



Pikes Peak Workforce Center Consortium Executive Board

Date: Friday, November 21, 2025

9Time: 2:00 – 3:00 PM (Mountain Time)

Meeting Format: In Person and Virtual

Location: Centennial Hall 200 S Cascade Colorado Springs, CO 80903 and Microsoft Teams

Virtual Meeting Information: [Click here to join the meeting](#)

Minutes

Board Members in Attendance: Commissioner Bob Campbell, Commissioner Bill Wysong and Commissioner Cory Applegate.

Attendees: Debbie Miller, Clarke Becker (virtual), Zach Barker (virtual), Steve Klaffky and Sunny Bryant

PPWFC Staff in Attendance: Traci Marques, Laurie Padilla, Amy Reyes, Becca Tonn and Andreanna Trujillo

Quorum: Two commissioners are present, a quorum was established. Commissioner Cory Applegate arrived a late.

Public Comments: None

The meeting was called to order at **2:02 PM**.

Board Action Items:

Minutes

- a) Approval of October 20, 2025, meeting minutes
 - o Note, to change title on the minutes page 1 from September 22, 2025 to October 20, 2025
 - o With notation, Motion by Commissioner Applegate, seconded by Commissioner Wysong. Motion carried.

Board Business:

- a) Notice of Funds Available – ETA25-006 RESEA – PY25: \$237,582
 - o Motion by Commissioner Applegate, seconded by Commissioner Wysong. Motion carried.

Organizational Updates – Traci Marques, Executive Director/CEO

- a) New Connecting Colorado Update
 - a. Connecting reporting is coming along to meet the employment for USDOL; Next week we should get access to additional reports and then we will fact check the data
 - b. Errors identified, will be submitted via their ticketing system

- c. Unemployment dumps their data into Connecting Colorado to be able to report out the data now in one report in the new system.
- b) Compliance Review – Mike McNew
 - a. Mike McNew introduced himself
 - b. Provides Support Services: Invoicing, Review Transaction details, monthly reconciliation, minimal contract services
 - c. Future Oversight for the PPWFC: Policy Review, Implement automated systems, Implement monthly reconciliation
 - d. Overview of audit/monitoring process:
 - i. In 23 years of audit experience, Mike has never seen a monitoring process like CDLE's
 - ii. Mike provided an example and walked through of how CDLE is taking an extreme approach
 - e. PPWFC has 45 days to provide an official response to the findings outlined in the PY24 Monitoring report
 - i. PPWFC is rebutting several components of the Findings
 - ii. Really looking back at the guidance and what it outlines
 - f. Reviewing the disallowed and questioned cost amount, in past monitoring reports, when you remove the CSCCC, we have had minimal disallowed and questioned costs, less than \$3k
 - g. PY23 Monitoring component regarding CSCCC finding is currently under litigation.
 - i. **We can schedule a time to explain and review each of the findings for commissioners, not until after we submit our formal response in the 45 days**
 - h. Programmatic Side has their own internal review
 - i. McNew & Associates primarily focuses on financial side
 - i. Reviewing monthly transactions in real time/what guidance governs allowable expense and prior month's transactions and
 - ii. Reviewing PPWFC and CDLE requirements and be able to implement tools for reconciliation
 - iii. **Add standing agenda with PY24 updates**
 - iv. **Add Mike to every 6 months or quarterly to CEB meetings**
 - v. **Have a draft ready to talk at CEB about 45 response – then will email the final/formal response**
- c) Job Fair – over 100 employers/over 800 job seekers = a successful event (even though we can't get data out of the system)
 - a. **Feedback from Commissioner Wysong – Veterans weren't able to get jobs bc their security clearance expired – so the Vet priority was disappointing**
 - b. **Can the employers list out what they are looking for? This is listed on our website and what**
 - c. **We could add a table tent talking points for vets and understanding what their needs are for clearance/no clearance**
 - d. **Are their employers that are willing to look at hiring and then re-add security clearance to their ability to purchase and/or supply that to meet the employer hiring needs**
 - e. **?? Innovate Pikes Peak meets with PPWFC regularly**

Financial Updates – Laurie Padilla, Budget & Finance Manager

- a) Financial Dashboard was presented through August



New business:

The meeting was adjourned at **3:31 PM.**

Meeting minutes submitted by:	Meeting minutes reviewed by:
{Signature on file}	{Signature on file}
Andreanna Trujillo, PPWFC Executive Assistant	Commissioner Bill Wysong, Board Secretary