

Pikes Peak Workforce Center
Workforce Development Board Meeting
Friday, November 4th, 2022, 8:00 – 9:30 AM Mountain Time
In-Person
El Paso County Citizens Service Center
1675 Garden of the Gods Rd, Colorado Springs, CO 80907
MINUTES

Attendees: Aikta Marcoulier, Ann Cesare, Andrew Winders, Cecilia Harry, Crystal LaTier, Daniel Mondragon, Elise Lowe-Vaughn, Francis Vigil, Lisanne McNew, Jim Mancall, Jonathan Liebert, Jordan Ayers, Kim Mauthe, Reanna Werner, Renee Zentz, Seth Harvey, Tamara Moore, Zach Barker

Other Attendees: Chris Garvin, Christine Layton, Mark Smith, Johnathan Tillman, Melissa Burkhardt-Shields, Renise Walker, Steve Klaffky

Members Absent and Excused: Andrew Gilliland, Bob McLaughlin, Debbie Miller, Jeff Greene, Lynn Vidler, Sherry Jenkins, Stacie Kwitek-Russell, Susan King, Tammy Sayles

Staff in Attendance: Becca Tonn, Bob Gemignani, Carrie Sigmon, Darlene Wolford, Daniel Garcia, Erica Romero, Michael Walton, Pete Olivas, Sami Mooney, Samuel Escalona, Traci Marques

Ann Cesare, Immediate Past Chair, called the meeting to order at 8:03 AM.

Public Comments: There were no public comments.

Action Items:

A motion was made to approve Ann Cesare as the chair pro-tem for the sole purpose of running the board meeting today. First motion by Renee Zentz, seconded by Tamara Moore. The motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made to approve the October 7th, 2022, meeting minutes by Zach Barker, and was seconded by Tamara Moore. The motion passed unanimously.

A testimonial was provided by Joe Howard, a cybersecurity professional. Joe shared his experience about an internship through the Pikes Peak Workforce Center. He also discussed his transition to and growth within the information technology industry.

Kelly Hurtado, Vice President of Programs for Alliance for Kids presented on Joint Initiatives For Youth + Families.

Carrie Sigmon, Statewide Apprenticeship Consultant, Erica Romero, Business Relations Manager, and Toya Graham, Workforce Programs Manager, presented on National Apprenticeship Week, including how apprenticeships are managed at the workforce center for both businesses and job seekers.

Operational updates were provided by Traci Marques, including a brief summary of the two week monitoring by the Colorado Department of Labor and Employment. Traci shared that there are no updates regarding Wagner-Peyser, but more news is expected by January or February 2023.

Lisanne McNew provided state and federal updates after spending the previous week in Washington D.C. This included commentary and observations about Wagner-Peyser, WIOA reauthorization, and funding for sector partnerships. For the state, Lisanne shared an update about Employment Support Funds.

Traci Marques informed the board that the El Paso County State of the Region will take place on Thursday, November 10. She also mentioned that PPWFC has engaged in discussions with El Paso County to upgrade the technology in this event room.

Elise Lowe-Vaughn, Director of Workforce Development Programs, CDLE, said that the state is actively advocating for the workforce system and commended the combined efforts towards the Notice of Proposed Rulemaking.

New Business:

Ann Cesare reminded the board about how members can contribute donations towards purchasing bicycles for December’s Workforce Development Board meeting.

The board was reminded to sign up for an immersion session at the workforce center if they have not already done so.

Adjournment:

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:25 AM.

The next meeting will be held in-person on December 2nd, 2022, at the Pikes Peak Workforce Center in Colorado Springs.

Submitted by,

Reviewed by,

{Signature on File} 11-4-2022
Samuel Escalona Date

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Francis Vigil Date