



**ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF LABOR  
& WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT**

**Alaska Workforce Investment Board  
WREP Committee  
September 23, 2021  
9:30 – 11:00 AM  
1-888-354-0094 conference ID 4461969111#**

**MINUTES**

**Call to Order**   x   Marcus Trivette, Chair;   x   James Hastings;   x   Deb Riddle;

The meeting was called to order at 10:06 a.m.  
Staff called roll; a quorum was present.

**Introduction of Other Participants**

Anne Velardi, Program Coordinator  
Mary Rowland, Grants Administrator  
Kyla Pomrenke, Acting Executive Director  
Rut (Root) Ocasio-Lopez, Grants Administrator

**Approval of Agenda**

MOTION to approve agenda by Deb Riddle  
Seconded by James Hastings  
Discussion - none  
Vote taken  
MOTION carries

**Action Item(s)**

MOTION to Approve January 21 19, 2021 Committee meeting minutes by Deb Riddle  
Seconded by James Hastings  
Discussion - none  
Vote taken  
MOTION carries

- **Discussion Items.....Chair Trivette/AWIB Staff**
  - **State Apprenticeship Expansion, Equity, and Innovation (SAEEI)**

Chair Trivette reported the Department of Labor was awarded a State Apprenticeship Expansion, Equity and Innovation (SAEEI) for \$3.9 million. This is a four-year grant, ending June 30, 2025. The committee received the list of the 19 partners that were identified in the application. The AWIB grants unit has prepared the RGA which was sent for review, and we will be discussing it today. It will be open for three months.

Anne Velardi indicated the grants unit is looking for feedback and the ExCo can approve. Some partners are ready to start now, and some are needing some time to implement.

The committee provided the following suggestions:

- Change the deadline to six weeks
- Have the RGA for out in April 2022 for the next fiscal year



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- Staff develop a scoring rubric
- State explicitly that the department reserves the option to put out another RGA if they don't receive enough proposals
- Set a maximum grant amount for all four years
- This is a planning year. The grantee can receive funding the following year if the grantee shows adequate progress towards goals
- Applicant states their long-term plan and how the program will be sustainable

Anne Velardi will update the RGA with the suggested edits and send them to ExCo for final approval.

**Other business**

Chair Trivette stated the committee is down to three. He mentioned if any other board members can be assigned to the committee and suggested having an odd number of members on each committee. Staff will look into this.

Adjourn

MOTION to adjourn by Deb Riddle

Seconded by James Hastings

Discussion - none

Vote taken

MOTION carries

Meeting adjourned at 10:59 a.m.

Next meeting – November 18, 2021