



workforce
SOUTHWEST WASHINGTON

**WSW Board Meeting Minutes
December 10, 2024
4:00 p.m.
Workforce Southwest Washington**

Board Members Present: Max Booth, Renny Christopher, Monte Constable, Tracy Doriot, Corie Dow-Kramer, Karin Edwards, Corey Giles, Dustin Hysmith, Nick Massie, Ebony Price, Bill Sauters, Matt Seimears, A.D. Simmons, Ted Sprague, Mark Tishenko, Jasmine Tolbert, John Vanderkin, Joe Vansyckle, Adrienne Watson, and Nathan Webster.

Board Members with Absences: Jen Baker, Adam Blackwell, Mike Bridges, Mandy Kipfer, Ed Nicholson, Paige Spratt, and Commissioner Tischer.

Guests Present: Barbara Burkart, Nicole Leon, Thyda Lim, Mei Taylor, Jay Schmidt, Chad Mullen, Sharon Pesut, Christine Zabel, Melanie Walker, James Hughes, Karin Lavalla, Kayci Loftus, Colleen Cook, and Susan Milke.

Staff Members Present: Miriam Halliday, Mando Antonino, Jim Ashley-Walker, Barri Blair, Kali Dugan, Marnie Farness, Darcy Hoffman, Alyssa Joyner, Kari Kollander, 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.

CONSENT AGENDA

Chair Simmons entertained a motion to approve the Consent Agenda, consisting of the minutes from the Council meeting held on September 10, 2024, Contract Memo, and Policy Memo; which included WSW Reasonable Accommodations Policy #2006, WSW Case Noting Policy #3038, WSW Fraud and Incident Reporting Policy #1005-3, WSW SummerWorks Policy #3043, WSW Economic Security for All – State Supportive Service Policy #3503, Governor’s Procedures for Determining Training Program Eligibility Policy #5611-3, and Community Reinvestment Plan Matched Investment Savings Accounts (MISA) Policy #7010.

Corey Giles moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented, second by Ted Sprague. Motion carried.

FINANCE

Treasurer, Renny Christopher went over the Q1 PY24 Financial Reports Memo with the Full Board and gave updates on the quarterly reports.

WSW Chief Financial Officer, Barri Blair, recapped the necessary budget revisions for the second half of the fiscal year beginning on January 1, 2025. Following the presentation, questions were answered by CFO Blair, CEO Halliday, and Treasurer Christopher.

Renny Christopher moved to approve the budget revision as presented, second by Corie Dow-Kramer. Motion carried.

GOVERNANCE

Board Member Elections:

The Governance Committee consisting of members A.D. Simmons, Nathan Webster, and Tracy Doriot gave an introduction of Corey Balkan with Gallagher, Cowlitz County Private Sector and Elizabeth Gubrud with Pacific Die Casting, Clark County Private Sector, sharing with the full board unique qualities that the Governance Committee thought that Balkan and Gubrud would bring to the WSW board. A motion was entertained to approve Corey Balkan to serve on the WSW Board of Directors.

Tracy Doriot moved to accept the nomination of Corey Balkan to serve on the WSW Board of Directors as presented, second by Ted Sprague. Motion carried.

A motion was entertained to approve Elizabeth Gubrud to serve on the WSW Board of Directors.

Nathan Webster moved to accept the nomination of Elizabeth Gubrud to serve on the WSW Board of Directors as presented, second by Joe Vansyckle. Motion carried.

Officer Nomination:

A motion was entertained to approve Monte Constable as Treasurer, Upon approval, Monte Constable will serve as Treasurer from December 10, 2024 to June 30, 2027.

Renny Christopher moved to approve Monte Constable to serve on the WSW Board of Directors as Treasurer as presented, second by John Vanderkin. Monte Constable abstained. Motion carried.

A TIME FOR CELEBRATION – SPOTLIGHTS OF SUCCESS

CEO Halliday kicked off the celebration showcasing 2024 spotlights from the region which included presentations from Career Connect Southwest, skilled trades workshops around apprenticeships, the Future Leaders Project, the EcSA matched investment savings account initiative, Cascadia Manufacturing Network, family-friendly workplace work with the Department of Commerce, and Next Success. Questions were addressed and answered by partners and WSW staff.

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 6:11 p.m.

Ted Sprague moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:11 p.m.