

Oregon Employment Department Advisory Council

Approved Meeting Minutes

Monday, August 5, 2013

9:00 am to 10:30 am

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 am by Clif Davis, Chair of the Council. Chair Clif welcomed all present. Members and others present introduced themselves.

Members Present:

Robin Bitrick
Barbara Byrd (via telephone)
Clif Davis
Thomas Kelley
Bill Kluting
Mary Taylor
Aniel Yates (via telephone)

Staff to Council:

Melissa Leoni

Members Excused:

None

Others Present:

Adam Benson, Public Financial Management, Inc.
Cynthia Eisenhauer, Public Financial Management, Inc.
Greg Ivers, Oregon Employer Council State Coordinator
Salvador Llerenas, Interim OED Deputy Director
Greg Malkasian, OED Interim Director
Heidi Patterson, Public Financial Management, Inc.
Spencer Scheaff, Public Financial Management, Inc.

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Robin Bitrick to approve the minutes from the January 24, 2013 meeting. Motion seconded by Tom Kelley. No discussion. Minutes approved.

Governor's Workforce System Redesign Initiative

Heidi Patterson of Public Financial Management (PFM) gave a brief overview of PFM, described the goals of their contract as part of the Workforce System Redesign Initiative, and gave a summary of the work completed to date, including a survey of current and past business customers and staff. Cynthia Eisenhauer facilitated a discussion between the Council and PFM staff, using the following questions, to gather input on how the current workforce system operates and advice from the Council for PFM as it facilitates the redesign process.

1. How would you describe the collaboration between your committee and other workforce system advisory committees? (education, human service, economic development, etc).
2. What do you think works well at OED?
3. What opportunities do you see for improvement?
4. What do you think works well in the broader public workforce system?
5. What opportunities do you see for improvement?
6. What advice or suggestions do you have as leaders to realign the structure and operation of the workforce system to offer better and more efficient services?
7. What other feedback would you like to provide?

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Agency Update

Greg Malkasian and Salvador Llerenas introduced themselves to the Council and described their leadership style and focus on the values of the agency. Greg described how they are setting the path forward that any new director coming in would be comfortable in continuing to implement. Greg apologized for not communicating with the Council sooner about the media coverage on the agency, and he recognizes that we can provide more information and communicate in ways that will assist the Council in doing its job better. Greg then updated the Council on the assessment report and how the agency's Executive Team is working on recommendations and looking at the opportunities to move things forward. Greg also updated the Council on recent activities in the agency around information technology and unemployment insurance overpayments. Chair Clif suggested the agency consider having positional email addresses to assist in the transition of staff. Bill Kluting recommended the agency have one answer to key unemployment insurance claim questions, especially if there are federal extensions again.

2013 Legislative Session

Greg Malkasian and Melissa Leoni quickly summarized two handouts: 2013-15 Budget Session Outcome and 2013 Legislation Summary.

Other Business

Chair Clif proposed that the Council establish a regular meeting schedule and meet four times a year (March, June, September and December) on the second Tuesday at 1:30 pm. Robin made a motion to approve the proposed meeting schedule. Bill seconded the motion. No discussion; the motion was approved. The next meeting will be September 10, 2013 at 1:30 pm.

Robin asked about scheduling the Council retreat/orientation. Melissa suggested it be the December meeting date, and then identified an existing conflict for her with that date. More discussion is needed around finding a date that works for both council and staff.

Follow Up Items

1. Send out Heidi Patterson's email address.
2. Schedule Training Unemployment Insurance program presentation at the orientation or future meeting.

Meeting Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 10:40 am.