



**Full Board Meeting
February 10, 2015
4:00 p.m.
Yakima Valley Technical Skills Center**

Minutes:

Board Members Present:

Dennis Flabetich, Chair
Marcia Henkle
Jill Falk
Carolyn Dresker
Debbie Byrd
Christine Cote

Tony Edwards
Francisco Guerrero
Travis Piatz
Brian Lenz
Steve Hart
Gregg Broyles

Adam Valdez
Leonard Crouch
Kathy Rheume
Tammara Toppel
Peter Finch

Staff Present:

Patrick Baldoz
David Gonzales
Amy Martinez

Becky Smith, Minutes
Tim Hoerner

Chuck Padorr
Tamara Bosler

Guests:

Marcelino Osorio
Kim Pualani

Cindy Maib-Robinson

Haydee Barbosa

Call to Order: Dennis Flabetich

Dennis called the meeting to order at 4:03 and welcomed everyone. Introductions were made. Dennis welcomed and introduced our newest board member, Leonard Crouch.

Approval of Minutes: Dennis Flabetich

Dennis called for a motion to approve the December 9, 2014 meeting minutes:

Carolyn Dresker moved to approve the December 9, 2014 Executive Committee Meeting minutes as printed, seconded by Tony Edwards. Motion carried.

Consent Agenda

15-02-01 Finance Report

To adopt the SCWDC Finance Reports as submitted for period ending November 30, 2014 and December 31, 2014.

15-02-02 WorkFirst Amendment

To authorize staff to enter into an amendment with Department of Commerce for the PY14 WorkFirst Contract; and to modify PY14 WorkFirst subcontracts as described in the provided narrative and chart.

15-02-01 WIF Housing Referral Mod 3

To authorize staff to enter into a contract modification with Triumph Treatment Services

as described.

Kathy Rheame moved to approve the items on the Consent Agenda as presented, seconded by Tony Edwards. Motion carried.

Lee Murdock Presentation

Patrick introduced Lee Murdock. Lee works with data at Yakima County. She presented some of the new data trends in Yakima County.

Facilities Update: Patrick Baldoz

Patrick reminded everyone that the WDC is pursuing a new facility. With the help of Steve Liddicoat an RFP was sent out and seventeen proposals were received. The top three choices are being considered at this time. There have been varying opinions on whether we should lease or purchase. On Monday, February 2, the committee met with the county commissioners. Patrick provided a document summarizing the amount it would cost if we were to stay where we are now paying a lease compared with the purchase of a new office. The commissioners authorized the council to move forward to negotiate the best deal whether it be a lease, lease/purchase or purchase. Before a final decision is made, it must be brought back to the commissioners for review and approval.

Dennis shared that the process will take time. The commissioners want to come and look at any property considered. Eventually we hope to have a facility that is in a good location that will accommodate staff comfortably and is stable in the future.

Peter pointed out the investment value of purchasing a building. All of the savings can be used for services in our communities. It would allow money to leverage for programs.

Adam asked about the decrease of square footage presented on the summary. Patrick answered that this facility was chosen for comparison purposes. Through negotiations we will explore the possibility of added square feet.

WIOA Transition: Patrick Baldoz

Patrick presented a PowerPoint outlining the 13 Roles of the Board under the Workforce Investment and Opportunities Act. Seven of these roles are new. In the near future these duties will be analyzed for decisions required and then assigned to sub-committees.

Patrick spoke to the importance of the role the board and citing requirements for partner contributions to support the one-stop system. This is an example of how we want to work within our committee to make decisions on how this will be done.

When this legislation passed, the intent was to put more power in the local boards to oversee the local workforce system. Everyone needs to work together under a plan that the board will create.

Two important matters already addressed are local area designation and the board's alternative entity status. A copy of the letter sent to the governor from the commissioners was provided.

Board Retreat: Patrick Baldoz

Becky presented the results of the board retreat survey. She will be sending out a Meeting Wizard to find the best day for everyone to attend.

Patrick shared that funds have been set aside for training. We are hoping to secure a facilitator/consultant like John Chamberlin to explain the new legislation and how it translates board work.

Board Committees: Patrick Baldoz

Patrick reviewed the results of the committee survey that was sent out. The next step is to have those that have volunteered for multiple committees rank their choices. He would suggest only one or two committees per person. We would like a minimum of four people on each committee. The committees will be active over the next months working on WIOA requirements.

Director Report: Patrick Baldoz

At the same time that we are working on WIOA locally, the state workforce board is working on the state level. Our staff is monitoring these meetings to make sure that we stay on top decisions being made.

Other Business:

- Dennis pointed out the performance report provided in the packet. All sub-contracts are monitored very closely each month.
- Tamara shared that we have been awarded the YouthWorks grant. This will be a partnership with 100 Jobs for 100 Kids. The plan is to expand the program from Yakima to the mid valley. It is off and running and should be in full swing from July to September. This will give kids summer work experience.
- There are a number of board members attending the NAWB Conference in Washington DC at the end of March. There should be a lot of dialog on the new legislation.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:20 p.m.