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WSW Executive Board Meeting Minutes
October 27, 2021
3:30 p.m.
Zoom Conference Call, WSW

Executive Board Members Present: Chair Paige Spratt, Councilor Karen Bowerman, Renny Christopher, Ralph Clark, Kelley Foy, A.D. Simmons, Ted Sprague, and John Vanderkin.

Executive Board Members with Excused Absences: None

Staff Members Present: CEO Kevin Perkey, Amy Gimlin, and Traci Williams.

WELCOME

Vice-Chair Kelley Foy opened the meeting at 3:34 p.m. and welcomed everyone in attendance.

APPROVALS

Having reached quorum, Vice-Chair Foy entertained a motion to approve the Consent Agenda, consisting of the Executive Board minutes held on September 22, 2021, Contract Memo, and the Policy Memo; which included the Memorandum of Understanding State Policy #1013 Rev 3 and WIOA Infrastructure Agreement State Policy #1024 Rev1.

John Vanderkin moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented, second by Karen Bowerman. Motion carried.

GOVERNANCE

Mr. Perkey updated the executive board on the several open private sector business seats on the full board. Governance will reach out to Tracy Doriot to join the Governance Committee. Governance also asked for new ideas on avenues to look to for recruitment. Mr. Perkey also shared that Governance is taking a moment to pause until January 1st to actively recruit new members to allow the new BaCE initiative on leadership development and to work on what is the strategy to recruit. This would also allow the new CEO coming in and see what direction that would like to follow. Questions were asked and addressed by Mr. Perkey, Ralph, and A.D.

Next steps will be for Mr. Perkey to refresh the new recruit packet. The Governance Committee also welcomes ideas for other outlets to look at recruiting new individuals to the board.

CEO REPORT

Mr. Perkey shared with the Executive board a few updates that included some great news that came through this week around congressional direct spending. WSW made a request for \$1.5 million to support summer youth employment across SW Washington. It is moving forward as part of Senator Murray's request and found its way into appropriations and are negotiating right now. WSW is also on

the funding front of two applications, one being the Quality Jobs Application as part of the Build Back Better ask through EDA. WSW is leading that with our collaborative and is putting together four industry specific conversations with businesses to talk about their commitment and role. One of the businesses that have stepped up and will likely be part of the application is Intel which is a big employer in Clark County. WSW is also party to the application through Metro for the Build Back Better that is focused on economic development work. With the two applications but forward, WSW will be going in to one as a collaborative and the other as a partner. Mr. Perkey also brought up for discussion the December 8th full board meeting, to see if it should be in-person or both to be held in our large conference room. After discussion, Mr. Perkey would do some research to see if a hybrid model would be an option for the upcoming board meeting.

CEO SEARCH UPDATE

Chair Spratt updated the Executive Board that the search committee has narrowed the search down from nine to four candidates that will start interviews this Friday. The final interview take place next week. The candidates will each have meet & greets with staff and board members also next week. The Search Committee will meet on November 16th and will bring their recommendation to the November 17th Executive meeting for final approval. The chosen candidate recommendation will go to the full board meeting scheduled for December 8th. Timeline for the selected new CEO will be end of the year/Jan 1st start date. Questions were answered by Chair Spratt and Mr. Perkey.

NEW BUSINESS / OTHER ITEMS

None were forthcoming.

ADJOURNMENT

With nothing further for the good of the order, Chair Spratt entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting at 4:12 p.m.

John Vanderkin moved to adjourn the meeting at 4:12 p.m.