

# **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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