



**ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF LABOR
& WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT**

**Alaska Workforce Investment Board
Executive Committee**

1:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

March 8, 2022

907-202-7104 Phone Conference ID 117 161 021 9#

MINUTES

THE VISION for the Alaska Workforce Investment Board is “building connections that put Alaskans into good jobs.”

MISSION: To provide leadership and recommend policy, direction, and accountability standards to get Alaskans into jobs.

Call to Order ____ Brenda Pacarro, AWIB Chair; ____ Mari Selle, Vice-Chair; x Marcus Trivette, WREP Chair; ____ Brenda Pacarro, Legislative Chair; x Anthony Ladd, AE Chair; x Corey Baxter; Policy and Planning Chair

The meeting was called to order at 1:41 p.m.

Executive Director Kyla Pomrenke called roll; a quorum was present.

Introduction of other participants..... Executive Director Kyla Pomrenke
Anne Velardi, Program Coordinator
Shane Bannarbie, Program Coordinator
Xavien Phillips, Program Coordinator
Marcia Olsen – WIOA Plan Contractor

Approval of Agenda..... Corey Baxter
Motion to approve by – Anthony Ladd
Second by – Marcus Trivette
Discussion - None
Opposition - None
Motion carries

Action Item(s).....Corey Baxter
Approval of February 8, 2022, AWIB Executive Committee Meeting minutes
Motion to approve by – Anthony Ladd
Second by – Marcus Trivette
Discussion - None
Opposition - None
Motion carries



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Approval of February 24, 2022, AWIB Meeting Agenda

Motion to approve by – Anthony Ladd

Second by – Marcus Trivette

Discussion - None

Opposition - None

Motion carries

Approval of the WIOA Alaska State Plan 2020 - 2023

Motion to approve by – Anthony Ladd

Second by – Corey Baxter

Discussion – Executive Director Pomrenke introduced Marcia Olsen to discuss the WIOA State Plan to give an overview of the changes. Marcia indicated that the Department of Labor (DOL) wanted to focus on the impact of COVID. Most of the changes were made on pages 9 – 24 of the state plan. One of the major changes was the switch from Alexsys to AlaskaJobs. Another major change was an update on the Registered Apprenticeship sections.

Opposition - None

Motion carries

Discussion Item(s)..... Corey Baxter

New Committees.....Executive Director Kyla Pomrenke

Two committees were recommended for the AWIB to consider.

- The Legislative Committee should start up again
- A committee focusing on disabilities, which was recommended in the February 24, 2022, board meeting

The Committee recommended discussing these ideas at the next Executive Committee meeting when more members are present.

AWIB Grants Unit/ Apprenticeship Update.....Anne Velardi/Greg Cashen

Anne mentioned that the STEP and WIOA Youth RGA are still open this week. In the technical assistance sessions, the grants unit helped applicants understand the most common errors that are made that would consider an application non-responsive. There were no new updates on the Apprenticeship

The committee discussed the possible uses of the additional funding STEP would receive for the upcoming 2023 fiscal year. Executive Commissioner Pomrenke discussed the Commissioner's ideas for allocating the funds, including maritime training and rural student training.

Other Business –

None

Adjourn

Motion to adjourn by – Anthony

Second by – Marcus Trivette



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Discussion - None
Opposition - None
Motion carries

Adjourn at 2:07 p.m.

Next Executive Committee Meeting – April 12, 2022