

MINUTES

Planning/Performance/Finance Committee of the WEST CENTRAL LOCAL WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD

March 4, 2024

The Planning/Performance/Finance Committee of the West Central Local Workforce Development Board convened its meeting through electronic means on March 4, 2024, beginning at 11:00 a.m. The meeting was conducted via the Teams platform and a telephone line for members, non-members, and the public. Chair Karen Breashears presided with the following members voicing their presence: Brent Black, Karen Breashears, Allan George, Herman Grayer, Jeremy Hughes, Cole McCaskill, and William Weston

The Planning/Performance/Finance Committee members Tanif Crotts and Gary Troutman were unable to attend.

The Board Staff Present were Margaret Dearmon, Cora Easterday and Dwayne Pratt

Chair Opening Comments: Ms. Breashears called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m. and declared a quorum after staff conducted a roll call. Ms. Breashears emphasized the importance of participants signing into the chat box with their name and organization for record-keeping purposes.

Agenda Item 1 – ACTION – Approval of Local Plan: Ms. Breashears stated the main focus of the meeting was to review the workforce development local plan, with an emphasis on aligning data from previous years and identifying any potential gaps. The meeting also addressed the need for consistency in the plan's presentation across different screens and the potential for receiving public comments.

Additionally, there was a discussion about the changing sectors in the Diamond Lakes region, particularly in relation to tourism and retail, and the importance of aligning field activities with board initiatives. Ms. Dearmon also highlighted the participation and input received from core partners regarding the local plan. The team also discussed addressing necessary changes to questions and updates to charts. Ms. Breashears encouraged feedback from the team, and she said an executive committee meeting has been scheduled to approve the committee's recommendation. After discussion, a **Motion** was made by Mr. Weston, seconded by Mr. Hughes to approve the local plan. Motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Breashears turned the floor over to Ms. Easterday for the discussion around the ADA compliance of the NCSI training site and the accessibility of their facilities, with Ms. Dearmon, Ms. Easterday and others expressing reservations about the lack of accessibility and its potential impact on federal funding, it was recommended that the provider not be approved as a training provider at this time.

Ms. Breashears concluded the meeting with an expression of gratitude for the participants' dedication and a **motion** was made by Mr. Grayer, seconded by Mr. George, to adjourn the meeting at 11:24 a.m.



Karen Breashears, Chair

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