

**Minutes of the
WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL
ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE**

January 28, 2021

2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

TEAMS audio/video Meeting

Members present: Dave Farnsworth, Wayde Sick, Damian Schlinger

Members absent: Bryan Klipfel, Stan Schauer

Guest absent: Arnie Strebe

Ex Officio members present: Katie Ralston

Job Service staff and Commerce staff present: Phil Davis, Tammy Barstad, Ruth Lacher, Sherri Frieze

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The November 25th, 2020 minutes were not approved, due to lack of a quorum. They will be brought forward at the next committee meeting in April for approval.

WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS

Chairman Dave Farnsworth

Chairman Farnsworth welcomed new council and committee member, Damian Schlinger from the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation. He is replacing Robyn Throlson.

WIOA REVIEW

Phil Davis

Katie Ralston

Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) PY19 Annual Report was recently finished; July 1, 2019 – June 30, 2020. WIOA law requires an annual report every year and in this report the successes of ND as a state are showcased. An annual in-depth review was conducted virtually, by the federal project officer on December 14th – 18th. State plans, policies, and procedures were covered. Job Service ND will receive the official results of the review within 45 days of the completed review.

Katie highlighted other points that were suggested during the annual review.

- A necessary referral process of new council members, of the private sector industry was recommended to be completed before appointment. The Greater ND Chamber (GNDC) has done most referrals in the past and will be applied going forward.
- Within each council member's representative's organization, the council member should have decision making authority and oversight of the budget for appointment.
- An opportunity to integrate more core partner updates at the council meetings was discussed. This will be discussed at the upcoming executive committee meeting.

CTE Work-Based Learning Program Update

Wayde Sick

The PERKINS State Plan, that was rewritten last spring, has been approved. Under the Perkins plan, states are required to report annually on a core indicator of performance. Work Base Learning was chosen as the performance indicator. With the onset of the COVID pandemic, the 2019-2020 work base learning program was put on hold. As the COVID pandemic decreases, a organized focus group of CTE instructors, administrators, and counselors will work to engage the work base learning program this summer.

Legislative Updates

Wayde Sick

SB 2019, testimony on CTE appropriations bill – \$45 million ask

- Concerns to the bill:
 - o Selection of sites
 - o Group for consideration for awarding of competitive RFP
 - o Funding K12 buildings
 - o Sustainability, in biennium budgets
- SB 2040 – Borrowing and lending authority, reserve funds associated with bonds. Democratic version of the bill; loan version
- HB 1431 – Interest rates for infrastructure revolving loans, borrowing, and lending authority of the public finance authority and reserve funds associated with bonds. Republican version of the bill; grant version
- HB 1275 – Infrastructure bonding repayment fund
- HB 1375 – Tuition credit incentive program, students taking dual-credit courses while in high school
- HB 1380 – Funds invested by the state investment board and legacy fund definitions to provide for a transfer
- HB 1475 – Agriculture innovation fund and a transfer of legacy fund earnings
- HB 1478 – Alternate education opportunities outside the classroom for course credit

Katie Ralston

- SB 2018 – Commerce appropriations bill, partner participation has helped with the bill’s testimony
- SB 2175 – Infrastructure bonding repayment fund
- HB 1196 – Sealing criminal records
- HB 1278 – Eligibility for unemployment compensation for military spouses
- HB 1296 – Booking photo is a confidential record
- SB 2196 – Establishment of a ND competency framework and to instructional time requirements
- SB 2266 – Review of occupational and professional laws and rules to update outdated reference to good character
- SB 2272 – Skilled workforce student loan repayment program and skilled workforce scholarship program

Phil Davis

- HB 1278: Relating to eligibility for unemployment compensation for military spouses.
- SB 2016: A BILL for an Act to provide an appropriation for defraying the expenses of job service North Dakota.

Damian Schlinger

- HB 1405 – Income tax credit for the employment of individuals with development disabilities

NEXT STEPS

1. Chairman Farnsworth and the Atlanta Jobs Corp to conduct a future TEAMS meeting, regarding current programs and suggestions for ND’s Burdick Jobs Corp. program.
2. Agenda item for February WDC meeting - updates from industry, and discussion on workforce and workforce needs with the new federal administration.
3. MOU Contract – One Stop Operator Contract needs to be updated and signed by June 2020

Motion was adjourned at 3:00 p.m.