

MINUTES of the
WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
August 18, 2022
2:00 – 3:00 p.m.
TEAMS Conference Call

Members present: Dave Farnsworth, Don Shilling, Pat Bertagnolli, Perry Lubbers

Ex Officio members present: Katie Ralston Howe

Commerce staff and Job Service staff present: Phil Davis, Sherri Frieze

Dave Farnsworth called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: It was moved by Perry Lubbers, seconded by Pat Bertagnolli to approve the executive committee minutes of May 19th, 2022. Motion carried.

POLICY REVIEW

Adult Dislocated Worker

Eligible Training Providers

Phil Davis

Phil gave an overview of the two WIOA Policies of Adult Dislocated Worker and Eligible Training Providers that were reviewed and adopted by the Workforce Admin. Committee.

These policies are looked at every two years by the federal government and every four years when policies are rewritten.

WDC MEETING

September 1, 2022 in Grafton

Katie Ralston Howe

Katie discussed the building of the WDC agenda for September 1 at the Life Skills and Transition Center (LSTC) in Grafton. The site serves individuals with disabilities to become adaptive to live and work on their own.

- Review and approve recommendations at the meeting – focus on those in the morning.
- Review additional recommendations of Childcare, Automation, Occupational Licensure Reform and Digital Skill Literacy

Discussion:

- The Governor's office has had discussion regarding the Automation Tax Credit and the process of it not being able to be used toward workforce training.
- The Commerce Workforce division is developing a broad concept of a program recommending the Automation Tax Credit for workforce Training to reskill workers, similar to the Technical Skills Training Grant.
- A marketing component needs to be included as part of the recommendation, as many companies are not familiar with the tax credit.

- Smart machines that work with GPS have skills built into the machines and the automation tax credit needs to be available for the construction industry.
- Overview with NGA, Workforce Innovation network
- Presentations from Be More Colorful, Golden Path Solutions, and LSTC
- Possible presentation from NDIT, working with industry on feedback
- Possible presentation from ND State School of Science on Apprenticeship
- Membership overview

MAIN STREET INITIATIVE

Katie Ralston Howe

The Main Street Summit will be held October 24 – 25th in Bismarck; Workforce is the leading them. Katie asked for the members to attend a special breakfast meeting of the WDC on Tuesday, October 25th with the Governor, and legislators.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: It was moved by Jason Ehlert, seconded by Pat Bertagnolli to adjourn the meeting. Meeting was adjourned at 3:00 p.m.