



Alaska Workforce Investment Board (AWIB) Business Meeting
October 28, 2021
8:30 AM – 12:00 PM
Virtual Microsoft Teams Meeting
Teleconference Number 907-202-7104 Conference ID 437 633 200#

Thursday, October 28, 2021

Board members and Designees in attendance

Kevin	Meyer	Lt. Gov.	X
Duane	Mayes	DOLWD Designee/ DVR Director	X
Deb	Riddle	DEED Designee	X
Christine	Marasigan	DHSS Designee	Absent
Micaela	Fowler	DCCED Designee	X
Kathy	Craft	University of Alaska Rep	X
Carin	Smolin	Sec Voc. Education	X
Patricia	Zugg	Mat-Su Borough School District	X
Malyn	Smith	Adult Basic Education	X
Alison	Nielsen-Bryant	Prof. Dev. Disabilities	X
Brenda	Pacarro	Business/ Industry	Absent
Larry	Bell	Business/ Industry	X
Lucille	Sands	Business/ Industry	X
Mari	Selle	Business/ Industry	X
Peter	Frank	Privet Sector	X
Patrick	Rose	Privet Sector	X
James	Hastings	Veteran	Absent
Marcus	Trivette	Private Sector	X
Sharon	Jackson	Private Sector	X
Scott	Eickholt	Organized Labor	X
Corey	Baxter	Organized Labor	X
Ryan	Andrew	Organized Labor	X
Anthony	Ladd	Organized Labor	X



AWIB Staff in attendance

Jerry Pierce, Assistant Commissioner DOLWD
Nelson San Juan, Deputy Commissioner DOLWD
Kathy Muñoz, Deputy Commissioner DOLWD
Kyla Pomrenke, Acting Executive Director
Greg Cashen, Assistant Director
Anne Velardi, Program Coordinator
Rut (Root) Ocasio-Lopez, Grants Administrator
Shane Bannarbie, Program Coordinator
Leslie Vines, Program Coordinator
Janina Fuller, Project Assistant
David Grosshuesch, Administrative Assistant

DOLWD Staff in attendance

Dan Robinson, Chief, DOLWD/ Research and Analysis
Cathy LeCompte, Director, Alaska Vocational Education Center (AVTEC)

Guests in attendance

Jackie Garcia, Calista Corporation
Teri Cothren, UAA

8:30 Introduction

Call to Order **Vice Chair Mari Selle**
Vice Chair Selle called the meeting to order at 8:31 AM.

Roll Call **Acting Executive Director Pomrenke**
Acting Executive Director Pomrenke called roll. A quorum was present for the meeting.

Welcome..... **Vice Chair Mari Selle**
Vice Chair Selle thanked everyone for attending the meeting. She introduced new members of the board, Patricia Zugg; Public Education and Alison Nielsen-Bryant; Prof. Dev. Disabilities. Ms. Zugg and Ms. Nielsen-Bryant provided a brief synopsis about themselves.

Agenda Approval **Vice Chair Mari Selle**
MOTION to approve the agenda by Kathy Craft
Second By Larry Bell
Discussion – none
Vote taken
MOTION carries

Welcome **Director Duane Mayes**
On behalf of the Commissioner, Director Mayes welcomed AWIB Board Members and thanked them for their time.



ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF LABOR & WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

8:45 DOLWD Research and Analysis – Non-Resident Worker hire, Unemployment Data and COVID impacts Dan Robinson, Chief Research and Analysis

Dan Robinson provided an economic update for Alaska. He demonstrated where Alaska is at with the job numbers compared to other states due to COVID and how long it will take to recover. He mentioned the TRENDS magazines which provides important information regarding Alaska’s economy and reminded the members it’s available to the public.

9:30 Committee Reports Committee Chairs

Executive Committee Vice Chair Mari Selle

Vice Chair Selle thanked Brenda Pacarro, Corey Baxter, Anthony Ladd, and Marcus Trivette for their time and effort. She reported the ExCo met two times since the last board meeting. They discussed the full board meeting's draft agenda and approved the June ExCo and full board meeting minutes. Additionally, the committee reviewed and approved the State Apprenticeship Expansion, Equity and Innovation (SAEEI) RGA, resolution 21-02 In Support of National Apprenticeship Week and the 2022 AWIB calendar.

Workforce Readiness & Employment Placement Marcus Trivette

Chair Trivette indicated the committee consists of Deborah Riddle and James Hastings. Since the last board meeting, the committee reviewed the RGA for the SAEEI. The committee provided recommendations which were forwarded to the Policy and Planning and Assessment and Evaluation committees. The recommendations were forwarded to the ExCo for review and approval. Additionally, he mentioned the committee needs more members. If any of the members would like to join the committee, they should speak to the Chair or AWIB staff.

Assessment and Evaluation Anthony Ladd

Chair Ladd reported the committee consists of Ryan Andrew and Peter Frank. Since the last board meeting, the committee reviewed the RGA for the SAEEI. The committee heard and concurred with the Workforce Readiness Employment Placement (WREP) committee modification requests. The recommendations were forwarded to the ExCo for review and approval. Also, he indicated the need for more members for the committee and to contact the Chair or AWIB staff if any members are interested.

Policy and Planning Corey Baxter

Chair Baxter stated the current members are Carin Smolin, Malyn Smith, and Patrick Rose. He thanked Ms. Smolin for her service, as this will be her last meeting. Since the previous board meeting, the committee reviewed the RGA for the SAEEI. The committee heard and concurred with the Workforce Readiness Employment Placement (WREP) committee modifications and requested the program performance outcome requirements be sent for review. The recommendations were forwarded to the ExCo for review and approval.

AWIB Update Greg Cashen, AWIB Assistant Director

Assistant Director Cashen provided a brief Grants Unit update. He specified all grants are fully executed for FY2022. The grants unit received a Centers for Disease Control and Prevention grant for \$671,371 for Community Health Care Workers. Also, the Technical Vocational Education Program (TVEP) is being audited by Legislative Audit. This audit is a requirement of the three-year reauthorization.



10:00 Break

10:15 Industry and Regional Updates

Board members provided updates from their industries and regions.

10:45 Public Testimony

There were no participants for public testimony.

**11:00 Action(s) Acting Executive Director Pomrenke
2022 AWIB Calendar**

Motion to approve 2022 AWIB Calendar updated by Ryan Andrew

Second by Marcus Trivette

Discussion – none

Vote taken

MOTION carries

Resolution 21-02 Supporting National Apprenticeship Week

U.S. Department of Labor announced the 2021 National Apprenticeship Week will be celebrated November 15-21, 2021.

MOTION to approve Resolution 21-02 Supporting National Apprenticeship Week by Sharon Jackson.

Second by Scott Eickholt

Discussion – none

Vote taken

MOTION carries

Technical Vocational Education Program (TVEP) Proposed Regulation Changes

Assistant Director Cashen discussed the proposed regulations relating to the recommended improvements to the Technical Vocational Education Program (TVEP) reporting requirements in the regulations of the Department of Labor and Workforce Development.

MOTION to approve proposed regulation changes related to recommended improvements to the Technical Vocational Education Program (TVEP) reporting requirements in the regulations by Larry Bell

Second by Ryan Andrew

Discussion – None

Vote taken

MOTION carries

Other Business – Ryan Andrew followed up on Scott Eickholt request for a letter of support for the infrastructure bill.

MOTION to direct AWIB to engage an expedited process for a draft resolution for the bipartisan infrastructure bill by Larry Bell

Second by Marcus Trivette

Discussion – none

Vote taken



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MOTION carries

12:00 Noon Wrap Up and Adjourn

MOTION to adjourn by Larry Bell

Second by Sharon Jackson

Discussion – none

Vote taken

MOTION carries

11:50 Adjourn