
**Governor's Council on Workforce Investment
Executive Committee Skype Meeting/Conference Call
Wednesday, April 22, 2020
11:30AM-12:30PM
For Those Joining By Phone: (608) 316-9000
Conference ID: 84873594**

MEETING MINUTES

Members Present: Mark Tyler, Secretary Caleb Frostman, Sheila Briggs, Sachin Shivaram, Kathi Siefert

Members Not Present:

Others Present: Bruce Palzkill, Phil Koenig, Danielle Williams, Tierney Gill

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

Chair Tyler welcomed everyone and thanked them for attending and participating in the day's discussions. He referenced expectations of the group and laid out where the CWI was headed over the next couple months, including that the group would still like to get their recommendations to the Governor by the August meeting so that they would need to be presented to the Council at that time. Council at that time.

- II. May CWI Meeting Open Discussion, Brainstorming Session
 - a. Meeting Options: Proceed, Reschedule, Cancel

After discussion, it was decided to push the next CWI meeting out to June 16 while holding the May 19th date for another Executive Committee meeting to hear report outs from the working groups on their decisions regarding the status of their priorities. Working group chairs agreed that it was reasonable to have all of their groups meet prior to that May 19th date and be able to report out on their group decisions at that meeting.

Kathi S asked for clarification on the recommendations, and how the groups would be pivoting to address the changed situation that they all face and how the outreaches would take on a different flavor or approach in the COVID19 and post- COVID19 world in light of a changed talent demand landscape. Chair Tyler responded that we will be progressing within the framework of the strategic plan, but leaving it flexible enough that recommendations can bring to the table things that were not covered by the plan or increase coverage of priorities within the plan to include the new normal.

In response to questions asking where the business world is at, Chair Tyler asked Tierney to assist in reaching out to WEDC and DWD to ask for recent information on what they are seeing, where the winds are blowing, what business needs/challenges they see, etc. Kathi S provided a business survey that would potentially answer those questions already. Sheila B discussed the difficulties facing high school and college kids in looking to start/continue higher education in the fall, including grading changes,

sports eligibility, summer school classes, in person vs online classes. Chair Tyler reiterated that it would be difficult to get kids who leave school to enter the workforce to go back to school again later, and Bruce P suggested that it would be a beneficial time and place to expand the reach and nimbleness of apprenticeship to provide additional training, skills development, and associate's degree attainment. Bruce P agreed to reach out to Rebecca Deschane at WEDC for information on what they know and are working on and get it in place prior to the May meeting, and Mark agreed to reach out to the chambers as well to get a sense of what needs they are dealing with and what things on the ground look like.

- b. If Proceeding, Meeting Format?
 - i. Video Conference
 - ii. Phone
 - iii. All 4 Meetings, Just Working Groups, Just Board?
- c. Working Groups?
 - i. Priorities vs New Normal
 - ii. Recommendations for August meeting

III. Other Business

Bruce P informed the group about Dawn Pratt no longer serving on the CWI due to taking a job with DWD, so that in the Employment/Training Working Group leadership interim Sheila Briggs agreed to serve for the time being.

- a. Next Exec Committee Meeting – TBD
- b. Approval of the January 22, 2020 Meeting Minutes

Meeting was concluded prior to vote on the minutes, so they will be included in the next meeting instead.

- c. Looking Forward
- d. Public Comment

There were no public comments.

IV. Closing Remarks

Chair Tyler thanked everyone for coming, and thanked Kathi S for the business survey she provided, indicated he would read it over to see if it would answer the questions that they wanted to ask of WEDC/DWD.

V. Adjournment

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

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