



Alaska Workforce Investment Board (AWIB) Business Meeting
June 22-23, 2022
9:00 AM – 4:30 PM
Mat-Su Career Tech High School
Wasilla, Alaska
Teleconference Number 907-202-7104 Conference ID 827 029 987#

Wednesday, June 22, 2022

Board members and Designees in attendance

First Name	Last Name	Representation	June 22, 2022	June 23, 2022
Kevin	Meyer	Lt. Gov.	X	Absent
Tamika	Ledbetter	DOLWD Commissioner	X	Absent
Duane	Mayes	DOLWD Designee/ DVR Director	X	Absent
Deb	Riddle	DEED Designee	X	X
Christine	Marasigan	DHSS Designee	X	X
Sara	Chambers	DCCED Designee	X	X
Michelle	Rizk	University of Alaska	X	X
Karla	Head	Post Sector Ed/Cov. Ind.	X	X
Patricia	Zugg	Mat-Su Borough School District	X	X
Malyn	Smith	Adult Basic Education	X	X
Alison	Nielsen-Bryant	Prof. Dev. Disabilities	X	X
Tony	Delia	Native E/T Org	X	X
Brenda	Pacarro	Business/ Industry	X	X
Larry	Bell	Business/ Industry	X	X
Lucille	Sands	Business/ Industry	Absent	Absent
Mari	Selle	Business/ Industry	Absent	Absent
Peter	Frank	Private Sector	Absent	Absent
Patrick	Rose	Private Sector	Absent	X
Marcus	Trivette	Private Sector	X	X
Sharon	Jackson	Private Sector	X	X



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Scott	Eickholt	Organized Labor	X	Absent
Corey	Baxter	Organized Labor	X	X
Ryan	Andrew	Organized Labor	X	Absent
Anthony	Ladd	Organized Labor	X	X

AWIB Staff in attendance

Kyla Pomrenke, Executive Director
Greg Cashen, Assistant Director
Anne Velardi, Program Coordinator
Rut Ocasio-Lopez, Grant Administrator
Shane Bannarbie, Program Coordinator
Leslie Vines, Program Coordinator
Xavien Phillips, Program Coordinator
Jonathan Thompson, Grant Administrator
Robert Perea, Project Assistant

DOLWD Staff in attendance

Kathy Munoz, Deputy Commissioner of DOLWD
Dan Robinson, Chief, DOLWD/ Research and Analysis
Cathy LeCompte, Director, Alaska Vocational Education Center (AVTEC)
Patsy Westcott, Director, Division of Employment & Training Services (DETS)
Amanda Sivertsen, Administrative Officer, DOLWD
Adam Weinert, Executive Secretary, Commissioner's Office

Guests in attendance

Randi Trani, Mat-Su Career Tech High School
Justin Aimsforth

9:00 Introduction

Call to Order **Marcus Trivette**
Marcus Trivette called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM.

Roll Call **Executive Director Pomrenke**
Executive Director Pomrenke called roll. A quorum was present for the meeting.

Welcome..... **Marcus Trivette**
Marcus Trivette thanked everyone for attending the meeting. He introduced new board members, Michelle Rizk and Tony Delia, and asked them to provide a brief synopsis about themselves.

Agenda Approval **Marcus Trivette**
MOTION to approve the agenda by Corey Baxter
Second By Larry Bell
Discussion – none
Vote taken
MOTION carries



Welcome to Mat-Su Borough School District.....Dr. Randy Trani, Superintendent
Dr. Trani spoke about the CTE programs at the Mat-Su Borough School District. He said the district's focus is to emphasize college AND CTE career paths for all students.

Commissioner Greeting..... Commissioner Tamika Ledbetter
Commissioner Ledbetter welcomed AWIB Board Members and thanked them for their time. She spoke about the resilience of Alaska's workforce over the past several years. She also recognized Lt. Governor Kevin Meyer for his lengthy legislative record to support Alaska's workforce in the Alaska Legislature and presented him with a plaque. Lt. Governor Meyer gave brief remarks thanking the Commissioner and the AWIB board for their service.

9:30 DOLWD Research and Analysis Dan Robinson, Chief Research and Analysis

Dan Robinson explained Research and Analysis (R&A) Division and how the division can provide relevant information to serve the AWIB Board better. He spoke of the recent work of the R&A division to forecast Alaska's population trends out to 2050 and Alaska's industry projections out to 2030. He opened a question-and-answer session with board members, answering the burning questions.

10:15 Break

10:30 Youth in Alaska Presentation.....Executive Director Pomrenke
Executive Director Pomrenke introduced a panel with Mat-Su Borough School District Career Technical Education Staff and Industry experts and moderated with pre-selected questions. Board members were invited to ask questions afterward.

11:30 Public Testimony.....Chair Brenda Pacarro
There were no participants for public testimony.

11:45 Working Lunch.....Shane Bannarbie
Shane led the board members through a structured networking session during lunch.

1:00 Committee Reports Committee Chairs

Executive Committee Chair Brenda Pacarro
Chair Pacarro stated in March; that the ExCo approved the WIOA Alaska State Plan 2020-2023. They discussed the recommendation of two new committees for the AWIB to consider. It was recommended to start the Legislative Committee up again and to have a committee focusing on disabilities. In May, they discussed the June 22-23, 2022 AWIB meeting draft agenda and attended the board training held by American Institute for Research (AIR). The committee approved the full board meeting agenda in June. Additionally, staff provided an AWIB Grants Unit / Apprenticeship update in all meetings.

Workforce Readiness & Employment Placement Marcus Trivette
Chair Trivette indicated the committee consists of Deborah Riddle, Alison Nielson-Bryant, and Scott Eickholt. Since the last board meeting, the committee reviewed the STEP and WIOA Youth grant applications and attended the board training held by AIR.



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Assessment and Evaluation Anthony Ladd

Chair Ladd reported the committee consists of Ryan Andrew, Peter Frank, Christine Marasigan, and Patricia Zugg. Since the last board meeting, the committee reviewed the STEP and WIOA Youth grant applications and attended the board training held by AIR.

Policy and Planning Corey Baxter

Chair Baxter stated the current members met to review STEP and WIOA grants and provided their award recommendations and comments for Commissioner determination. They also attended the board training provided by AIR.

1:30 Tour of Northern Industrial Training (NIT).....Patrick Rose

The AWIB Board members departed for a tour of NIT conducted by Patrick Rose.

AWIB Update Greg Cashen, AWIB Assistant Director

Assistant Director Cashen provided a brief Grants Unit update. He provided the total amount of awards, the amounts expended, and the number of participants trained for each grant managed by the AWIB. State grant applicants (STEP, ACA, and TVEP) will be notified of an award when the budget is signed by the governor.

3:41 Recess



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9:00 Roll Call.....Executive Director Pomrenke

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9:15 Tour of Career and Technical High School.....Patrica Zugg

Patricia Zugg provided a short presentation and a tour to the members.

10:30 Member Updates:

THEME: What impact do you expect the infrastructure funds to have on your organization, and how can AWIB staff assist you?

Each member provided an answer to the questions.

12:00 Lunch

1:00 Tour of My House

The AWIB Board members departed for a tour of MyHouse.

3:00 Department Presentations

- **DOLWD Budget Update Amanda Sivertsen, Administrative Operations Manager**
Amanda introduced herself and provided a brief update on the budget and admin operations.

- **DOLWD Legislative Update Cathy Muñoz, Deputy Commissioner**
Deputy Commissioner Muñoz updated the board on Legislative Affairs. DC Muñoz mentioned the three bills in the Senate that will benefit DOLWD; SB 131, SB 174, and SB 108.

- SB 131:

- An Act relating to the presumption of compensability for a disability resulting from certain cancers in firefighters; relating to the payment of workers' compensation benefits in the case of permanent partial impairment; relating to the payment of workers' compensation death benefits, and providing for an effective date.

- <https://www.akleg.gov/basis/Bill/Detail/32?Root=sb%20131>

- HB 30

- An Act relating to the payment of sick leave by employers; and providing for an effective date

- <http://www.akleg.gov/basis/Bill/Detail/30?Root=HB%2030>

- SB 174:

- An Act relating to dress codes and natural hairstyles.

- <https://www.akleg.gov/basis/Bill/Detail/32?Root=sb%20174>



- HB 185:
 - An Act relating to the reemployment of persons who retire under the teachers' retirement system.
 - <http://www.akleg.gov/basis/Bill/Detail/30?Root=sb%20185>
- **AVTEC Update** **Cathy LeCompte, Director of AVTEC**
Director LeCompte described how AVTEC is experiencing a new norm and reacclimating itself back into this new norm.
- **DETS Update.....****Patsy Westcott, Director of DETS**
Director Westcott gave a brief update on the Division of Employment and Training Services. She mentioned that once the doors opened to the public, the offices were not filled as expected. They are also strengthening bonds with DOC with re-employment services.
- **DVR Update.....****Kyla Pomrenke, on behalf of Duane Mayes, Director**
ED Pomrenke gave an update on behalf of Duane Mayes and indicated the MASST program would transfer from DETS to DVR effective July 1, 2022.
- 3:30 Meeting observations / comments / feedback**
Tony Delia, Michelle Rizk, Patrick Rose, and Patricia Zugg all agreed the meeting was excellent to meet in person. ED Pomrenke thanks everyone for coming.
- 3:43: Wrap Up / Adjourn**
MOTION to adjourn by Patricia Zugg
Second by Tony Delia
Discussion – none
Vote taken
MOTION carries
- 3:45 Adjourn**