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SOUTHWEST WASHINGTON

WSW Board Meeting Minutes
September 10, 2024
4:00 p.m.
Zoom Conference Call

Board Members Present: Jen Baker, Adam Blackwell, Max Booth, Mike Bridges, Renny Christopher, Monte Constable, Tracy Doriot, Corie Dow-Kramer, Karin Edwards, Brent Freeman, Corey Giles, Bob Gustainis, Dustin Hysmith, Mandy Kipfer, Karen Bowerman, Nick Massie, Kyria McGill, Matt Seimears, Ebony Price, Bill Sauters, A.D. Simmons, Ted Sprague, Paige Spratt, Lee Tischer Jasmine Tolbert, John Vanderkin, Joe Vansyckle, Adrienne Watson, and Nathan Webster.

Board Members with Absences: Ed Nicholson and Mark Tishenko.

Guests Present: Michelle McClanahan, Janel Loving, Barbara Burkhart, Amber Carter, John Traugott, Kim Sogge, and Lisa Keohokalole Schauer.

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

Welcome, Introduction of Members, Guests, and Staff

Chair A.D. Simmons opened the meeting at 4:02 p.m. and welcomed everyone in attendance. Members, guests, and staff introduced themselves.

CONSENT AGENDA

Chair Simmons entertained a motion to approve the Consent Agenda, consisting of the minutes from the Council meeting held on June 11, 2024, Contract Memo, Policy Memo; which included WSW Stevens Amendment Requirements Policy #2011-3, WSW Economic Security for All – Eligibility Policy #3501-1, WSW Economic Security for All – Career Accelerator Incentives Policy #3502-1, WSW Monitoring Policy #2003-6, WSW Eligibility Policy Handbook – Attachment A, and the acknowledgement of the PY23 One Stop Annual Report.

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

FINANCE

WSW Treasurer, Renny Christopher shared out the Treasurer’s Memo. The Procurement process to select an audit firm has been completed. The Finance Committee selected Alegria and Company to perform the Fiscal Year end June 30, 2024 audit.

WSW STRATEGIC PLANNING

Lisa Keohokalole Schauer and Kim Sogge with Point North shared with the full board 2025-2029 WSW Strategic Plan. WSW values, problem statement, glossary, along with goals, goal statements, priorities, and success measures for Jobs and Business Growth, Community Connector, and Equitable and Inclusive Systems were reviewed. Questions were addressed by Lisa Keohokalole Schauer, Kim Sogge, and CEO Halliday.

Corey Giles moved to adopt the WSW Strategic Plan 2025-2029 as presented, second by Jasmine Tolbert. Motion carried.

WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT – A STATEWIDE VIEW PRESENTATION

John Traugott, Executive Director of WWA and Amber Carter, Lobbyist for WWA gave presentations to the full board around what WWA is and what they do. Advocacy and Policy, Program and Partnership Development/Support, and Professional Development and Technical Assistance were shared. Also shared out was the WWA 2024 Legislative Priorities and the upcoming 2025 Legislative Session. Questions were addressed by John Traugott and Amber Carter.

TERM COMPLETIONS:

Chair Simmons shared that Bob Gustainis and Brent Freeman have completed their terms as WSW Board of Directors and thanked them for their extraordinary service and contributions to the WSW Board of Directors.

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 5:37 p.m.

Tracy Doriot moved to adjourn the meeting at 5:37 p.m.