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SOUTHWEST WASHINGTON

WSW Board Meeting Minutes
September 12, 2023
4:00 p.m.
Zoom Conference Call

Board Members Present: Jen Baker, Adam Blackwell, Mike Bridges, Bob Carroll, Renny Christopher, Monte Constable, Karin Edwards, Brent Freeman, Corey Giles, Suba Jagannathan, Tennille Johnson, Ilona Kerby, Mandy Kipfer, Sue Marshall, Nick Massie, Ebony Price, A.D. Simmons, Paige Spratt, Lee Tischer, Jasmine Tolbert, John Vanderkin, and Nathan Webster.

Board Members with Absences: Tracy Doriot, Bob Gustainis, Bill Sauters, Rodney Seales, Stacey Smith, Ted Sprague, Mark Tishenko, and Adrienne Watson.

Guests Present: Chad Sellers, Heather Rothero, and Karen Knauss.

Staff Members Present: Racheal Andersen, Mando Antonino, Barri Blair, Linda Czech, Denise Elliott, Marnie Farness, Amy Gimlin, Betsy Hanrahan, Darcy Hoffman, Alyssa Joyner, Kari Kollander, Lyn Love, Julia Maglione, Sean Moore, Nolan Yaws-Gonzalez, and Traci Williams.

Welcome, Introduction of Members, Guests, and Staff

Chair Paige Spratt opened the meeting at 4:01 p.m. and welcomed everyone in attendance. Members and staff introduced themselves via chat box.

CONSENT AGENDA

Chair Spratt entertained a motion to approve the Consent Agenda, consisting of the minutes from the Council meeting held on June 13, 2023, Contract Memo, Policy Memo; which included WSW Data Element Validation Policy #3037-3 and WSW Eligibility Handbook – Attachment A.

Brent Freeman moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented, second by Nick Massie. Motion carried.

FINANCE

Treasurer, Renny Christopher went over the Treasurer's Memo with the Full Board and gave updates on the quarterly reports, potential funding, WSW's new Staff Accountant hire, and the upcoming annual financial audit that will begin in December.

WSW UPDATE

WSW's Director of Business Services, Darcy Hoffman updated the board on the IBR Workforce Study and the progress made. WSW's Director of Programs, Marnie Farness gave highlights on two grants that WSW had been working on with successes. WSW's COO, Amy Gimlin shared with the board that the December board meeting will be Chair Paige Spratt's last meeting as Chair. Also shared was that Next, youth

employment center celebrates five years of successes. The state Workforce board will be renewing the state plan later this year, that will play into WSW's local and strategic plan renewals in 2024.

WORKSOURCE VANCOUVER REIMAGINE PRESENTATION

WSW's COO, Amy Gimlin; Project Advisory Committee, Monte Constable and Tennille Johnson; and LSW's Heather Rothero and Karen Knauss presented the WSW Board the Vancouver WorkSource office pre-design packet that touched on the project summary, survey results, project drawings, project estimates and timeline. Two floor plans were shared and opened the space up to the board for questions and concerns that were answered by the PAC, COO Gimlin, and LSW.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Public comments were invited but none were forthcoming.

ADJOURNMENT

With nothing further for the good of the order, Chair Spratt entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:25 p.m.

Jen Baker moved to adjourn the meeting at 5:25 p.m.