

Governor's Workforce Development Board - Minutes

Tuesday, June 20, 2023 | 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

The Heritage Center
Brooklyn Center, Minnesota

GWDB Members or Agency Designees	Guests and Staff
Hannah Alstead Carol Anderson Laura Beeth (GWDB Chair) Michael Berndt Commissioner Nicole Blissenbach (DLI) Deb Broberg Shannon Bryant (Minnesota State) Kevion Ellis Troy Haugen Sam Heimlich Dr. Nerita Hughes Katie Lundmark Marc Majors (DEED) Angela Mansfield (MDE) Nicole Mattson Dr. Paul Pribbenow Gabriel Mooney Karl Ohrn (Minnesota State) Jovon Perry Rep. Bernie Perryman Jeffrey Rainey Karlton Scott Linda Sloan Shannon Sloan Rob Stark Kyle Van Acker	<p>Guests</p> Brad Hasskamp (MDE) Jess Niebuhr (Minnesota State) <p>GWDB Staff</p> Katie McClelland, Director Sonji Davis, Workforce Policy Coordinator Kay Kammen, Sr. Policy Analyst <p>DEED Staff</p> Darielle Dannen, Director of Government Relations Ahmed Mohidin, Youth Programs Coordinator Armah Lansanah, Administrative Aide

Call to Order and Table Introductions

Laura Beeth, Chair of the Governor's Workforce Development Board, called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m., welcoming members and guests in attendance.

Action Items:

- Approval of the Chair Report for 2nd Quarter 2023
 Rob Stark made a motion to approve the quarterly Chair Report. Jeffrey Rainey seconded the motion. The report was approved.

- Approval of Minutes from the March 30, 2023 Full Board Meeting
Jeffrey Rainey made a motion to approve the Minutes from the March 30, 2023 Full Board Meeting. The motion was seconded by Deb Broberg. The minutes were approved.

Chair Beeth recognized Dr. Nerita Hughes, who resigned from her position as the Women’s Economic Security Act (WESA) representative on the GWDB, and has been named President of Bay College, a regional community college with two campuses in Michigan’s Upper Peninsula.

DEED Update

DEED Deputy Commissioner for Workforce Development Marc Majors highlighted some of the key outcomes of the historic 2023 Minnesota Legislative Session. He spoke on the funding allocated to the Office of New Americans, which will be housed at DEED and led by Assistant Commissioner Abdiwadi Mohamed, as well as the upcoming Drive for 5 request for proposal process and funding for youth programs.

Minnesota Association of Workforce Boards (MAWB)

Deb Bahr-Helgen, Director, City of Minneapolis Employment and Training, previewed the upcoming MAWB Summer Meeting in Duluth August 2-4, 2023. Current funding is going toward STEP-UP Internships, international workers, and programs for youth and young adults. She said, the workforce system has been serving more Dislocated Workers, yet there are opportunities for middle managers.

2023 Legislative Session

DEED Government Relations Director, Darielle Dannen, gave a wrap-up of the 2023 Legislative Session, providing details on the Drive for 5 Fund, Targeted Populations Workforce Programs, and establishment of the Office of New Americans. Surplus funds at the state level impacted child care, education and labor and industry programs.

Workforce Summit Update

GWDB Director Katie McClelland told the Board about the upcoming **Workforce Summit on September 20, 2023**, led by the GDWB and focusing on statewide workforce development strategy, featuring DEED Commissioner Matt Varilek and Deputy Commissioner Marc Majors. The afternoon will include “Ideas to Action” breakout sessions for State Program Administrators and Local Workforce Development Areas as they plan for the upcoming planning process.

The **GWDB Quarterly Meeting on September 21** will be a State Planning Session featuring:

- Updates from WIOA Program Administrators about what to expect in the State Plan.
- Report outs from the Workforce Development Regions about Ideas to Action planning sessions for incorporation into the State Plan.

GWDB State and Federal Grant Coordination

Katie McClelland

- MPCA Pollution & Mitigation Grant Application – Completed
- CHIPS Act Application
- Broadband
- Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act/Inflation Reduction Act

Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) Employment & Training Plan

Anastasia Polda, SNAP E&T Supervisor, Department of Human Services, gave an overview of the federal-state partnership designed to help Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program recipients. She also discussed funding and where SNAP E & T fits into the WIOA Combined State Plan. She spoke on the strategies, strengths, and challenges in delivering services to participants with multiple barriers to employment.

Following a networking lunch, co-chairs of the GWDB’s “Drive for 5” Subcommittees and chairs/vice-chairs of the GWDB’s standing committees gave report-outs:

Industry Partnership “Drive for 5” Subcommittees

- Technology
- Caring Professions
- Education
- Advanced Manufacturing
- Trades

Standing Committees

- Youth Programs
- Racial Equity
- Disability Equity
- Future of Work

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned by acclamation at 2:02 p.m.

*The next meeting of the Governor’s Workforce Development Board is scheduled from **10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 21** at the Radisson St. Paul Downtown, 161 St. Anthony Ave., St. Paul 55103.*