



**ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF LABOR  
& WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT**

***Alaska Workforce Investment Board (AWIB) Meeting***

**May 24, 2016**

**Anchorage, Governor's Conference Room**

**550 W. 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Suite 1700**

**Fairbanks, Governor's Conference Room**

**675 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Suite H5**

**Juneau, Department of Commerce Community and**

**Economic Development Conference Room**

**State Office Building, 9<sup>th</sup> Floor A South**

**333 Willoughby Avenue**

**Teleconference Number 1-888-354-0094 Conference ID 4461969**

**Tuesday, May 24, 2016**

***Board members and Designees in attendance*** ***Location***

Gerad	Godfrey	Lt.Gov. Designee		
Corey	Baxter	Organized Labor	x	Anchorage
Bruce	Bustamante	Private Sector	x	Teleconference
Heidi	Drygas	DOLWD Commissioner		
Greg	Cashen	DOLWD Designee	x	Juneau
Florian	Borowski	Business/Industry	x	Anchorage
Kathy	Craft	Prof Dev Disabilities	x	Teleconference
Doug	Tansy	Organized Labor	x	Fairbanks
Kurt	Kuhne	Private Sector	x	Anchorage
David	Alexander	Adult Basic Education	x	Anchorage
John	MacKinnon	Private Sector	x	Juneau
Curtis	Clough	DEED Designee	x	Juneau
Kevin	Pomeroy	Organized Labor	x	Fairbanks
Ethan	Tyler	DCCED Designee		
Karen	Forrest	DHHS Designee	x	Teleconference
		Post Sec Ed/Voc/Ind		
Peggy	Cowan	Secondary Vocational Ed	x	Juneau
Pearl	Strub	Business/Industry		
Fred	Villa	University of Alaska	x	Fairbanks
Mike	Tucker	Native E/T	x	Anchorage
Marcus	Trivette	Private Sector	x	Anchorage
Doug	Ward	Business/Industry		
Mike	Woods	Public Education		
Corey	Baxter	Organized Labor	x	Juneau
James	Hastings	Veteran		
Gary	Dixon	Organized Labor	x	Anchorage

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**Board members absent or excused**

James Hastings, Veteran  
Mike Woods, Public Education  
Pearl Strub; Business/Industry  
Doug Ward; Business/Industry  
Ethan Tyler; DCCD Designee  
Gerad Godfrey; Lt. Governor Designee

**AWIB Staff in attendance**

Louise Dean, Program Coordinator; Heather Beaty, Executive Director

**DOLWD Staff in attendance**

Mike Andrews, Director, DOLWD/Division of Employment and Training Services; Anna Latham, Legislative Liaison, DOLWD/Commissioner's Office; Paloma Harbour, Director, DOLWD/Administrative Services Division; Neal Fried, DOLWD/Research and Analysis Division; Caroline Schultz, DOLWD Research and Analysis Division

**Call to Order** – The meeting was called to order by Chair Larry Bell at 8:35 a.m.

**Roll Call**- Heather Beaty – Executive Director Beaty called roll and advised Chair Bell there was a quorum present for the meeting.

**Opening Remarks – Larry Bell** – Chair Bell welcomed the board members and guests to the meeting. He also announced that Ken Peltier resigned from the board and his service is noted.

**Welcome – Deputy Commissioner Cashen** – Deputy Commissioner Cashen indicated he and the Commissioner appreciate the board members participation via video conference for the meeting. All boards are moving towards this format and only having one face to face meeting per year. He also indicated the Commissioner and Governor are pleased with the direction of the board and engagement of the board members.

**Agenda Approval**

**MOTION** to approve agenda by Florian Borowski  
Seconded by Marcus Trivette  
Vote taken  
MOTION carries

**Budget Update – Paloma Harbour – Director, DOLWD, Administrative Services** – Paloma reported that as of the AWIB meeting the budget has not been passed by the legislature. If a budget is not passed by June 1<sup>st</sup> layoff notices will be sent to employees.

**Department of Labor and Workforce Development Legislative Update, Anna Latham, Legislative Liaison** – Anna reported the department worked closely with Senator Micciche and Representative Olson to repeal the Alaska Workers Compensation Appeals Commission. The department also worked on cleaning up language in statute in reference to the Division of Employment and Training Services. Representative Wilson plans on bringing back the issue on eliminating TVEP next session.

**Department of Labor and Workforce Development Economic Update – Neal Fried and Caroline Schultz DOLWD Research and Analysis** – Neal Fried and Caroline Schultz provided economic and workforce information to the board.

**Public Testimony** – One individual participated in public testimony. Shelly Wright from Southeast Conference reported the ARDORs are alive and well and working in their regions.

**Committee Reports**

Larry Bell - Executive Committee – The executive committee met monthly and had one additional meeting to support the LEAP grant application.

Doug Tansy – Legislative Committee – The legislative committee has not met since the February AWIB meeting.

Corey Baxter – Policy and Planning Committee – The committee worked on revising the AWIB bylaws which is an action item later in the meeting. The committee also worked on revising AWIB Policy 100-2014 – Alaska TVEP Assessment and Transcription of Credit for Military Training and Experience. This is an action item later in the meeting.

Marcus Trivette – Workforce Readiness Employment Placement Committee – The committee worked on the reviewing the Mining Workforce Development plan for adoption by the AWIB. This is an action item later in the meeting. The committee also worked on Amended Resolution 16-02 Resolution to Increase Alaska Hire. This is an action item later in the meeting.

### **Statewide Vocational Rehabilitation Committee**

Kathy Craft – AWIB representative on the State Vocational Rehabilitation Committee. The committee met in Sitka. It is extremely challenging for people to get services in outlying areas. The September meeting will be in Fairbanks via teleconference. The meeting will cover the yearly calendar and election of officers.

### **Alaska Commission on Post-Secondary Education**

Kurt Kuhne – AWIB representative on Alaska Commission on Post-Secondary Education. The commission has not hired an executive director yet. The commission is looking at initiatives that provide training. They are also making updates on the student loan process.

### **Action Items**

**Resolution 16-04 Mining Workforce Development Plan** – Marcus Trivette gave an overview of the Resolution 16-04 Mining Workforce Development Plan and requested a motion from the board to support resolution 16-04 to adopt the plan.

**MOTION** to support Resolution 16-04 Mining Workforce Development Plan by Florian Borowski

Seconded by Mike Tucker

Discussion – Florian commended the work of the mining team as they have responded well to the AWIB. The plan is well thought out and sustainable.

David Alexander concurred.

Deputy Commissioner Cashen has questions after the vote is taken.

Vote taken

MOTION carries

Deputy Commissioner Cashen asked the status of the mines in southeast Alaska. Dave Rees, who was present via teleconference to represent the Alaska Miners Association, indicated projects are on hold because of prices. There was reference to the TAACTT grant. Fred Villa gave an update that there is one underground mine training south of Delta. There is a mill operation simulator on target to produce millwright training at Prince William Sound. The program will be offered this fall.

Kevin Pomeroy asked Dave Rees about the services being provided by service trucks with out of state license plates heading to mines in the Fairbanks area. Dave Rees indicated he did not know but Fort Knox would know.

**Amended AWIB Bylaws** – Corey Baxter gave an overview of the amendments to the AWIB bylaws. The amendments bring the language current to reflect WIOA vs. WIA. The changes also allow for electronic voting and virtual meetings.

**MOTION** to approve the amended AWIB bylaws by Corey Baxter

Seconded by David Alexander

Discussion – Florian Borowski indicated the board has evolved and the new language is a reflection of change. The board is now working more under the guise of the Commissioner and not the Governor.

Vote taken

MOTION carries

**David G. Stone Awards** – Louise Dean gave an overview of the David G. Stone awards. There are draft criteria for a new category of award for employers. The board will also need to determine when they want to open the nomination period for the David G. Stone awards.

**MOTION** to approve the criteria for the David G. Stone Employer of the Year award by Florian Borowski  
Seconded by Marcus Trivette

Vote taken

MOTION carries

The board decided to use the summer to promote the David G. Stone awards and open the nominations in the fall. The awards will be presented at the February 2017 AWIB meeting.

**Revised AWIB Policy 100-2014 Alaska TVEP Assessment and Transcription of Credit for Military Training and Experience** – Corey Baxter explained to the board that the changes to AWIB Policy 100-2014 reflect more accurate language. When the original policy was written the board did not have the expertise of a member representing veterans. Corey requested a motion to approve.

**MOTION** to approve the revised AWIB Policy 100-2014 Alaska TVEP Assessment and Transcription of Credit for Military and Experience by Marcus Trivette

Seconded by Gary Dixon

Discussion – Marcus thanked James Hastings for his insight to clean up the language in the policy.

Vote taken

MOTION carries

**Amended Resolution 16-02 Resolution to Increase Alaska Hire** – Marcus Trivette gave an overview of the amended resolution. The resolution was originally presented for approval at the February AWIB meeting and was sent back to committee. The amended resolution contains input from board members received after the meeting. Marcus asked for a motion to approve amended Resolution 16-02 Resolution to Increase Alaska Hire

**MOTION** to approve amended Resolution 16-02 Resolution to Increase Alaska Hire by Florian Borowski

Seconded by Marcus Trivette

Discussion – There was discussion about the order of the “whereas” in the document

Vote taken

MOTION carries

**Regional and Industry Updates from all AWIB members** – Board members gave updates from their regions and industries.

**DOLWD Training Updates and WIOA Activities** – Mike Andrews, Director, DOLWD Division of Employment and Training Services gave an update of the following activities: STEP; Transitioning Service Members; Industry Sector Planning; WIOA State Plan; American Apprenticeship Grant.

Executive Director Beaty indicated she would be asking for feedback on how to improve the grant review process. She will also be asking for feedback on the board meeting.

Florian Borowski discussed education the users of the workforce development system. He would like to have the effectiveness of the workforce development system measured. He would also like an evaluation done for the awareness of the workforce development system by major constituents. Deputy Director Cashen indicated Research and Analysis might be able to do a survey of employers.

Fred Villa would like the department consider something to recognize Ken Peltier for his service on the board.

## **ADJOURN**

**MOTION** to adjourn by Corey Baxter

Seconded by Gary Dixon

VOTE taken

MOTION carries.

Meeting adjourned at 3:45 p.m.

Next Meeting October 26-27, 2016