

MINUTES of the  
**WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**  
August 18, 2022  
2:00 – 3:00 p.m.  
TEAMS Conference Call

**Members present:** Dave Farnsworth, Don Shilling, Pat Bertagnolli, Perry Lubbers

**Ex Officio members present:** Katie Ralston Howe

**Commerce staff and Job Service staff present:** Phil Davis, Sherri Frieze

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Dave Farnsworth called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**MOTION:** It was moved by Perry Lubbers, seconded by Pat Bertagnolli to approve the executive committee minutes of May 19<sup>th</sup>, 2022. Motion carried.

**POLICY REVIEW**

**Adult Dislocated Worker**

**Eligible Training Providers**

**Phil Davis**

Phil gave an overview of the two WIOA Policies of Adult Dislocated Worker and Eligible Training Providers that were reviewed and adopted by the Workforce Admin. Committee.

These policies are looked at every two years by the federal government and every four years when policies are rewritten.

**WDC MEETING**

**September 1, 2022 in Grafton**

**Katie Ralston Howe**

Katie discussed the building of the WDC agenda for September 1 at the Life Skills and Transition Center (LSTC) in Grafton. The site serves individuals with disabilities to become adaptive to live and work on their own.

- Review and approve recommendations at the meeting – focus on those in the morning.
- Review additional recommendations of Childcare, Automation, Occupational Licensure Reform and Digital Skill Literacy

Discussion:

- The Governor's office has had discussion regarding the Automation Tax Credit and the process of it not being able to be used toward workforce training.
- The Commerce Workforce division is developing a broad concept of a program recommending the Automation Tax Credit for workforce Training to reskill workers, similar to the Technical Skills Training Grant.
- A marketing component needs to be included as part of the recommendation, as many companies are not familiar with the tax credit.

- Smart machines that work with GPS have skills built into the machines and the automation tax credit needs to be available for the construction industry.
- Overview with NGA, Workforce Innovation network
- Presentations from Be More Colorful, Golden Path Solutions, and LSTC
- Possible presentation from NDIT, working with industry on feedback
- Possible presentation from ND State School of Science on Apprenticeship
- Membership overview

#### **MAIN STREET INITIATIVE**

**Katie Ralston Howe**

The Main Street Summit will be held October 24 – 25<sup>th</sup> in Bismarck; Workforce is the leading them. Katie asked for the members to attend a special breakfast meeting of the WDC on Tuesday, October 25<sup>th</sup> with the Governor, and legislators.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION:** It was moved by Jason Ehlert, seconded by Pat Bertagnolli to adjourn the meeting. Meeting was adjourned at 3:00 p.m.