



ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF LABOR
& WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

Alaska Workforce Investment Board (AWIB) Business Meeting

June 23-24, 2021

9:00 AM – 4:00 PM

Westmark Hotel

Fairbanks, Alaska

Teleconference Number 907-202-7104 Conference ID 236 821 476#

Wednesday - Thursday, June 23-24, 2021

Board members and Designees in attendance

Kevin Meyer	Lt. Gov.	Absent		
Corey Baxter	Organized Labor	Absent		
Tamika Ledbetter	DOLWD Commissioner	Absent		
Duane Mayes	DOLWD Designee	X		Both days
Larry Bell	Business/Industry	X		Both days
Lucille Sands	Business/Industry	Telephonic		Both days
Kathy Craft	Prof Dev Disabilities	X		Both days
Anthony Ladd	Organized Labor	X		Both days
Brenda Pacarro	Business/Industry	X		Both days
Deb Riddle	DEED Designee	X		Both days
Amy Demboski	DCCED Designee	Absent		
Doniel Wolfe	DHHS Designee	Absent		
Julie Anderson	DCCED Commissioner	Absent		
Cheryl Edenshaw	Post Sec Ed/Voc/Ind	X		Both days
Peter Frank	Private Sector	X		Both days
Carin Smolin	Secondary Vocational Ed	X		Both days
Malyn Smith	Business/Industry	X		Both days
Marcus Trivette	Private Sector	X		Both days

Mari	Selle	Public Education	X	Both days
James	Hastings	Veteran	Absent	
Patrick	Rose	Business Development Manager	X	Both days
Ryan	Andrew	Organized Labor	X	Both days
Scott	Eickholt	Organized Labor	X	Both days
Sharon	Jackson	Private Sector	X	Both days

AWIB Staff in attendance

Jerry Pierce, Assistant Commissioner DOLWD
 Nelson San Juan, Deputy Commissioner DOLWD
 Kyla Pomrenke, Special Assistant to the Commissioner
 Louise Dean, Executive Director (ED)
 Greg Cashen, Assistant Director
 Anne Velardi, Program Coordinator
 Mary Rowland, Grants Administrator
 Rut (Root) Ocasio-Lopez, Grants Administrator
 Shane Bannarbie, Program Coordinator
 Leslie Vines, Program Coordinator
 Janina Fuller, Project Assistant
 Robert “Robert” Perea, Project Assistant
 David Grosshuesch, Administrative Assistant

DOLWD Staff in attendance

Dan Robinson, Chief, DOLWD/Research and Analysis
 Cathy LeCompte, Director, Alaska Vocational Technical Education Center (AVTEC)
 Patsy Westcott, Division of Employment and Training (DETS) Director

9:00 Introduction

Call to Order.....Chair Pacarro
 Chair Pacarro called the meeting to order at 9:06 a.m.

Roll Call.....ED Dean
 ED Dean called roll. A quorum was present for the meeting.

Welcome.....Chair Pacarro
 Chair Pacarro thanked everyone for attending the meeting. She introduced a new board member Sharon Jackson in the private sector seat. Sharon introduced herself and provided a brief synopsis about herself. Chair Pacarro reminded everyone to be sure and discuss issues that they want the board to further examine, and advocated to talk to her, to board staff or individual committee chairs with their ideas.

Agenda Approval.....Chair Pacarro
MOTION to approve the agenda by Larry Bell
Second by Sharon Jackson
Discussion – none
Vote taken
MOTION carries

Welcome..... Director Duane Mayes
On behalf of Commissioner, Director Mayes welcomed AWIB Board Members. He indicated the theme for the board meeting is ‘Apprenticeship Model.’ Good news will be forthcoming pertaining to Apprenticeship.

9:30 DOLWD Research and Analysis Economic Update Dan Robinson, Chief, Research and Analysis

Dan Robinson indicated the data is neutral and reminded the board members of their responsibilities which are to develop policy for an effective employment and education system, advise the Governor, state and local agencies and the University of Alaska, and Identify ways public and private entities can collaborate to do more training and reduce costs. He provided wage information from 2019 through 2021 showing the effects of the pandemic. He mentioned the wages for the start of 2021 were below but in April and May we are above previous years which means the economy is starting to recover.

He reported on what the economy will look like post COVID. It’s going to take time to recover but there is light at the end of the tunnel. He referred to the ‘Trends Magazine’ February 2021 for more information.

Alaska has lost more to migration than any other state. Since 2013 more people have left than have come to the state.

Also, he stated Apprenticeships have increased and completers have climbed from 2008 to 2020 to over 17,000. Alaska has more active programs than many states with much larger populations. Construction apprenticeship programs are historically the most common. There are new programs including retail trade, government, and management.

He responded to questions from the floor about various topics such as migration numbers, counting military personnel, success rates in comparison to other countries, people that have secondary residents outside of Alaska, and University costs.

10:15 Break

10:30 Apprenticeship in Alaska Presentation – Mari Selle – Health Care; Kyle Kaiser – Apprenticeship and Transitioning Veterans; Anne Velardi AWIB Statewide Apprenticeship Coordinator

Anne Velardi, AWIB staff, Mari Selle, Alaska Primary Care Association (APCA), and Kyle Kaiser, International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW) provided presentations regarding Apprenticeships in Alaska.

11:30 Public Testimony

There were no participants for public testimony.

11:45 Lunch

1:30-3 Toured Fairbanks Job Center and DVR

Rene M Nordin provided a tour of the Fairbanks Job Center and Pam Kellish provided the tour of DVR.

3:00 Returned to Westmark

3:15 Break

3:30 AWIB UpdateED Dean

ED Dean reported there are two action items on the agenda. She's been working with the Executive Committee on. One is the resolution of recertifying the Mat-Su Job Center and updating the by-laws.

3:34 AWIB Grants Unit UpdateAssistant Director Cashen

ED Dean indicated the unit applies for four grants and we received notification we were awarded an Apprenticeship Expansion grant which starts July 1, 2021.

The STEP and WIOA Youth 2022 applications are at the Commissioner's review which can't be determined until the budget is passed.

3:40 Recess until 9:00 AM June 24th, 2021

- 9:00 Roll Call.....ED Dean**
Chair Pacarro called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m. There was a quorum present.
- 9:15 Member UpdatesAWIB Members**
Several members provided an update regarding apprenticeship activities in their region.
- 9:30 Budget Update.....Eric Demoulin, Administrative Services Division Operations Manager**
Eric DeMoulin outlined the state budget situation which is being monitored closely. He mentioned the Technical Vocational Education Program (TVEP) was re-authorized for three years and the legislature requested the program to be audited.
- 9:45 Depart for Fairbanks Pipeline Training Center**
- 10:00 Tour of Fairbanks Pipeline Training Center**
Chad Hutchinson provided an overview and a tour of the Fairbanks Pipeline Training Center
- 11:30 Lunch**
- 1:00 Department Updates..... Director Westcott, DETS; Director Mayes, DVR; Director LeCompte, AVTEC**
Directors Westcott, Mayes and LeCompte provided an overview on how their divisions work with apprenticeship.
- 1:30 Action(s)ED Dean**
AWIB By-laws updates
- The proposed by-law changes were presented to ExCo Committee on April 13, 2021. The changes are for housekeeping items such as updating the language for the process of election of officers, include private sector members to be eligible for chair or vice chair which is in line with WIOA and to clarify the roles of the AWIB committees to reflect priorities in WIOA and DOLWD.
- ED Dean provided an overview of the proposed by law changes.
- MOTION to approve AWIB By-laws updates by Anthony Ladd
Second by Sharon Jackson
Discussion- a grammatical sentence structure was addressed.
Vote taken
MOTION carries
- RESOLUTION 21-01 Support of the Mat-Su One Stop Job Center Certification**
- Anthony Ladd, Assessment and Evaluation Committee Chair and ED Dean introduced RESOLUTION 21-01 Certification of Mat-Su Job Center to the board. An overview was provided by Anthony. During the site visit it was indicated more space was is needed.
- MOTION to approve RESOLUTION 21-01 Certification of Mat-Su Job Center by Larry Bell
Second by Anthony Ladd
Discussion
Vote taken

MOTION carries

1:45 Break

2:00 Meeting observation/comments/feedback

All board members were appreciative of the time everyone took to put this AWIB Board Meeting together and for everyone's time and attention during the meeting. They all stated it was good to meet back in person. Several suggested to have door signs as to where the AWIB Board Meeting was being conducted and that it would be an excellent option to tour an actual apprenticeship session being conducted in the future.

2:00 Wrap Up/Adjourn

MOTION to adjourn by Larry Bell

Second by Sharron Jackson

Discussion

Vote taken

MOTION carries

2:00 Adjourn