

Welcome!



Alaska Workforce Investment Board (AWIB) Business Meeting

February 22, 2024

9:00am – 4:30pm

Alaska Laborers Training School

17805 Old Glenn Hwy Chugiak, AK 99567



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AGENDA

Thursday February 22, 2024

9:00 Introduction

- Call to Order..... Chair Mari Selle
- Roll Call..... Dirk Craft, AWIB Executive Director
- Welcome Chair Mari Selle
- Agenda Approval..... Chair Mari Selle
- Welcome DOLWD Commissioner or Designee Director Duane Mayes

9:30 TVEP Audit Presentation..... Kris Curtis, Legislative Auditor

10:30 Break

10:45 Public Testimony

11:00 Action Item(s) Dirk Craft, Executive Director

- RESOLUTION 24-03 Dillingham Job Center Certification
- RESOLUTION 24-04 Supporting Technical Vocational Education Program
- RESOLUTION 24-05 Supporting AK Mariculture WFD Plan

12:00 Lunch

1:30 Alaska Laborers Training School Tour

2:30 DOLWD Research and Analysis & Priority Industries..... Dan Robinson, Chief

Jobs Are Alaska's Future



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- 3:30 **Break**
- 3:45 **Subcommittee Restructure**..... Dirk Craft, Executive Director
- 4:15 **Other Business**
- Chair and Vice-Chair Announcements
- 4:30 **Wrap Up and Adjourn**

TVEP Audit Presentation

9:30am – 10:30am



ALASKA WORKFORCE
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Break

10:30am – 10:45am



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Public Testimony

10:45am – 11:00am



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RESOLUTION 24-03
RESOLUTION Regarding One-Stop Certification
for the Dillingham Job Center

WHEREAS, the Alaska Workforce Investment Board (AWIB) is an industry-driven public organization comprised of representatives from business and industry, education, organized labor, and government; and

WHEREAS, the Alaska Workforce Investment Board (AWIB) is a public organization that is accountable through its members and staff to the residents, the Legislature and the Governor of Alaska;

WHEREAS, the AWIB shall act as the lead state planning and coordinating entity for state human resource programs involving employment training, vocational education, and workforce development;

WHEREAS, the Workforce Innovation Opportunity Act (WIOA) requires a review of the One-Stops Centers once every three years; and

WHEREAS, the Dillingham Job Center considered a One Stop Center; and

WHEREAS, the AWIB conducts certification reviews of One-Stop Centers; and

WHEREAS, the AWIB Assistant Director and AWIB Assessment and Evaluation Committee board member have reviewed the Dillingham Job Center and certify they meet all of the mandated WIOA laws;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: the AWIB on the advice and recommendation of the review team, hereby certify the Dillingham Job Center for three years and certify they meet all of the mandated WIOA laws;

CERTIFICATION

The AWIB held a meeting duly and regularly called, noticed, and convened this 22nd day of February 2024 and the foregoing Resolution was adopted at said meeting.

Signed this 22nd day of February, 2024

Mari Selle, Chair
Alaska Workforce Investment Board

RESOLUTION NUMBER 24-04
**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE TECHNICAL VOCATIONAL EDUCATION
PROGRAM**

WHEREAS, the Alaska Workforce Investment Board (AWIB) is an industry driven public organization comprised of representatives from business and industry, education, organized labor, and government; and

WHEREAS, the AWIB is a public organization that is accountable through its members and staff to the residents, the Legislature and the Governor of Alaska; and

WHEREAS, the AWIB shall act as the lead state planning and coordinating entity for state programs involving employment training, career and technical education, and workforce development; and

WHEREAS, the Technical Vocational Education Program is to provide grants to secondary and post-secondary technical and vocational education entities to create and maintain training services that match the regional and economic workforce needs; and

WHEREAS, the AWIB supports expanding access for Alaska's rural students to quality technical and vocational education programs; and

WHEREAS, the AWIB believes the Technical Vocational Education Program is essential to employment training, career and technical education and workforce development; and

WHEREAS, the AWIB can establish targets and goals to evaluate progress towards program objectives; and

WHEREAS, the Technical Vocational Education Program is due to sunset in June of 2024;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the AWIB encourages the Alaska Legislature and Governor to reauthorize the Technical Vocational Education Program;

CERTIFICATION

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Mari Selle, Chair

Alaska Workforce Investment Board

RESOLUTION NUMBER 24-05
RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE
ALASKA MARICULTURE WORKFORCE
DEVELOPMENT PLAN

WHEREAS, Alaska is a state with more coastline than the rest of the United States combined, the direct and indirect impacts of the growing mariculture industry and the maritime sector are significant for Alaska's workforce and economy; and

WHEREAS, Governor Walker established a mariculture task force in 2016 that developed the Alaska Mariculture Development Plan with a goal to grow a \$100 million mariculture industry for the long-term benefit of Alaska's economy, environment and communities;

WHEREAS, the 2014 Alaska Maritime Workforce Development Plan, endorsed by Alaska Workforce Investment Board on May 14, 2014 and the 2020-2025 Alaska Maritime Education Consortium Action Agenda, endorsed by AWIB on October 29, 2020, created a call to action for industry, educators, and state government to work together to keep this economic sector vibrant; and

WHEREAS, the Alaska Mariculture Cluster, led by the Southeast Conference and developed by the US Department of Economic Development Administrations' Build Back Better Regional Challenge Grant is committed to the development of a robust workforce to meet the needs of a growing Alaskan mariculture industry; and

WHEREAS, the Alaska Mariculture Workforce Development Plan will serve to identify workforce demands and training needs of this growing industry; and

WHEREAS, the Mariculture Workforce Committee identified specific strategies and action steps to support workforce development in alignment with the Alaska Mariculture Cluster's mission and vision;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska Workforce Investment Board supports the Alaska Mariculture Workforce Development Plan and its cooperative efforts to implement the activities contained in the plan.

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Lunch

12:00pm – 1:30pm



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Alaska Laborers Training School Tour

1:30pm – 2:30pm



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DOLWD Research and Analysis & Priority Industries

2:30pm – 3:30pm



AWIB Priority Industries for Workforce Investment

The AWIB works closely with industry employers and workforce professionals to develop strategic plans for industry sectors. The workforce plan aims to increase resident hire and close labor gaps, particularly in occupations where labor market projections and employer input have identified critical labor shortages. In addition, the AWIB is seeking proposals for training projects that benefit employers, job seekers, and employed workers in these industries:

- Construction
- Education
- Hospitality and Tourism
- Maritime & Seafood Processing
- Alternative & Renewable Energy
- Information Technology
- Health Care
- Natural resource development (oil, gas, and mining)
- Transportation

Of particular interest are projects that focus on strategic workforce objectives identified by the department and the AWIB:

- (1) **Health Care:** The health care industry is projected to be the fastest-growing industry in Alaska over the next decade. Health care has grown steadily during the past 20 years and is expected to continue. Therefore, proposals should focus on employment and training for entry- and mid-level occupations where training is available in Alaska, and particularly proposals that provide apprenticeship programs.
- (2) **Resident Hire:** The state continues to focus on training Alaskans for occupations with high percentages of non-residents employed as identified in the [2020 Non-residents Working in Alaska Report](#). For purposes of this RGA, an occupation where 20 percent or more industry workers are non-residents, according to the report, is considered to have a high percentage of non-residents employed.
- (3) **Women and Minorities:** Employment and training opportunities for women and minorities continue to be a focus in Alaska as it is throughout the country. The department encourages submitting applications that focus on this large segment of our population.
- (4) **Reducing Recidivism:** In support of a valuable and underserved population, the department encourages employment and training for individuals 18 years or older who are transitioning from juvenile justice or adult correctional facilities and returning to society, as well as those who have completed their term and need industry-recognized skills and credentials to be employed.
- (5) **Mining:** The mining industry is resurging in Alaska, and a need for jobs in this area is anticipated. The department encourages submitting applications that will contribute to this anticipated need.
- (6) **Young Adults (Age 18-24):** Many Alaska workers are aging out of the workforce and retiring, creating additional demand for training in all occupations. Projects that focus on training STEP-eligible young adults to pursue careers that pay industry-based competitive wages and offer

opportunities for advancement are encouraged. STEP-eligible young adults must also meet the age criteria for the proposed training.

The department has established six economic regions and seeks projects from all regions to ensure resources are distributed to help meet local workforce needs:

- Anchorage/Mat-Su
- Gulf Coast
- Interior
- Northern
- Southeast
- Southwest

Break

3:30pm – 3:45pm



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Subcommittee Restructure

3:45pm – 4:15pm



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Please indicate your top 3 choices for committees. All board members will be appointed to at least one committee. There is no limit to the number of committees you may serve on. *The Executive Committee (ExCo) consists of the current and former AWIB Chair, current Vice Chair, and each current committee chair.*

Assessment & Evaluation (A&E)

- Focuses on providing oversight of AWIB related programs and allocating funding. Committee members will review AWIB projects, make funding recommendations and decisions for AWIB grants, review grant proposals and make recommendations, and administer the one-stop certifications.
- *Current members: Anthony Ladd, Chair; Ryan Andrew, Peter Frank, Trish Zugg, Christine Marasigan*

Legislative

- Meets as needed, at the call of the Chair
- Works with the DOLWD Commissioner's office to bring concerns to the Legislature.
- *Current members: Mari Selle*

Policy & Planning (P&P)

- Focuses on driving the implementation of Alaska's workforce plans and making workforce policy recommendations. Committee members will review plans related to AWIB work and provide input to the board. Committee members will review and discuss any emerging reports, using these reports to compile an annual list of priority industries. Will work alongside staff to draft policy recommendations of AWIB to strengthen Alaska's workforce.
- *Current members: Corey Baxter, Chair; Lucille Sands; Malyn Smith; Patrick Rose; Sharon Jackson*

Workforce Readiness and Employment Placement (WREP)

- Focuses on connecting with all six regions of Alaska to identify employment and training needs and ensure the alignment of resources. Each meeting will invite key partners from one of the six regions to participate in the review of regional employment data. Highlights of major issues each region is facing will be reported at AWIB full board meetings.
- *Current members: Brad Billings; Joyce Turner; Alison Nielson-Bryant; Michelle Rizk; Tony Delia*

1st Choice: _____

2nd Choice: _____

3rd Choice: _____

☐ **I would like to serve on more than one committee.**

Other Business

4:15pm – 4:30pm



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