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MINUTES

1. Call to Order and Confirmation of Quorum

Joe Benetti (B)
Dave Sanders (B)
Jennifer Gustafson (B)
Andy Owens (B)
Debbie Sargent
Marie Simonds (B)
Amy Kincaid
Rod Sprinkle

The meeting was called to order at 12:01 pm by Joe Benetti. 8 of the 15 members (excluding vacancies) were present, making up 53% of the total members. Of the 53%, 45% 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 (Approved with One Motion)

a. Meeting Minutes – February 2026

Andy Owens made a motion to approve the February 2026 Minutes and Consent Agenda and Rod Sprinkle seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

4. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION: Local Plan; Sara Stephens

Changes to the Local Plan requested by the Oregon Workforce Talent and Development Board are made pending no comments from the public.

Debbie Sargent made a motion to approve the local plan pending no public comments and Andy Owens seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

5. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION: WIOA RFP Review and Recommendations; Rena Langston

An update was provided on the review and recommendations for WIOA-funded service providers for the next fiscal year.

Andy Owens made a motion to accept the WIOA service provider contracts as presented, and Rod Sprinkle seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION: Proposed Budget Summary for FY27; Yolanda Brumfield

Yolanda presented a Proposed Budget Summary for FY27 along with an overview of the budget for the various programs.

Andy Owens made a motion to accept the budget as presented, and Marie Simonds seconded the motion. The motion carrier unanimously.

STANDING REPORTS

1. INFORMATION: Director's Report; Sara Stephens

Sara shared the Prosperity Roadmap summary recommendations.

Sara discussed several conferences and business collaboration meetings she attended over the last quarter.

House Bill 4124 is directing HECC to review Oregon's public post-secondary education system, identify opportunities for improvement in early education, and support parallel pathways to employment and future workforce preparation.

Sara discussed professional Development plan for SOWIB staff over the next year by a third-party provider.

An error on the 990 was identified, and has been corrected.

An update was presented on the Monitoring reported to HECC. There were no findings.

Sara gave an update on awarded and pending Grants SOWIB has applied for and their status.

2. INFORMATION: SOWIB Proposed Budget Review; Yolanda Brumfield

Yolanda provided a Proposed Budget Summary for FY27 along with budgets for our various programs overviews.

SOWIB PROJECTS

3. INFORMATION: Provider Monitoring; Rena Langston

Rena Langston presented a Monitoring Report of all providers with no findings or observations.

Robert Westerman was recognized and thanked for his many years of service on the SOWIB Board.

ADJOURNMENT

Joe Bennetti officially adjourned the meeting at approximately 1:31 PM PST.

Meeting Calendar Available upon request