



**MINUTES**

**1. Call to Order and Confirmation of Quorum**

	<del>Kelly Morgan</del> (B) Dr. Gray		Jason Traylor (B)	X	Andy Owens (B)
X	Robert Westerman	X	Ben Messner (B)	X	Mike Hicks
X	Joe Benetti (B)	X	Debbie Sargent	X	Chris Guastafarro (B)
X	Dave Sanders (B)	X	Ali Mageehon		Rachael Prokrandt
X	Rhonda Amer (B)		Amy Kincaid		
	Anna Martin	X	Marie Simonds (B)		
X	Laura McKeane (B)				

*The meeting was called to order at 12:04 pm by Joe Benetti. 12 of the 17 members were present, making up 71% of the total members. Of the 71%, 58% represent Businesses.*

- 2. PUBLIC COMMENT SESSION:** Members of the public may now comment on any matter posted on this Agenda, which is before this Board for consideration and action today. Please clearly state and spell your name and state your address for the record. Each public comment will be limited to three (3) minutes.

*No public comment was presented.*

**BOARD ACTION ITEMS**

**3. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION:** Consent Agenda (All approved in one motion/vote)

- Meeting Minutes – February 16, 2023

*Motion to approve minutes and consent agenda made by Andy Owens and seconded by Ben Messner.*

*The motion carried unanimously.*

**4. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION:** SOWIB Staff

- CLEO Changes - We have Commissioner John Sweet in the position for Coos County and Commissioner Jay Trois for Curry County.
- SOWIB Board Members - We have an opening in Douglas. We need one business board member in Douglas and once that is filled, we will have a full roster.
- HECC Monitoring Final - No findings in the report and zero recommendations. We will get the final report from the State in the next week or so.

- HR Status Update- HR consultants found some areas of concern a few months ago but we've made strides to get things updated and we are on the home stretch now.

**5. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION: SOWIB 2023/2023 Budget; Yolanda/Kyle**

- Service Provider Contracting/Allocations - We have not seen our allocation currently, so we do not have a budget to show yet. Hopefully, within the next week or 2, we will have a budget ready.
- Budget Process/Known Funding Sources - The budget has to be approved by the CLEOs first and then the board. Total State funding down approximately 8% but the SW region should see an increase between 1 and 8%.
  - Had 7 Service Providers this year as we figured more providers = more customers. 5 or 6 will roll to this upcoming year. We will increase youth funding to them and decrease adult.

**6. Presentation: Henry Fields- Oregon Employment Department Economist/ Analyst**  
Henry gave a quick update regarding what is happening with the labor market and unemployment. "State of Economy is 'strange' right now." Please see the slide show presentation for more information.

**SOWIB Projects**

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**7. INFORMATION: Operations; SOWIB Staff**

- New Staff Introductions
  - Sarah Eunice- Youth Employment Advisor*
  - Mary Anderson- Youth Employment Advisor*
  - Nathan Campbell- Temp Driving Prosperity Program Assistant*
  - Jake Lang- Temp Platform Development Coordinator*

**8. INFORMATION: SOWIB Staff**

- EDA Good Jobs Challenge- Driving Prosperity
  - Rachael Larson gave an overview of the program and shared updates.*
    - Simulator update x2
      - The trailer simulator has been installed and is ready to go. The van simulator installation is in process. The trailer simulator is in town and ready for rotation. The van simulator is still in Florida but should be on its way to Oregon within a week or two.*
    - *Upcoming Visits- EDA is planning a visit in June to see all the progress that has been made through the program. We are the only 2 out of 32 grant recipients that are active in the implementation phase.*
- Recruit Hippo/ OYEP/ Youth Issues
  - Natasha did a quick update on the program. We are currently in 33 high schools between Curry, Douglas, and Coos County. We can pay students for work experience through the OYEP funding, and it's been very successful.*
- Prosperity 10K- Future Ready Oregon

*This program provides a variety of wrap services to help participants find and keep long-term sustainable employment opportunities. It helps prevent people from needing any kind of public assistance. It also provides access to higher-wage employment. This state funding will end in June, but we have the ARPA federal funding to continue this program.*

- **HowTo- Traditional Healthcare Workers**

*Tina provided an update on all her training programs for Peer Support Specialist - Mental Health & Substance Abuse, Youth Support Specialist, CHW, and Doula Training. We have had over 200 Individuals that have inquired about our training programs. Please see Tina's newsletter for more information.*

- **Edvocation Pre-Apprenticeship**

*Edvocation is looking to start a Wood Products Manufacturing Pre-apprenticeship program in Douglas County. We gave them \$10,000 out of Sector funds to help this process along.*

- **Sector Updates**

*Mostly focusing on Manufacturing and Childcare right now.*

- **Grant Applications Pending**

*All for HIPPO - YDD Community Investments, YDD Reengagement, Judith Ann Mogan and Wild Rivers*

## **9. DISCUSSION: Redefining Work: The ChatGPT Era and Ransomware**

*Tina and Kyle updated about AI evolution that is making its way into the workforce. How AI will transform the way people are working and the impact it will have on jobs. Tina showed an example of the ChatGPT app.*

## **STANDING REPORTS**

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### **10. INFORMATION: South Coast Regional Early Learning Hub Update; Sara Stephens**

*Sara gave an overview of the Early Learning Hub. We have invested over \$250K in programs and will continue to support them in the next year. Have provided services to over 1,000 families.*

### **11. INFORMATION: Service Provider Update/Performance; Rena Langston**

*Looking at expanding our youth services. There is a big need for this.*

### **12. INFORMATION: One-Stop Operator Update; Kendall Lenhares**

*Update of One-Stop Operator role- Kendall provided a brief overview of her program and is currently working with Workforce Oregon with the challenges of recruiting and retaining talent in our Workforce Oregon Centers. A lot of focus is on staff development opportunities.*

### **13. INFORMATION: Finance Update; Yolanda Brumfield**

*Yolanda gave an overview of funding for SOWIB. We currently have 2.44 million in total net assets as of 5/31/2023. (Please see the financial statements for more information)*

**14. INFORMATION:** Apprenticeships; *Laura Klivans*

*Laura gave an overview of both the Medical Assistant (MA) and Early Childhood (ECE) Apprenticeships. MA -The grant ends next month on June 30<sup>th</sup>. ECE – We have registered our 6<sup>th</sup> apprentice and we will see how many more we can support through summer and fall semester.*

**ADJOURNMENT – 1:59 pm**

Meeting Calendar Available at: [www.SOWIB.org](http://www.SOWIB.org).