**Alaska Workforce Investment Board (AWIB) Business Meeting**

**June 22-23, 2022**

**9:00 AM – 4:30 PM**

**Mat-Su Career Tech High School**

**Wasilla, Alaska**

**Teleconference Number 907-202-7104 Conference ID 827 029 987#**

### Wednesday, June 22, 2022

**Board members and Designees in attendance**

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Ryan Andrew | Organized Labor | X | Absent
Anthony Ladd | Organized Labor | X | X

**AWIB Staff in attendance**
Kyla Pomrenke, Executive Director
Greg Cashen, Assistant Director
Anne Velardi, Program Coordinator
Rut Ocasio-Lopez, Grant Administrator
Shane Bannarbie, Program Coordinator
Leslie Vines, Program Coordinator
Xavien Phillips, Program Coordinator
Jonathan Thompson, Grant Administrator
Robert Perea, Project Assistant

**DOLWD Staff in attendance**
Kathy Munoz, Deputy Commissioner of DOLWD
Dan Robinson, Chief, DOLWD/ Research and Analysis
Cathy LeCompte, Director, Alaska Vocational Education Center (AVTEC)
Patsy Westcott, Director, Division of Employment & Training Services (DETS)
Amanda Sivertsen, Administrative Officer, DOLWD
Adam Weinhert, Executive Secretary, Commissioner’s Office

**Guests in attendance**
Randi Trani, Mat-Su Career Tech High School
Justin Aimsworth

9:00 **Introduction**

**Call to Order** ................................................................. Marcus Trivette
Marcus Trivette called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM.

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

**Welcome**................................................................. Marcus Trivette
Marcus Trivette thanked everyone for attending the meeting. He introduced new board members, Michelle Rizk and Tony Delia, and asked them to provide a brief synopsis about themselves.

**Agenda Approval** .............................................................. Marcus Trivette
MOTION to approve the agenda by Corey Baxter
Second By Larry Bell
Discussion – none
Vote taken
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Welcome to Mat-Su Borough School District………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..………..….
Assessment and Evaluation .......................................................... Anthony Ladd
Chair Ladd reported the committee consists of Ryan Andrew, Peter Frank, Christine Marasigan, and Patricia Zugg. Since the last board meeting, the committee reviewed the STEP and WIOA Youth grant applications and attended the board training held by AIR.

Policy and Planning ............................................................... Corey Baxter
Chair Baxter stated the current members met to review STEP and WIOA grants and provided their award recommendations and comments for Commissioner determination. They also attended the board training provided by AIR.

1:30 Tour of Northern Industrial Training (NIT)...............................Patrick Rose
The AWIB Board members departed for a tour of NIT conducted by Patrick Rose.

AWIB Update ................................................................. Greg Cashen, AWIB Assistant Director
Assistant Director Cashen provided a brief Grants Unit update. He provided the total amount of awards, the amounts expended, and the number of participants trained for each grant managed by the AWIB. State grant applicants (STEP, ACA, and TVEP) will be notified of an award when the budget is signed by the governor.

3:41 Recess
Thursday, June 23, 2022

9:00 Roll Call……………………………………………………..Executive Director Pomrenke
Executive Director Pomrenke called roll. A quorum was present for the meeting.

9:15 Tour of Career and Technical High School………………………………….Patricia Zugg
Patricia Zugg provided a short presentation and a tour to the members.

10:30 Member Updates:
THEME: What impact do you expect the infrastructure funds to have on your organization, and how can AWIB staff assist you?
Each member provided an answer to the questions.

12:00 Lunch

1:00 Tour of My House
The AWIB Board members departed for a tour of MyHouse.

3:00 Department Presentations

- **DOLWD Budget Update ………… Amanda Sivertsen, Administrative Operations Manager**
  Amanda introduced herself and provided a brief update on the budget and admin operations.

- **DOLWD Legislative Update …………………. Cathy Muñoz, Deputy Commissioner**
  Deputy Commissioner Muñoz updated the board on Legislative Affairs. DC Muñoz mentioned the three bills in the Senate that will benefit DOLWD; SB 131, SB 174, and SB 108.
  - **SB 131:**
    - An Act relating to the presumption of compensability for a disability resulting from certain cancers in firefighters; relating to the payment of workers' compensation benefits in the case of permanent partial impairment; relating to the payment of workers' compensation death benefits, and providing for an effective date.
      - [https://www.akleg.gov/basis/Bill/Detail/32?Root=sb%20131](https://www.akleg.gov/basis/Bill/Detail/32?Root=sb%20131)
  - **HB 30**
    - An Act relating to the payment of sick leave by employers; and providing for an effective date
  - **SB 174:**
    - An Act relating to dress codes and natural hairstyles.
      - [https://www.akleg.gov/basis/Bill/Detail/32?Root=SB%20174](https://www.akleg.gov/basis/Bill/Detail/32?Root=SB%20174)
• HB 185:
  o An Act relating to the reemployment of persons who retire under the teachers' retirement system.
    ▪ http://www.akleg.gov/basis/Bill/Detail/30?Root=sh%20185

• AVTEC Update ……………………………………… Cathy LeCompte, Director of AVTEC
  Director LeCompte described how AVTEC is experiencing a new norm and reacclimating itself back into this new norm.

• DETS Update……………………………………………Patsy Westcott, Director of DETS
  Director Westcott gave a brief update on the Division of Employment and Training Services. She mentioned that once the doors opened to the public, the offices were not filled as expected. They are also strengthening bonds with DOC with re-employment services.

• DVR Update…………………………..Kyla Pomrenke, on behalf of Duane Mayes, Director
  ED Pomrenke gave an update on behalf of Duane Mayes and indicated the MASST program would transfer from DETS to DVR effective July 1, 2022.

3:30 Meeting observations / comments / feedback
  Tony Delia, Michelle Rizk, Patrick Rose, and Patricia Zugg all agreed the meeting was excellent to meet in person. ED Pomrenke thanks everyone for coming.

3:43: Wrap Up / Adjourn
  MOTION to adjourn by Patricia Zugg
  Second by Tony Delia
  Discussion – none
  Vote taken
  MOTION carries

3:45 Adjourn