

MINUTES of the
WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
February 16, 2023 10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. TEAMS Conference Call

Members present: Dave Farnsworth, Arnie Strebe
Ex Officio members present: Katie Ralston Howe
Commerce staff and Job Service staff present: Phil Davis, Sherri Frieze
Guest present: Andrea Pfennig

Dave Farnsworth called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m. No quorum was present. Meeting continued with discussion amongst those in attendance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES
August 18, 2022 and November 17, 2022
No consideration

National Governor's Association (NGA) Conference
Dave Farnsworth

Dave talked about the recent National Governor Association Conference that was attended by Katie and him in Washington, DC. At this conference, Katie presented to Directors and Chairs, the option to have Fargo, ND host the next NGA summer conference. Katie's presentation was selected over that of Los Angeles and Seattle. Fargo will host the summer conference the third week of August with the Governor in attendance. Katie is asking for any topics to be brought forward as the conference planning begins.

WIOA POLICY REVIEW – Phil Davis
Adult Dislocated Worker Funding Transfer
Data Validation
Common Exit – no changes but date update
Individual Training Account – no changes but date update

Phil gave an overview of the policies that were presented by Tammy Barstad and approved by the Administrative Committee on February 14th. These policies have sunset dates, along with policy updates that will need to be reviewed every two or three years by the Job Service ND team.

WDC Q1 March TEAMS MEETING
Katie Ralston Howe

Katie discussed the Q1 full council shorter meeting that will be held virtually in March.

Agenda timeline:

- WIOA policy updates
- WIOA program update
- Legislative updates by agency and education representatives.
- Agency budget bill discussion.
- Member industry update
- Preliminary discussions for meeting locations in Q2 & Q3.

Discussions about the future of WDC included:

- Build on the WDC recommendations.
- After funding has been put in place and projects get underway, will modification be needed.
- An additional opportunity for building in local level recommendations.
- Split the Career & Exploration and Technical Skills Gap subcommittees into two.
- Size limits and smaller groups for more accountability.
- Subcommittee meetings to every other month.

ADJOURNMENT

With no quorum present, no motion was made. The meeting ended at 11:15 a.m.