbach  
Alberto Isiordia  
Ken Johnson  
Heidi Myers  
Irasema Ortiz-Elizalde  
Jim Richardson  
Sara Thompson Tweedy  
Pablo Villarreal  
Peggy Vines  
Zach Williams

**Not In Attendance:**

Crystal Gage  
Dimitri Mandelis  
Brant Mayo  
Michelle Price  
Danny Robbins  
Lavonne Roy  
Karl Ruether

**Staff In Attendance:**

Dave Petersen  
Lisa Romine  
Laura Leavitt  
Aaron Parrott  
Susan Adams  
Emily Anderson  
Leonor Barker  
Mary Hinger  
Becky Day

**County Commissioners:**

Terry Thompson  
Tiffany Gering  
Dan Sutton