



## Missouri Workforce Development Board

July 14, 2023

8:30 am-12:00 pm

### Meeting Minutes

Old Kinderhook, Camdenton, MO

**Members present:** Chair Len Toenjes, Vice Chair Cara Canon, Garland Barton, Gregg Roberts, Kristie Davis, Commissioner Bennett Boggs, Commissioner Gary Jungermann, , Jill Williams, Rob Binney, Elizabeth Perkins (proxy for Asst. Commissioner Chris Clause)

**Members absent:** Herbert Dankert, Joshua Tennison, Rep. Jeff Coleman, Commissioner Margie Vandeven, Senator Denny Hoskins, Dr. Don Cook, LeRoy Stromberg, Tony Bryan, Anna Hui, Asst. Commissioner Chris Clause, Virgil White

**OWD/DHEWD Staff Present** Interim OWD Director Julie Carter, Yvonne Wright, SWDB Secretary, Rebecca Fletcher, Mark Bauer, Ronda Anderson, Sara Harrison, Carla McDaniel, Heather Dolce, Donna Brake

**Other Representatives Present and/or Presenters:** Ken Mall and Kim Glenn, EDSI, Sheila Barton, Brent Stevens, Amy Sublett, Justin Logan

**Call to Order and Welcome:** Chairman Toenjes called the meeting to order at 8:30 am and extended a welcome to everyone. Chairman Toenjes called upon Rob Binney and Commissioner Boggs to introduce themselves as new members. The Board then did a round of introductions to Mr. Binney and Dr. Boggs.

Chairman Toenjes then recognized members who have recently resigned from the Board: Stephanie Garrett, Celeste Cramer, Astra Ferris, John Thomas, Greta Bax, Dan Atwill and Todd Spencer

A discussion was held to discuss possible nominees for the Board; Julie Carter will provide the Board with an updated member list and the requirements for Board membership.

**Roll Call:** Ms. Wright called roll. Quorum was not established.

**Review and Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes:** Minutes for the January 26, 2023 Board teleconference meeting will be tabled to the September 6, 2023 meeting for approval in light of the lack of quorum.

**Chair's Topic Discussion:** Chair Toenjes led a roundtable discussion with the Board members strategies for retaining incumbent workers.

**Organizational Performance Update:** Carla McDaniel and Ronda Anderson co-presented an overview of last year's strategic placemat goals for DHEWD and OWD and outline the goals for the coming year.

**DHSS Partnership/Healthcare Advisory Panel:** Mark Bauer, Yvonne Wright and Jill Williams provided a presentation on the partnership between DHEWD and OWD, focused on the development of a Public Health and Healthcare Advisor Panel to address educational and talent needs in these industries.

**Update on Northwest/Northeast Region Merger:** Brent Stevens, Executive Director of the newly formed Northern Workforce Board, provided an update on the progress of completion of the merger.

**Apprenticeship Missouri Presentation:** Donna Brake, Special Project Manager, gave a presentation on Apprenticeship Missouri activities, funding opportunities for apprenticeships, and how OWD is moving ahead with innovative ideas and collaboration.

**State Director Update:** Interim Director Julie Carter provided an update on the following items: Recent visits with Dr. Boggs to several college campuses and local job centers. She also praised the work done by staff at the local centers and highlighted the new Catapult Job Center which is located on the Southeast Missouri State University Campus. Director Carter also spoke to our fiscal situation for both Wagner-Peyser and WIOA funding, and discussed grants and other funding opportunities which OWD has and will be pursuing. Finally, Director Carter called upon Chairman Toenjes and Dr. Boggs to provide their perspectives on a recent visit made with Aaron Willard, Chief of Staff for Governor Parson.

**Chair Comments:** Chair Toenjes thanked everyone who participated in the previous day's strategic planning retreat, and indicated the priorities would be sent to the full Board for review soon. Additionally, the identified priorities will now be included as standing items on all future Board meeting agendas, beginning at the September 6 meeting.

**Move to adjourn:** Gregg Roberts made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Jill Williams seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 11:27 am

The next Board meeting will be September 6, 2023, in conjunction with the Governor's Conference on Economic Development, held at Margaritaville, Lake of the Ozarks.