

Meeting Minutes
WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL

Western Dakota Technical College
800 Mickelson Drive, Rapid City, SD
Thursday, October 10, 2024 | 1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. MDT

Chairman Lee Anderson called the meeting to order at 1:01 p.m. MDT. Molly Banuat called the roll. A quorum was present.

Members Present: Michelle Black, Dave Bonde, Liza Clark, Amanda Dokter, John Herweh, Secretary Marcia Hultman, Candy Klingensmith, Kim Ludwig, Jon Mahan, Hannah Sage (representing Adam Molseed), Laura Scheibe, Chairman Lee Anderson.

Members Absent: Carla Gatzke, Mark Rogers, Amy Tlam, Vice Chairwoman Keri Wientjes.

Others Present: John Anderson, Molly Banuat, Tara Bartekoske, Bill Christensen, Joann Crow Dog, Dawn Dovre, Lynette Engle, Kaitlin Foster, Melodee Lane, David Oromo, Carmen Pacheco, Kara Palmer, Kendra Ringstmeyer, Stephenie Rittberger, Cynthia Roan Eagle, Bill Wendling, Justin Williams.

AGENDA ITEM C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM APRIL 9, 2024

Jon Mahan made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from April 9, 2024. Laura Scheibe seconded the motion. **MOTION PASSED** 12-0.

AGENDA ITEM D. LAKOTA FUNDS GOOD JOBS GRANT

Workforce Development Program Manager Justin Williams presented on the Lakota Funds Good Jobs Grant. In September 2022, Lakota Funds was awarded a \$5 million grant from the Economic Development Administration's (EDA) Good Jobs Challenge. The grant will support the Building Jobs, Building Homes project, created in response to a severe housing shortage on Tribal lands and a shortage of contractors.

AGENDA ITEM E. WORKFORCE TRAINING PARTNERSHIP PANEL

DLR Labor Program Specialist II Carmen Pacheco gave a historical look back at DLR's partnership with the Department of Corrections in providing technical training to inmates resulting in gainful employment and changing the course of the poverty cycle.

AGENDA ITEM F. START TODAY SD REGISTERED APPRENTICESHIPS

DLR Apprenticeship Program Manager Tara Bartekoske explained what a registered apprenticeship is and presented the progress of growing and expanding apprenticeships in South Dakota, the successes of the Teacher Apprenticeship Pathway program, and a reminder of how helpful the mentorship toolkit can be to employers.

AGENDA ITEM G. CAREER LEARNING CENTER OF THE BLACK HILLS

DLR Labor Program Specialist II John Anderson shared performance indicators of the WIOA Title II Adult Education and Literacy program. It was followed by a panel of three students working with the Career Learning Center of the Black Hills to earn their GED®. The panel moderator asked the following questions: What motivated you to receive your GED, and how will it affect career opportunities? What skills or knowledge do you feel is most important for your success? What challenges do you face with work or family? What expectations do you have for your employer?

AGENDA ITEM H. LABOR MARKET INFORMATION

DLR Labor Market Information Center (LMIC) Administrator Melodee Lane presented South Dakota's Top 30 Hot Careers. This included the known and projected annual job openings from 2022 to 2032 and the average wage in 2023. Administrator Lane also presented on the 2023 South Dakota Workforce Report. The report includes information about population/workforce demographics, gross domestic product, labor force, total employment, worker commuting, advertised job openings, nonfarm wage and salaried workers, quarterly census of employment and wages, income and poverty, and employment and demand projections.

AGENDA ITEM I. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

AGENDA ITEM J. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR UPDATES

Executive Director Dawn Dovre shared the next Council meeting will take place virtually in December. There is one council vacancy.

AGENDA ITEM K. ADJOURN

Laura Scheibe made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Jon Mahan seconded the motion.
MOTION PASSED.

Chairman Lee Anderson called the meeting adjourned at 4:08 p.m. MDT.