



GOVERNOR'S WORKFORCE INVESTMENT BOARD

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MEETING MINUTES

**Governor's Workforce Investment Board (GWIB)**

**Mining and Materials Sector Council**

**Wednesday, December 11, 2013**

**10:00 a.m.**

*Some members of the Council may be attending the meeting and provide testimony through a simultaneous videoconference and teleconference and other persons may observe the meeting conducted at the following locations listed below:*

**Place of Meeting:**

**Great Basin College**

Elko Campus

1500 College Parkway

Greenhaw Technical Arts Building, Room 124

Elko, NV

**Nevada JobConnect**

1500 Avenue F, Suite 1

Ely, NV

**Council Members Present:** Dana Pray, Nancy Gray, Joe Riney, Sharon Horn, Cindy Wild, Carrie Stringham, Bret Murphy, Russ Fields, Pam Borda, Todd Valline, Jeff Zander, Dr. Karoly Kocsisk, Eldon Buckley.

**Council Members Absent:** Denise Carver, Sharon Anderson, Marilyn Blades, Commissioner Vida Keller, Councilwoman Gerri Schroder, Ray Bacon, Mike Page, Wanda Taylor, Stan Hall, Richard Martin, William Kirby.

**Ex-Officio Members Present:** Jeremey Hays, Lynda Crawford.

**Ex-Officio Members Absent:** Byron Goynes (excused), Ken Pierson (excused), Lou Lombardo, Gary Skalsky.

**DETR WSU Staff Present:** Doug van Aman, De Salazar, Ansara Martino, Odalys Carmona.

**Others Present:** none noted.

*\*Please note that all attendees may not be listed above.*

## AGENDA

- I. Welcome, Introductions and New Members.....Dana Pray, Chair  
Governor’s Workforce Investment Board, Mining and Materials Sector Council

The Chair of this Council, Dana Pray, called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m., welcomed everyone and thanked them for attending this meeting. Ms. Pray then asked Ansara Martino to call roll.

- II. Roll call and Establishment of a Quorum ..... Ansara Martino, Grants and Policy Analyst  
Department of Employment, Training and Rehabilitation (DETR), Workforce Solutions Unit

Ansara Martino called roll and initially informed the Chair that a quorum was deficit by three members. Mr. McDowell subsequently informed the Chair that a quorum was present.

- III. Verification of Posting..... Ansara Martino

Ms. Pray asked Ansara Martino to verify that the agenda for this meeting was posted according to Nevada statute. Ms. Martino verified that the agenda for today’s meeting was posted according to NRS 241.020.

- IV. **First Public Comment Session** .....Dana Pray  
Members of the public will be invited to speak; however, no action may be taken on a matter during public comment until the matter itself has been included on an agenda as an item for possible action. Public comment may be limited to three minutes per person at the discretion of the chairperson.

Ms. Pray announced the First Public Comment Session. No public comments were made. Ms. Pray closed the session and turned to agenda item V.

- V. **For Possible Action** – Approval of September 4, 2013 Minutes.....Dana Pray

Ms. Pray asked the Council members if they had an opportunity to review the September 4, 2013 Meeting Minutes. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Todd Valline and it was seconded by Pam Borda. All were in favor. None were opposed. The motion carried.

- VI. **For Possible Action** – Approval of November 6, 2013 Minutes.....Dana Pray

Ms. Pray asked the Council members if they had an opportunity to review the November 6, 2013 Meeting Minutes. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Todd Valline and it was seconded by Pam Borda. All were in favor. None were opposed. The motion carried.

- VII. **For Possible Action** – Updates on the GWIB Mining and Materials Sector Council  
Subcommittees Chair Reports.....Dana Pray

- Strategic Plan Subcommittee .....Pam Borda, Chair
- Grants and Resources Subcommittee..... Todd Valline, Chair
- Best Practices Subcommittee ..... Joe Riney, Chair
- CTE, Education and Training Subcommittee .....Bret Murphy, Chair
- K-12, Education and Training Subcommittee.....Pam Borda, Chair
- Industry Employer Subcommittee.....Cindy Wild, Chair

### *CTE, Education and Training Subcommittee*

Bret Murphy informed the Council that at his Subcommittee’s last meeting, they discussed the possible expansion of Great Basin College’s welding and instrumentation program. They also discussed an instrumentation program. He reminded the Council about his previous discussions in Council meetings about the welding program and its budget, as well as the expense of expanding that program which would allow additional student enrollment. Demand of these programs is extremely high and that is validated by the survey the Council conducted of industry. Mr. Murphy then invited council member Shane Sutton to discuss the career pathways.

Council member Dr. Karoly Kocsis joined the meeting at this juncture, reducing the quorum's deficit to two members. Ms. Pray made note of Dr. Kocsis' attendance.

Mr. Sutton announced that the Federal Department of Labor recently announced that a Youth CareerConnect grant is available and the goal of the grant is to strengthen American youth talent pipeline by integrating academic and career-focused learning, work-based learning and exposure to the world of work, have robust employer engagement, individual career and academic counseling, and integration of post-secondary education and training. The grant requires strong public and private partnership and must include the local education agency, the local workforce investment system, an employer and an institution of higher learning. Mr. Sutton reviewed the actions Great Basin College would have to take in order to accommodate more students, which Bret Murphy also discussed, and he made suggestions for how high school students could follow industry career pathways and targeted in-demand occupations with the opportunity that this grant would offer. Mr. Sutton also reviewed an estimated budget for each proposed school site and requested that the Council review the employer engagement requirement of the grant. Upon conclusion, Mr. Sutton was thanked for the information he provided to the Council today and was asked some clarification questions as to the budget and what costs the grant would cover. Pam Borda made a motion for this Council to support the application for this grant. The motion was seconded by Sharon Horn. All were in favor.

#### *Strategic Plan Subcommittee*

Pam Borda announced that she and Todd Valline recently met with Ray Bacon, Vice-Chair of the GWIB Manufacturing Sector Council, to tour the southern Nevada district funded schools offering career and technical education. Ms. Borda said that she was impressed by the schools and she would like to explore implementing more schools with curriculum that aligns with each of Nevada's nine industry sectors. Each school can only take so many students and it is disheartening to think that some students cannot be accommodated. Todd Valline said that one problem he saw was that the Nevada System of Higher Education does not yet recognize the curriculum that is offered by the schools and this needs to be resolved. Ms. Borda echoed Mr. Valline's sentiments and voiced concern with the non-matriculation of credits from the high school programs into a Nevada post-secondary institution. Ms. Borda and Mr. Valline mentioned some of the projects and class activities that they saw the students undertaking, and said that more high schools of this type should be implemented.

#### *Grants and Resources Subcommittee*

Todd Valline announced that the activities of this Subcommittee are currently on hold until the Council has a quorum and decides how it wants to proceed.

#### *Industry Employer Subcommittee*

Cindy Wild informed the Council that her Subcommittee is trying to obtain additional workforce needs data from additional mining companies. She named the companies that she contacted and told the Council that she will update the job forecast survey numbers as soon as she receives their responses.

Ms. Pray asked if there were any other Subcommittee reports. Hearing none, Ms. Pray then turned to agenda item VIII.

#### **VIII. For Possible Action – Consideration of Pilot Program Recommendations and In-Demand Occupations.....Dana Pray**

Ms. Pray reviewed the format that DETR requested that the pilot program proposals be put into. She also reviewed this Council's proposed project for an Electrical and Instrumentation Skilled Labor Shortage. A submission may also be made for an Instrumentation Program Expansion for Great Basin College. She also reviewed the industry intelligence and data in support of the proposal, as well as the certifications that the trainee would earn upon completion of the training. A motion to approve the submission of the Instrumentation Skilled Labor Shortage pilot project proposal was made by Pam Borda. The motion was seconded by Sharon Horn. All were in favor. None were opposed. The motion carried. Another motion was made by Todd Valline to approve the submission of the Instrumentation Program Expansion for

Great Basin College request. This motion was seconded by Pam Borda. All were in favor. None were opposed. The motion carried.

**IX. Discussion – New Business and Future Agenda Items. ....Dana Pray**

Council member Pam Borda informed the Council that she is disturbed about the Council members who have not been attending the meetings, as it interferes with the Council’s ability to have a quorum and conduct its business. Ms. Pray told the Council that those members could be replaced with representatives from companies that want to participate. Earl McDowell told the Council that DETR has been reviewing the attendance records and the members not attending will be receiving a letter inquiring about their lack of attendance this week. Mr. McDowell also invited the Council members to nominate new members as Ms. Pray just mentioned that she would like them to do. Mr. McDowell requested that each of the nominee’s contact information be sent to him for processing.

Ms. Pray asked if there were any suggestions for future agenda items. She suggested that Council members consider how they want to take action on items in their 2013-2014 Strategic Plan. One Council member suggested further development of the industry career pathways from the NV Dept of Education, industry, and NSHE (Nevada System of Higher Education) and make sure they are all aligned.

Pam Borda asked for each of the Subcommittee Chairs to send her information on the projects and activities they have been working on so she can incorporate the information into the Council’s 2013-2014 Strategic Plan. Ms. Borda asked for the DETR GWIB Industry Sector Council Strategic Plan template. Mr. McDowell said that another copy would be sent to her, then upon discussion with WSU staff, he informed Ms. Borda that they will assist her with putting the Council’s Plan into the template and send it to Ms. Borda by the end of the week for her review and approval.

Ms. Pray asked for Council members to send her or Ansara Martino any other future agenda items that they would like.

**X. For Possible Action – Future Meeting Schedule .....Dana Pray**

Ms. Pray reviewed Council member’s availability and announced that the future meeting schedule is scheduled as follows:

- Wednesday, January 29, 2014 at 10:00 a.m.
- Wednesday, March 12, 2014 at 10:00 a.m.
- Wednesday, May 14, 2014 at 10:00 a.m.

**XI. Second Public Comment Session ..... Dana Pray**

Members of the public may now comment on any matter or topic, which is relevant to or within the authority or jurisdiction of the Board. You may comment now even if you commented earlier; however, please do not simply repeat the same comment you previously made. Please clearly state and spell your name. Public Comment may be limited to three minutes per person at the discretion of the chairperson.

Ms. Pray announced the Second Public Comment Session. Council member Shane Sutton addressed the Council and stated that with the current federal regulations for Workforce Investment Act (WIA) funding, he does not believe that WIA funding could be used for infrastructure improvements. Other funding sources will need to be explored. Hearing no other public comments, Ms. Pray then closed the public comment session and turned to agenda item XII.

**XII. Adjournment ..... Dana Pray**

Ms. Pray adjourned the meeting at 11:30 a.m.

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**GOVERNOR'S WORKFORCE INVESTMENT BOARD**  
**MINING AND MATERIALS SECTOR COUNCIL**

Dana Pray (Chair), Nancy Gray, Joe Riney, Mark Doty, Sharon Horn, Cindy Wild, Carrie Stringham, Denise Carver,  
Sharon Anderson, Marilyn Blades, Bret Murphy, Russ Fields, Pam Borda, Commissioner Vida Keller,  
Councilwoman Gerri Schroder, Todd Valline, Jeff Zander, Ray Bacon, Mike Page, Wanda Taylor, Stan Hall, Dr.  
Karoly Kocsisk, Richard Martin, William Kirby, Eldon Buckley

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