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SOUTHWEST WASHINGTON

WSW Board Meeting Minutes
March 10, 2021
4:00 p.m.
Zoom Conference Call

Board Members Present: Darcy Altizer, Ben Bagherpour, Chris Bailey, Jen Baker, Bob Carroll, Ralph Clark, Monte Constable, Kelley Foy, Bob Gustainis, Scott Haas, Ilona Kerby, Eddie Martin, Michele Mulhern, Diane McWithey, Ted Sprague, Paige Spratt, Shannon Stull, and John Vanderkin.

Board Members with Excused Absences: Mike Bridges, Renny Christopher, Mara Kieval, and A.D. Simmons.

Board Members with Unexcused Absences: Bob Jungers.

Guests Present: Cadie Dye, Adrian Bryce, Albi, Krishna Banerjee, Talitha Cassidy, Katee Claros, Irina Yoblonskaya, and Scott Bailey.

Staff Members Present: Kevin Perkey, Kathy Ashley, Linda Czech, Denise Elliott, Amy Gimlin, Darcy Hoffman, Barri Horner, Alyssa Joyner, Kari Kollander, Miriam Halliday, Julia Maglione, Sean Moore, Star Rush, Benton Waterous, and Traci Williams.

Welcome, Introduction of Members, Guests, and Staff

Chair Paige Spratt opened the meeting at 4:06 p.m. and welcomed everyone in attendance. Members, guests, and staff introduced themselves.

CONSENT AGENDA

Chair Spratt entertained a motion to approve the Consent Agenda, consisting of the minutes from the Council meeting held on December 9, 2020, Contract Memo, and Policy Memo; which included WSW Supportive Services Policy #3005, WSW Trade Act and Dislocated Worker Co-Enrollment Policy #3036, WSW Monitoring Policy #2003, and WSW Eligibility Guidelines and Documentation Requirements #3028 and Eligibility Handbook.

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

Congresswoman Jaime Herrera Beutler sent in a recorded video regarding high quality, affordable childcare for working families that was viewed by everyone in attendance.

FISCAL REPORT

Past Chair John Vanderkin presented the Treasurers Memo to the full board, mentioning that WSW's financial audit report for the program year ending June 30, 2020, which consisted of no issues or findings. Mr. Vanderkin also mentioned that the WSW IRS Form 990 was reviewed and approved by the Finance WSW Board of Directors Meeting

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Committee and later reviewed and approved by the Executive Board and has been timely filed by the WSW auditor.

WSW GOVERNANCE

Board Member Elections: Co-Governance Chair Ralph Clark gave introductions of Dr. Karin Edwards, Clark College; and Adrian Bryce, Frontier Electric, sharing with the full board unique qualities that the Governance Board thought each perspective board member would bring to the WSW board. Adrian Bryce gave thanks to the full board for the chance to serve on the board. A motion was entertained to approve both for Council terms beginning on March 10, 2021 through March 31, 2024.

Ben Bagherpour moved to approve Dr. Karin Edwards and Adrian Bryce to serve on the WSW Board of Directors as presented, second by Diane McWithey. Motion carried.

STRATEGIC PLAN

Mr. Perkey and Strategic Plan Task Force Chair, Kelley Foy walked the board through a presentation of WSW's new three-year Strategic Plan. Ms. Foy shared that the process involved with the development of the new Strategic Plan was collaboration with the strategic planning task force, WSW board members, WSW staff, and the community. WSW hosted three listening and learning sessions which helped inform our strategic priorities and enhance not only WSW's planning process but their overall plan. While our consultants helped WSW by facilitating our process, the work to complete the goals, objectives, and indicators of success were developed by the staff, the strategic planning task force, and the board. Ms. Foy then asked for a motion to adopt the new WSW Strategic Plan as presented.

John Vanderkin moved to adopt the new WSW Strategic Plan as presented, second by Jen Baker. Motion carried.

REGIONAL ECONOMY UPDATE

Chair Spratt introduced Scott Bailey from ESD, which many in attendance have worked with and/or heard from Scott over the years. Mr. Bailey is a close friend of WSW who regularly collaborates with the WSW team sharing labor market updates and advising the WSW staff on how the regional economy is fairing. WSW have asked Scott to join us to share an update on our current economic climate. Mr. Bailey then shared his presentation on the current economic climate for Clark, Cowlitz, and Wahkiakum counties. Questions and comments were addressed by Mr. Bailey and Mr. Perkey.

PUBLIC AND BOARD 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.

Shannon Stull moved to adjourn the meeting at 5:20 p.m.