# Greater Nebraska Workforce Investment Board Chief Elected Officials Board Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

Holiday Inn Express and Suites 300 Holiday Frontage Road, North Platte, NE May 27, 2015 12:30 – 1:15 pm (CST)

## Agenda Item I – Call to Order

Pamela Lancaster, Chair, called the meeting of the Greater Nebraska Chief Elected Officials Board (CEOB) Executive Committee Meeting to order at 12:32 pm on May 27, 2015.

Agenda Item II - Roll Call		
CEOB Executive Committee men	abers present (3):	
Stanley Clouse	Joe Hewgley	Pamela Lancaster
CEOB Executive Committee men Charles "Chuck" Harris	abers absent (1):	
Charles "Chuck" Harris		
A quorum was established.		
Other Guests in Attendance (5):		
Seth Fager Ne	braska Department of Labor –	Employment & Training Administrator
Terri Malek-Madani	Nebraska Departm	nent of Labor - Employment & Training
Yvette Montes	Nebraska Departm	nent of Labor - Employment & Training
Elizabeth "Beth" Schuster	Nebraska Departm	nent of Labor - Employment & Training
Katie Thurber	Nebrask	ta Department of Labor – Legal Counsel

## Agenda Item III - Notice of Publication

Yvette Montes, recorder for the Nebraska Workforce Investment Board, stated that adequate legal notice of this meeting was posted in the Beatrice Daily Sun, Columbus Telegram, Grand Island Independent, Hastings Tribune, Kearney Hub, Norfolk Daily News, North Platte Telegraph, Scottsbluff Star-Herald, and the Sidney Sun-Telegraph. Let the record reflect that the notice was published in accordance with the open meeting law requirement and published in the Greater Nebraska area. A copy of the Nebraska Open Meeting Law was available at this meeting and could be obtained from the legal counsel or administrative staff.

## Agenda Item IV – Approval of Minutes

Chair Lancaster noted everyone received the meeting minutes from the CEOB Meeting on February 26, 2015 prior to this meeting. She asked if there were any corrections. There were no corrections. She entertained a motion. Joe Hewgley moved to approve the minutes of the February 26, 2015 CEOB meeting; Stanley Clouse seconded. No further discussion ensued. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

## Agenda Item V – Old Business

There were no items of Old Business to report or discuss.

## Agenda Item VI - New Business

A. Agreement between Greater Nebraska Chief Elected Officials Board (CEOB) and Greater Nebraska Workforce Development Board (WDB)

Chair Lancaster gave the floor to Seth Fager, Nebraska Department of Labor, Office of Employment and Training Administrator. The first order of business covered by Mr. Fager, was to update the agreement between the CEOB and the newly formed Greater Nebraska Workforce Development Board labeled as Attachment A. He gave an overview of the Agreement between The Greater Nebraska Chief Elected Officials Board (CEOB) and The Greater Nebraska Workforce Development Board (GNWDB). He stated the agreement defines the roles of both the CEOB and the GNWDB and had copies available for anyone wanting to review it. He proceeded to review the agreement in its entirety and asked for questions. The Board had no questions.

Chair Lancaster entertained a motion to accept the Agreement between Greater Nebraska Chief Elected Officials Board and Greater Nebraska Workforce Development Board. Stanley Clouse moved to accept the agreement. Joe Hewgley seconded. No further discussion ensued. A roll call was requested. Roll Call vote as follows:

**FOR: (3**)

Stanley Clouse Joe Hewgley Pa

Pamela Lancaster

AGAINST: (0)

ABSENT: (1) Chuck Harris

#### MOTION CARRIED

## B. Local Plan Modifications

Seth Fager proceeded to discuss mandated changes for WIOA and emphasized several things changed that had to be updated in the local plan. Changes required approval from the CEOB. Although several minor changes were made, such as changing program name from Workforce Investment Act (WIA) to Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA), a summary of highlights of these changes had to be created. The summary of the Local Plan Revisions for WIOA was presented and discussed. Copies of the full local plan and all attachments were available for review by anyone wishing to review it.

Mr. Fager went on to summarize the various changes to the document. Items of discussion included the composition of the Workforce Development Board (WDB), the removal of the Youth Council requirement, youth populations served, eligibility of participants, and performance measures.

Much discussion covered the change in funding being used for Out-of-School youth. Under WIOA, priority has been given to Out-of-School Youth because of more barriers to employment than their counterparts who remain in-school and therefore are in greater need of job training opportunities. Youth service providers must expend a minimum of 75% of

Youth Program dollars on that population (previously 50%). A discussion ensued regarding the Out-of-School Youth populations and why Youth service providers must now expend 75% of program funds versus 30%. Seth Fager noted that more out of school youth will be served and the focus has been given to high school drop outs, homeless and individuals with no intention of going on to any type of training or secondary education.

Seth Fager continued presenting. Up to 20% of funds allocated by the Governor can be allocated for incumbent worker training.

Each American Job Center/Nebraska Department of Labor location devotes an area in their resource center to information on entrepreneurship and small business development.

Chair Lancaster entertained a motion to approve the Local Plan Modification. Stanley Clouse moved to accept the agreement. Pamela Lancaster seconded. No further discussion ensued. A roll call was requested. Roll Call vote as follows:

**FOR: (3**)

Stanley Clouse Joe Hewgley Pamela Lancaster

AGAINST: (0)

ABSENT: (1) Chuck Harris

## **MOTION CARRIED**

C. Workforce Development Board Business Representatives

Mr. Fager presented the Board with the recommended Business Representatives for the Greater Nebraska Workforce Development Board members as voted on by the GNWIB Executive Committee. Chair Lancaster entertained a motion to approve the Workforce Development Board Business Representatives. It was moved by Stanley Clouse and seconded by Joe Hewgley to approve the following individuals to be appointed to the Workforce Development Board as Business Representatives:

- Wayne Brozek
- Michelle Engel
- Cory Goehring
- Greta Kickland
- Charlene Lant

- Denise Pfeifer
- Peggy Sandall-Bertrand
- Jill Smith
- Stacey Weaver
- Lisa Wilson

With Steve Sothan and Gunther Koob as alternate members if necessary. Chair Lancaster stated for the record that it was a difficult decision made by the Boards and that they accept responsibility for the choices made. A roll call was requested. Roll Call vote as follows:

**FOR: (3**)

Stanley Clouse Joe Hewgley Pamela Lancaster

## AGAINST: (0)

ABSENT: (1)
Chuck Harris

## **MOTION CARRIED**

## D. Workforce Development Board Workforce Representatives

Mr. Fager presented the Board with the recommended Workforce Representatives for the Greater Nebraska Workforce Development Board members as voted on by the GNWIB Executive Committee. Stanley Clouse moved and Joe Hewgley seconded to approve the following individuals to be appointed to the Workforce Development Board as Workforce Representatives:

- Jessica James-Grant as a representative with experience in addressing needs of eligible youth.
- Gary Kelley as a Labor Organization representative.
- Roy Lamb as a Labor Organization representative.
- Chris Callihan as an Apprenticeship Program representative.

No further discussion ensued. A roll call was requested. Roll Call vote as follows:

**FOR: (3)** 

Stanley Clouse

Joe Hewgley

Pamela Lancaster

AGAINST: (0)

ABSENT: (1) Chuck Harris

#### MOTION CARRIED

# E. Workforce Development Board Education Representatives

Mr. Fager presented the Board with the recommended Education Representatives for the Greater Nebraska Workforce Development Board members as voted on by the GNWIB Executive Committee. Stanley Clouse moved and Joe Hewgley seconded to approve the following individuals to be appointed to the Workforce Development Board as Education Representatives:

- Ann Chambers as an Adult Education and Literacy representative
- Karen Severson as a Higher Education representative

No further discussion ensued. A roll call was requested. Roll Call vote as follows:

**FOR: (3**)

Stanley Clouse Joe Hewgley Pamela Lancaster

AGAINST: (0)

**ABSENT: (1)** Chuck Harris

## **MOTION CARRIED**

F. Workforce Development Board Economic/Community Development Representatives

Mr. Fager presented the Board with the recommended Economic/Community Development Representatives for the Greater Nebraska Workforce Development Board members as voted on by the GNWIB Executive Committee. Stanley Clouse moved and Joe Hewgley seconded to approve Dan Mauk to be appointed to the Workforce Development Board as a Economic/Community Development Representative. No further discussion ensued. A roll call was requested. Roll Call vote as follows:

**FOR: (3**)

Stanley Clouse Joe Hewgley Pamela Lancaster

AGAINST: (0)

ABSENT: (1) Chuck Harris

#### **MOTION CARRIED**

G. Workforce Development Board Government Representatives.

Mr. Fager presented the Board with the recommended Government Representatives for the Greater Nebraska Workforce Development Board members as voted on by the GNWIB Executive Committee. Joe Hewgley moved and Sgan Clouse seconded to approve the following individuals to be appointed to the Workforce Development Board as Government Representatives:

- Elaine Anderson as a Vocational Rehabilitation representative
- Kelsey Miller as a Wagner-Peyser representative

No further discussion ensued. A roll call was requested. Roll Call vote as follows:

**FOR: (3)** 

Stanley Clouse Joe Hewgley Pamela Lancaster

AGAINST: (0)

ABSENT: (1)

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Chuck Harris

#### **MOTION CARRIED**

## H. WIOA Funding/Signature Sheet

The next item was to review and accept the PY15/FY16 funds for the Greater Nebraska Area. Mr. Fager presented the financial numbers for the members to review. Stanley Clouse moved to accept the PY15/FY16 Greater Nebraska Funds. Joe Hewgley seconded. No further discussion ensued. A roll call was requested. Roll Call vote as follows:

**FOR: (3**)

Stanley Clouse Joe Hewgley Pamela Lancaster

AGAINST: (0)

ABSENT: (1)
Chuck Harris

#### **MOTION CARRIED**

# I. Grant Agreement

The last item of New Business was to review and approve the Grant Recipient Services Agreement. Stanley Clouse moved to accept the Grant Agreement. Joe Hewgley seconded. No further discussion ensued. A roll call was requested. Roll Call vote as follows:

FOR: (3)

Stanley Clouse Joe Hewgley Pamela Lancaster

AGAINST: (0)

ABSENT: (1)
Chuck Harris

## **MOTION CARRIED**

## Agenda Item #7 – Public Comment

Chair Lancaster asked for public comment. Chair Lancaster took this opportunity to thank the GNWIB Chair, M. L. Martin, for her time served.

## Agenda Item #8 – Adjournment

Chair Lancaster Entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting. Stanley Clouse moved to adjourn the meeting. Joe Hewgley seconded. No further discussion ensued. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Chair Lancaster adjourned the meeting at 1:33 pm.

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