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December 14, 2018

1:00PM-4:00PM

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MEETING MINUTES

Members Present: Sabrina Parsons (phone); KS Kenkatraman, Anne Mersereau; Gary Brown; Rod Belisle; Barbara Byrd; Shari Dunn; Kay Erickson; Patty Dorroh (phone); Douglas Hunt; Mark Mitsuu; Kristina Payne; Elana Pirtle-Guiney (*portion of meeting*)

Members Excused: Cathy Reynolds; Fred Poole; Ali O'Neill; Joe Weber; Ken Madden, Chair; Soundharya Nagasubramanian; Debbie Radie; Tony Rost; Matt Millard; Jeffrey Krolick; Ben Cannon; Keith Ozols; Sen. Michael Dembrow; Sen. Kim Thatcher; Rep. Paul Holvey;

Technical Advisors and Staff Present: Karen Humelbaugh; Clay Martin; Jennifer Denning; Stephanie Solomon

AGENDA

1.0 Call to Order and Opening Remarks

1.1 Vice- Chair Mersereau called the meeting to order at 1:10pm and provided opening remarks. Excused both Chair Madden, and WTDB Director Todd Nell. Karen Humelbaugh, Director, Office of Workforce Investments will be filling in for Mr. Nell. Vice-Chair Mersereau provided an overview of the agenda and welcomed new board members; Sabrina Parsons and KS Venkatraman.

2.0 Consent Agenda

Approval of 2.1 to 2.4 postponed to March meeting, due to not having a quorum present.

3.0 Public Comment

None

4.0 Workforce Investments

Karen Humelbaugh, Director of the Office of Workforce Investments provided an overview of the Innovation Grants. Director Humelbaugh reviewed the scoring matrix and feedback received thus far. Discussion between board members resulting in a request to have a detailed list of scores in each category for both those that won and lost.

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Action: Director Humelbaugh, information requested will be compiled and provided to board members

5.0 Workforce Programs

5.1 OSU Extension Service; Lindsey Shirley Associate Professor for University Outreach and Engagement, Associate Director, Extension Service at Oregon State University provided a thorough overview of their program, and services, which are available in the 36 counties in Oregon. They will be launching initiatives across the state to work to address the 'out-door' programs, which include agriculture and industry. Oregon by the Numbers report, prepared along with the Ford Foundation was reviewed. It was recommended by Councilwoman Dunn to have the OSU extension office connect with local WTDB boards as programs develop to collaborate needs and support. Lindsey Shirley agreed with the recommendation.

6.0 Education Attainment Goal

Clay Martin, WTDB Initiative Analyst with the Office of Workforce Investments, provided a review of the proposed Education Attainment Goal that was recently adopted by the Higher Education Coordinating Commission (HECC). The new goal was established for adult students, 25-64 years of age. The data will be collected by the HECC Research & Data Department. Equity will be monitored with the attainment of certificates/degrees by nationality/race and income levels. HECC and WTDB will be working together on achieving this goal.

Suggestion given by Councilwoman Dunn that the goal should acknowledge a gender specific solution. Karen Humelbaugh, Director, Office of Workforce Investments to follow up with the HECC Research and Data Office to include gender in their reporting. Discussion between councilmembers included the need for a clearer definition of 'high wage' or family wage, by the State.

Action: Topic of high wage to be discussed in more detail in March meeting.

Councilmember Mitsui suggested an individual review of the WIOA plan and how WTDB and others can exceed these goals. Portland Community College (PCC) has seen high passing rates within their ability to benefit (ATB), and Career Pathway programs, which are assisting lower income families.

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Approval of the Education Attainment Goal for Adult Oregonians is postponed until March 2019, due to not having a quorum present.

7.0 Governors' Workforce Updates

7.1 Elana Pirtle-Guiney and Lindsey Capps of the Governors' Office provided an overview of the Governor Browns proposed budget. Ms. Pirtle-Guiney discussed the base budget, and reiterated the proposed continued funding of Future Ready Oregon, and continued funding of WTDB and Office of Workforce Investments. Future Ready Oregon will be integrating work into other areas, and program alignment between skills learned and credit transfer to ensure a smooth transition in post-secondary education. Mr. Capps discussed the investment package of the Governors' proposed budget. Reiterated that the Governor will be pushing for funding the proposed investment package for career/technical and higher education initiatives. Mr. Capps also reiterated that the Governor desires to have measure 98 fully funded.

Councilmember Mitsui expressed concern over the investment portion and the possibility of increases in tuition if that portion is not passed to balance their budget.

Councilmember Payne voiced appreciation for the Elevate Program in Lane County, and discussed the value this program brings to that area.

Councilmembers Dunn and Mitsui voiced appreciation for DHS and OED partnership and the SNAP program.

Elana Pirtle-Guiney advised that as they are appointed by the Governor, they could be asked about the proposed budget, and as board members they are to support it. Ms. Pirtle-Guiney recommended board members to reach out to the Chair Madden, Vice-Chair Mersereau, OWI Director Humelbaugh or WTDB Director Nell if members have any question or concerns regarding this.

7.2 Agenda item was not discussed.

8.0 Ethics Training

Tammy Hedrick Oregon Government Ethics Commission, provided training on the Do's and Don'ts of Oregon Government Ethics Law. Training objectives were to understand the limits on financial benefits, limits on private and subsequent employments, how to handle conflicts of

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interest, gifts and nepotism, also an awareness of where to find resources or direct assistance for Government Ethics issues. Definitions provided of the following: public official, relative of a public official, member of the household of a public official and what is a business with which the person is associated. Ms. Hedrick recommended that requests for guidance be submitted in writing, so they can be referred to in the future.

9.0 Workforce System Alignment

Due to the nature of agenda item 9.1 and 9.2 being informational only and to respect the board members time. These items were not discussed in the meeting. Information on agenda items 9.1 and 9.2 will be distributed to board members at a later time.

10.0 Committee Updates

Due to the nature of agenda item 10.1 being informational only. This agenda item was not discussed in the meeting. Information on agenda items 10.01 will be distributed to board members at a later time.

Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 4:10pm