PacMtn Workforce Development Council
WDC Meeting Notes
Thursday, December 13, 2018 • 1:00 – 4:00 pm
Thurston Economic Development Council

Board Member Attendees: Jonathan Pleger, Jacquelin Earley, Steve Rogers, Michael Cade, David Schaffert, Kairie Pierce, Cheryl Heywood, Paul Vertrees, Diana Murphy, Dawn Murphy, Christina Riley

Consortium Member Attendees: Commissioner Ross, Commissioner Hutchings, Commissioner Olsen

Staff: Cheryl Fambles, Bridget Lockling, Corinne Daffern, Sean Murphy, Vanessa Wasman

I. Welcome & Introductions
   A. Establish Quorum & Review Today’s Agenda - The meeting was called to order at 1:02 pm and quorum was not established. The agenda was reviewed and no changes were made.
   B. Self-Introductions – The group went around the room and introduced themselves and what organization they represent.
   C. 2019 WDC Meeting Schedule – The proposed 2018 WDC meeting schedule was reviewed and no changes were made. Duane asked the group if anyone had a preference on the location of future Board meetings. One member said they prefer Thurston County, while others indicated no preference.

II. Consent Agenda
   A. Approval of November 2017 Board Minutes – Since quorum was not established, no action was taken on the minutes. These minutes will be placed on the March 2019 WDC meeting agenda for approval.

III. Board Learning Feature Topics
   A. Reflections from the November WDC Meeting with Special Guest Employment Security Department Commissioner Suzi LeVine. Members were asked the following questions:
      - What did you learn from the Commissioner?
        • Learned about the bigger picture and got a better understanding of the system.
        • Enjoyed her comments about working in silos
        • Humility and hardships is recognized
        • Well grounded in reality and well aware of the system needs.
      - What other questions would you ask her if you had the chance? No other questions were asked here.
B. Feedback on the 2018 Regional Economic Expo – Members gave the following feedback about the Expo:
   • Unsure if the intended goals were met
   • Learned compelling data in workforce trends
   • Missed the mark on the futurist; needed a more structured conversation
   • Great speaker from SW Washington
   • EDC presentation not as good; time could have been better spent on the breakout topics
   • Next time provide more opportunity to attend more breakout sessions
   • Audio was low quality
   • Font was too small on the Power Points
   • More focus on technology
   • Morning session was good
   • Need bigger sponsorships
   • Breakouts were good, futurist was good
   • Next time create mini traveling expos with lunch included
   • Target business and community leaders

IV. Good of the Order Items & Announcements

A. Timberland Regional Library gave some timber revenue updates and that they now have over 30K streaming movies available online.

   Meeting adjourned at 2:20 pm

The meeting adjourned and the group had an informal Year-End Celebration.

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