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SOUTHWEST WASHINGTON

WSW Board Meeting Minutes
March 11, 2025
4:00 p.m.
Workforce Southwest Washington

Board Members Present: Jen Baker, Corey Balkan, Adam Blackwell, Mike Bridges, Renny Christopher, Monte Constable, Corie Dow-Kramer, Karin Edwards, Corey Giles, Elizabeth Gubrud-Howe, Dustin Hysmith, Mandy Kipfer, Nick Massie, Ebony Price, Bill Sauters, Matt Seimears, A.D. Simmons, Ted Sprague, Jasmine Tolbert, John Vanderkin, Joe Vansyckle, Adrienne Watson, and Nathan Webster.

Board Members with Absences: Max Booth, Tracy Doriot, Ed Nicholson, Paige Spratt, Mark Tishenko, and Commissioner Tischer.

Guests Present: Barbara Burkart, Mark Wreath, Tim McGann, Robert Elliott, Michelle McClanahan, Caleb Baldwin, Nicole Miller, Janel Loving, Natalie Richie, and Mark Gaither.

Staff Members Present: Miriam Halliday, Mando Antonino, Jim Ashley-Walker, Barri Blair, Linda Czech, Kali Dugan, Denise Elliott, Marnie Farness, Amy Gimlin, Joseph Tijerina, Darcy Hoffman, Alyssa Joyner, Kari Kollander, Lyn Love, Julia Maglione, Sean Moore, Tamara Toles, Traci Williams, and Nolan Yaws-Gonzalez.

Welcome, Introduction of Members, Guests, and Staff

Chair A.D. Simmons opened the meeting at 4:01 p.m. and welcomed everyone in attendance. Members, staff, and guests introduced themselves in the chat box.

CONSENT AGENDA

Chair Simmons entertained a motion to approve the Consent Agenda, consisting of the minutes from the Council meeting held on December 10, 2024, Contract Memo, Quarterly Report Memo, and Policy Memo; which included WSW Training Handbook Rev 13 and Community Reinvestment Fund Matched Investment Savings Accounts (MISA) Policy #7010-1.

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

FINANCE

Treasurer, Monte Constable went over the Treasurer's Memo with the Full Board and gave high level updates.

DRIVING ECONOMIC INNOVATION IN SOUTHWEST WASHINGTON – THE TALENT OF TODAY

CEO Halliday kicked off the presentation with labor market information and immigration demographics in Clark, Cowlitz, and Wahkiakum counties. VSD – Construction Trades Program, WSU-V – Life Sciences Building, LCC – Entrepreneurship Action, Cascadia Technical Academy – Marine Technology, Clark College – Advanced Manufacturing Center – Integrated Technician AAT, and Building and Construction Trades –

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Construct a Career presented on what they are doing to build onramps for our high quality and in demand jobs today and into the future. Questions were addressed and answered by partners and CEO Halliday.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Public comments were invited but none were forthcoming.

ADJOURNMENT

With nothing further for the good of the order, Chair Simmons entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:49 p.m.

Jen Baker moved to adjourn the meeting at 5:49 p.m.