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MINUTES

1. Call to Order and Confirmation of Quorum

Joe Benetti (B)
Andy Owens (B)
Debbie Sargent
Marie Simonds (B)
Rod Sprinkle
Jason Traylor (B)
Nicole Moody (B)
Miranda Plagge
Ben Messner

The meeting was called to order at 12:02 pm by Joe Benetti. 9 of the 15 members (excluding vacancies) were present, making up 60% of the total members. Of the 60%, 55% represent Businesses.

BOARD ACTION ITEMS

2. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION: Consent Agenda (Approved with One Motion)

a. Meeting Minutes – May, 2026

Marie Simonds made a motion to approve the May 2026 Minutes and Consent Agenda and John Sweet seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

3. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION: SOWIB Annual Chair positions

Andy Owens made a motion to approve Joe Benetti as Chair, Jason Traylor as vice chair, and Ali Mageehon as Secretary for FY 2026-2027 and John Sweet seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

STANDING REPORTS

1. INFORMATION: Executive Director Report; Sara Stephens

Prosperity Report - Opportunities

- Supply Chain Acceleration and Logistics Enablement (SCALE)
- Rapid Reskill
- Blackrock Grant
- South Coast Top Hat Community collaborative

SOWIB was Awarded:

- Rural Transformational Health Grant
- Oregon Community Foundation

Potential grants were mentioned for various apprenticeships, initiatives, and training.

Sara requested Board members share employer's regulatory challenges that can be shared with the Oregon Economic Development Business Oregon Advisory Committee.

Sara gave updates on Programs: Industry Engagement, Maritime, Travel and Tourism, Healthcare, Build, Childcare accelerator training and SCREL Community Investments.

PRESENTATIONS

1. INFORMATION: Regional Economists' Presentation – Henry Fields and Jeff McAllister for Oregon Employment Department

Henry Fields and Jeff McAllister for Oregon Employment Department reported on Coos, Curry, Douglas economy report.

2. INFORMATION: Landing Rock– Bronzson Woods

Bonzson Woods reported on Landing Rock's interest rates and the way sweep accounts work.

3. INFORMATION: EDSI -Ken Mall

Ken Mall of EDSI is identifying opportunities to continuously improve the workforce system for staff, job seekers, and businesses.

ADJOURNMENT

Joe Bennetti officially adjourned the meeting at approximately 1:46 PM PST.

Meeting Calendar Available upon request

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