

Governor's Workforce Development Board and Minnesota Association of Workforce Boards - Minutes

Wednesday, December 14, 2022: 10:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Rush Creek Golf Club, 7801 County Rd 101, Maple Grove, MN 55311

GWDB Members or Agency Designees	Guests and Staff
<p>Shirley Barnes Laura Beeth (GWDB Chair) Beth Binczik (Governor's Office) Deb Broberg Bernie Burnham Barry Davies Jeanna Fortney Stephanie Graff (MDE) Sam Heimlich Nicauris Heredia-Rosario Dr. Nerita Hughes Steven Kalina Lance Louis Larry Lundblad (MN State) Scott Parker Kate Perushek (DLI) Jeffrey Rainey John Ramirez Ali Rodway Kyle Van Acker</p> <p>MAWB Members</p> <p>Erik Aamoth Shirley Barnes Ling Becker Tammy Biery Barbara Chaffee Commissioner Mary Hamann Roland Deb Bahr-Helgen Mark Jacobs Commissioner Stan Karwoski Nicole Mattson Commissioner Jim McDonough Jinny Rietmann Rick Roy Nicole Swanson Janelle Wald</p>	<p>Guests</p> <p>Jennifer Byers Julie Dincau (MDE) Brad Hasskamp (MDE) Ekta Prakash Commissioner Matt Udermann</p> <p>GWDB Staff</p> <p>Ben Baglio, GWDB Director Kay Kammen, GWDB Sr. Policy Analyst</p> <p>DEED Staff</p> <p>Lorrie Janatopoulos, CareerForce Director Mike Lang, Emploment Service Director Nancy Omondi, Director of Adult Programs Lensa Idossa, Program Manager, Adult and Dislocated Worker Rita Apaloo, Grants Specialist Liz Jennings, Employer Engagement Specialist Larry Eisenstadt, Youth Programs Coordinator</p>

Call to Order and Welcome

Laura Beeth, Chair of the Governor's Workforce Development Board, called the joint meeting of the Governor's Workforce Development Board to order at 10:10 a.m., welcoming members, speakers, guests, and others in attendance.

MAWB Business Meeting

Quorum

Vice Chair Mattson called for Voting Members of the Minnesota Association of Workforce Boards to raise their hands to check for a quorum. 15 Voting Members were required for a quorum. There were 17 Voting Members present, so a quorum was reached.

Legislative Platform and Priorities

Members of the Legislative Committee reviewed the legislative priorities and stood for questions on the platform. There were no questions and no discussion. Commissioner Mary Hamann-Roland moved to approve the Legislative Platform and Priorities as presented. Barb Chafee seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Bylaws Update

In August 2022, the membership approved an overall update to the bylaws. One of these updates was to rename the Executive Committee to the Board of Directors. There were two typos in the bylaws that used the old name. The proposed change was simply to correct those two instances to the correct title. MAWB Director Jeanna Fortney emailed MAWB members with the proposed change on November 4, 2022. The email with the notice of the change was sent more than thirty days prior to this meeting, in accordance with the bylaws Article Nine, Section 2. Barb Chafee moved to amend the bylaws as presented in the November 4, 2022 email to the membership. Shirley Barnes seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Recognition

Vice Chair Mattson recognized Ramsey County Commissioner Jim McDonough for his 22 years of service on the Ramsey County Board. He is retiring at the end of 2022. He has been a tireless advocate for workforce development and has provided leadership and guidance to MAWB's work.

GWDB Business Meeting

Many members were absent due to a winter storm and there was not a quorum of voting members so the Action Items, approval of the October 26, 2022 Minutes and the Third Quarter Chair Report, will be postponed until the March meeting of the GWDB.

The State of Tech Talent in Minnesota

Katie McClelland, Director of Public Policy and Research at MnTech, shared the mission of the Minnesota Technology Association and its foundational pillars: advocacy, talent, and community. She discussed findings surrounding tech diversity, secondary education, and postsecondary challenges.

Minnesota Retaining Employment and Talent After Injury/Illness Network (RETAIN)

Nancy Omondi, M.B.A., M.S., Director of Adult Programs, DEED; **Laura E. Breeher, M.D., M.P.H.,** Occupational Medicine Specialist, Mayo Clinic. RETAIN is a collaborative program with the goal of increasing employment retention and labor force participation of ill and injured individuals and reduce long-term work disability.

Apprenticeship Minnesota

A presentation and discussion followed by the Minnesota Department of Labor & Industry (DLI) Apprenticeship team, Deputy Commissioner Kate Perushek, Apprenticeship Director Erin Larsen and Senior Field Representative Leslie Philmon.

Networking Lunch

Advancing Equity and Combatting Disparities

Panelists:

Ling Becker, Director, Ramsey County Workforce Solutions

Tammy Biery, Executive Director, Career Solutions

Jinny Rietmann, Executive Director, Workforce Development, Inc.

Ben Baglio, GWDB Director, moderated a panel discussion with leaders from Minnesota's Local Workforce Areas, who shared the challenges and opportunities of Diversity, Inclusion, Equity and Accessibility (DEIA) efforts in the state.

Workforce Strategies, Partnerships, and Alignment

John Chamberlin, Chamberlin & Associates, delivered an overview of some foundational elements of the Workforce Innovation & Opportunity Act (WIOA). Small and full group discussions followed.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 2:32 p.m. by acclamation.

*The next meeting of the **Governor's Workforce Development Board** is tentatively planned as a virtual meeting in June 2023. Date and time are to be determined.*