

MINUTES OF THE
Workforce Development Council
Thursday, December 1, 2022 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
**RAMADA INN, 1400 INTERCHANGE AVENUE
BISMARCK ND**

Members present: Dave Farnsworth, Pat Bertagnolli, Becca Cruger, Kellie Carlson, Cindy Griffin, Chancellor Hagerott, Katie Ralston Howe, Lyn James, Dusty Jensen, Tim Johnson, Jan Kamphuis, Howard Klug, Landis Larson, Perry Lubbers, Guy Moos, Stan Schauer, Cindy Schreiber - Beck, Wayne Sick, Arnie Strebe, Damian Schlinger, James Upgren

Staff present: Tammy Barstad, Sherri Frieze

WELCOME/CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

Dave Farnsworth, Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. welcoming members and guests to the Ramada Inn.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: It was moved by Jan Kamphuis seconded by Dusty Jensen to approve the September 1, 2022, minutes. Motion carried.

WIOA UPDATE

Phil Davis

Job Service update

- November 17th, 2022 was Apprenticeship Week and Job Service held an Apprenticeship Expo. Twenty-five employers and 625 students attended virtually, using the EZ Virtual Fair online platform. A second virtual job fair will be February 8th, 2023, with marketing to 10 states and 2 Canadian provinces. The virtual job fair is free.

WIOA annual report

The report is comprised of the work done across the nine Workforce Centers in North Dakota (ND).

- 951 individuals were enrolled in WIOA program in 2022.
- 400 individuals were sent to short term training such as CDL, welding, CNA, healthcare industry, and transportation industry.

United States Department of Labor Program

- ND is #2 in the country to reach 33,000 business establishments across ND.
- 6,000 businesses have been touched by Job Service, helping them with job fairs, and following up with employers via call, email, and/or text.

COMMUNICATION SUBCOMMITTEE UPDATE

Katie Ralston Howe

Governor ND Works Investment Plan

- The foundation of the Governor's plan is the WDC Recommendations, but not all recommendations are included in his plan.
- A survey was sent out to help rank the recommendations.

- Numbers 3, 4, 5, 8 and 9 of the WDC Recommendations are in the Governor's ND Works Investment Plan.
- Numbers 1 & 2 are top priorities, but the message is still being evaluated and is not included currently in the plan

Progress to Date

- Subcommittee members that have relationships with organizations and the republican/democratic caucus to promote the ND Works Investment Plan and the WDC Recommendations are asked to help take a deeper dive pushing these out.
- The Greater ND Chamber (GNDC) has a Business Roundtable soon in Fargo. This will be a great event to connect and talk about the WDC recommendations.
- The WDC Toolkit and Resources have been updated on the Commerce website. Katie will put together presentation material for the council members, to have a common voice across all industries for the legislative session.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

- January 3 – session begins
- January 16 – Deadline for Representatives to introduce bills
- January 23 – Deadline for Senators to introduce bills
- February 24 – Crossover for bills
- April 28 – Day 80

Reminder - educating and informing can be done on part of the council, but not lobbying.

- Testimony cannot be on behalf of WDC
- Testimony should be sent to Katie beforehand, to be in line with the Governor's office.

2023 COUNCIL MEETING DATES

Q1 - March 2

Q2 - June 1

Q3 - Sept. 7

Q4 - December 7

Locations are unknown at this time.

RETIRING MEMBERS

Members Don Shilling and Nathan Joraanstad will retire from the council at the end of 2022. Thank you for your service gentlemen.

K-12 EDUCATION COORDINATION COUNCIL JOINT MEETING

The WDC will reconvene for a joint meeting with the K-12 Education Coordination Council at 12:00 p.m., starting with a working lunch and Governor Burgum will graciously join the group.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further discussion, members adjourned the meeting unanimously at 11:30 a.m.