

**Governor's Council on Workforce Investment
CWI Board WebEx Meeting
Tuesday, February 23, 2021
10:00AM-12:00PM
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MEETING MINUTES CORRECTED & APPROVED – MAY 18, 2021

Members Present: Mark Tyler, Nora Roughen-Schmidt, Rhonda Suda, Jim Kreuser, Citlali Mendieta-Ramos, Sachin Shivaram, Rebecca Bartoszek, Michele Erikson, Dr. Morna Foy, Amanda Hoefling, Andrew Disch, Betsey Harries, David Brukaradt, Delora Newton, Ann Franz, Senator Janis Ringhand, Kathi Seifert, Pravin Raikar, Rebecca Larson, Rodney Ferguson, Sara Rogers, Shelia Briggs, Senator Andre Jacque, Saul Newton, Dan Mella, Representative Katrina Shankland, Corey Zetts, Representative Warren Petryk, Alan Petelinsek

Others Present: Bruce Palzkill, Becky Kikkert, Silvia Jackson, Danielle Williams, Seth Lentz, Steve Laesch, Chytania Brown, Jane Spenser, Melisa Myers, Michele Carter, Colleen McCabe, Doug Bartz, Josh Morby, Laura Catherman, Margaret McMahan, Aimee Jahnke, BJ Dernbach, and Mari Kay-Nabozny

I. Welcome, Opening Remarks
a. CWI Chair Mark Tyler

Chair Tyler welcomed everyone to the meeting, introduced DWD Secretary-designee Amy Pechacek, and thanked everyone for taking time out their schedules to attend today's meeting and remaining involved in the Councils work.

II. State of the State Updates
a. Secretary's Office

i. DWD Secretary-designee Amy Pechacek introduction

Secretary-designee Amy Pechacek thanked Chair Tyler for his continued work leading the Council and inviting her to introduce herself to the Council. She thanked the Council for their continued work and collaboration on workforce and economic issues to advance the workforce. Secretary-designee presented information on the current state of the Unemployment Insurance system, how the system fared throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, discussed the current unemployment insurance programs, and introduced the advancements in the Google partnership that has been established to provide an expedited review of UI claims and assist in process claim payment determinations. She finished her presentation on a discussion of IT modernization for the UI Benefit System as well as 2021-23 Badger Bounce Back budget items that will focus on preparing the workforce for post-pandemic "new normal".

b. State of the State Budget Address Briefing

i. DWD Asst. Dep. Secretary Danielle Williams

Assistant Deputy Secretary Danielle Williams provided a presentation on the Governor's 2021-2023 Executive Budget regarding several workforce initiatives. These included a briefing on several UI modernization and program policy changes, the Worker Connection Program, Wisconsin Fast Forward investments, Pandemic Recovery grants aimed at supporting the 11 workforce development boards throughout Wisconsin, apprenticeship investments, DVR funding increases and Project SEARCH investments, and other workforce, economic and educational investments that our partners in the WIOA State Plan will be able to continue to engage and collaborate with DWD to further the investment to job seekers and employers.

III. Special Topic Presentation + Discussion

a. Job Centers + Corrections Partnerships

i. Dr. Silvia Jackson, Becky Kikkert

Dr. Silvia Jackson and Becky Kikkert offered a presentation regarding the continued collaboration between the Departments of Corrections and Workforce Development. Continued collaborations include the Windows to Work program, Correctional Job Centers, Mobile Career Lab, Mobile Training Labs, and the partnership with other internal and external partnership of DWD. Dr. Jackson also described the current landscape of the need for additional opportunities for person in our care for education and training to build their skill set for employment upon release.

IV. Other Business

a. Next CWI Board Meeting – **May 18, 2021**

b. Approval of the 11.17.2020 Meeting Minutes – **ACTION REQUIRED**

The minutes were approved as submitted.

c. Looking Forward

i. Working Group Projects

Bruce Palzkill provided an update on the on-going work for each of the work groups. There is an expectation that by the next Council meeting all the workgroups will be meeting to discuss several items. The Employment and Training Committee will have an update on CTE and apprenticeship programming, the Growing Workforce Committee will have items related to an Upskill Project and continued work on telecommunication survey with workforce partners, and the WIOA Committee will have standard updates on performance and additional guidance letters that have been released recently.

ii. 2022-2026 Strategic Plan

As we begin entering the year of 2021, our current Strategic Plan is due for new planning and the establishment of a 2022-2026 Plan. Further discussions regarding this will occur at our May meeting.

iii. CWI Staffing Updates

Tierney Gill, our current Policy Staffer, has been accepted and has started Law School. Due to this, we have held a hiring process to fill a permanent position and will have an announcement in the next few weeks on who this will be. Tierney will be mentoring this person during the next several months for an easy transition.

d. Public Comment

There were no public comments.

V. Closing Remarks

VI. Adjournment

Chair Tyler thanked everyone for their continued work, and for a productive and informative meeting before adjourning.

Meeting materials will be posted on the CWI web site at <http://www.wi-cwi.org/>.

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