

**Nebraska Workforce Investment Board
Executive Committee Meeting Minutes**

Chief Industries, Inc.
300 Canopy Street, Suite 200 – Lincoln, NE
April 17, 2015
9:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. (CST)

Agenda Item #1 – Call to Order

The meeting of the Nebraska Workforce Investment Board (NWIB) Executive Committee was called to order on April 17, 2015 at approximately 9:33 a.m. by the Chair, Mr. Mark Moravec.

Agenda Item #2 – Roll Call

NWIB Executive Committee members present (5):

John Albin	Bud Fleischer	Brad Schroeder
Dennis Baack	Mark Moravec	

NWIB members absent (8):

Bradley Bird	Brenda Hicks-Sorensen	Courtney Philips
Matt Blomstedt	Don Nordell	Becky Stitt
Michael Geary*	Michelle Olson	

A quorum was not established. All voting items were postponed until the next meeting at which a quorum could be met.

Other Guests in Attendance (9):

Shirley Carlson	Heartland Workforce Solutions
Amanda Felton	Nebraska Department of Labor – Employment & Training
Mary Findlay	Nebraska Department of Labor – Labor Market Information
Vicki Leech	City of Lincoln – Urban Development
Joan Modrell	Nebraska Department of Labor – Employment & Training Director
Yvette Montes	Nebraska Department of Labor – Employment & Training
Jan Norlander-Jensen	City of Lincoln – Urban Development
Stan Odenthal	Nebraska Department of Labor – Employment & Training
Thomas Ukinski	Nebraska Department of Labor – Legal Counsel

Agenda Item #3 – Notice of Publication

Amanda Felton, recorder for the NWIB Executive Committee, stated that notice of a public meeting was both posted and advertised in accordance with the Public Meetings Law. Notices were marked as exhibits and made part of the formal record of the meeting.

Agenda Item #4 – Approval of Minutes

Due to the lack of a quorum, Chair Moravec postponed the approval of the meeting minutes from January 9, 2015. He opened the floor for any necessary corrections to be made. No corrections were noted.

Chair Moravec stated that dates, agendas, minutes and handouts for the full board, as well as the Executive Committee and the Performance Committee, can be found on the website at www.dol.nebraska.gov under the heading “Workforce Investment Act.”

While the new members were not present, the Chair took this time to congratulate Brenda Hicks-Sorensen, Courtney Philips, and Bradley Bird on their appointment as members of the Nebraska Workforce Investment Board and its Executive Committee.

Agenda Item #5 – New Business

a. Update on Nebraska Workforce Development Board (NWDB)

Nebraska Department of Labor (NDOL) Commissioner, John Albin, updated the members present on the current status of the NWDB. He informed the Committee that the Governor had sent out solicitations for nominations for business, legislative, and labor representatives. Mr. Albin noted that both Courtney Philips, CEO of the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services, and Brenda Hicks-Sorensen, Director of the Nebraska Department of Economic Development, were enthusiastic about being members of the NWDB. With their addition that would put the Board membership at a minimum of 25 members. Final Board appointments were anticipated very soon.

b. Update on State Implementation of Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA)

Joan Modrell, Director of the Office of Employment & Training, reviewed with the Board the new functions of the State Board under WIOA. She encouraged the members present to familiarize themselves with the changes ahead and to be prepared for new responsibilities should they be appointed to the NWDB.

Bud Fleischer inquired if there were any obstacles to be prepared for. Ms. Modrell indicated that the timing and issuance of program funds is often an item that can cause anxiety. Historically, the release of funding by the federal government has been very close to the program start dates. She discussed all the steps that NDOL staff take to be as prepared as possible for when funds are finally available. Mr. Albin commented on the complications that could arise when dealing with federal funds. He stated that no clear information regarding what happens to Workforce Investment Act funds once the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act goes into effect.

Ms. Modrell continued on by informing the Committee members of the preliminary policies that the NDOL staff had been working on. With the release of the federal regulations, the policies originally issued as preliminary will become interim policies that will be open for public comment.

Stan Odenthal, Administrator with the Office of Employment and Training, covered the implementation of the new legislation by presenting a timeline to the members. Items covered included Core Partner meetings, weekly WIOA Policy meetings, local area plans that are due May 29, 2015, the State plan due in March of 2016, conversations with Iowa regarding a collaboration on a regional plan, Eligible Training Providers, and the challenges ahead for the local areas in creating their Boards.

***Let it be stated for the record that Michael Geary entered the meeting at 10:31.**

c. Economic Region Designation Planning

Ms. Modrell drew the member's attention to the various maps presented on the handouts. The members conversed about each of the maps and the influence the various patterns had on establishing regional areas.

d. Business and/or Partner Updates

Chair Moravec then invited the members to discuss what was happening in their areas. The business and/or partners gave a brief snapshot of conditions in their industry, business or agency and any new initiatives or trends.

Agenda Item #6 – Upcoming Meetings

Chair Moravec reminded the members of the Performance Committee meeting coming up on May 20, 2015 and the full NWIB meeting on June 5, 2015.

Agenda Item #7 – Adjournment

It was moved by Brad Schroeder to adjourn. Michael Geary seconded the motion. No discussion ensued. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote. Meeting adjourned at 11:11 a.m.

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