



**August 19, 2021
12:00 PM – 2:00 pm
ZOOM Meeting**

X	Kelly Morgan (B)	X	Doug Eberlein (B)	X	Andy Owens (B)
	Robert Westerman	X	Ben Messner	X	Mike Hicks
X	Joe Benetti (B)	X	Debbie Sargent	X	Jimmy Swanson (B)
X	Dave Sanders (B)	X	Ali Mageehon	X	Wayne Patterson
X	Stephanie Smith (B)		Amy Kincaid	X	Heidi Hill (B)
X	Misha Hernandez	X	Marie Simonds (B)	X	Robin Van Winkle

1. Meeting called to order at 12 noon by Joe Benetti. 16 members present making up 89% of total members and 50% representing Business. Quorum confirmed.
2. **PUBLIC COMMENT SESSION:** No public comment.
3. **INTRODUCTION OF NEW BOARD MEMBERS:**

Misha Hernandez /Oregon Nurses Association	Marie Simonds /Bandon Dunes-Coos
Heidi Hill /Aviva Health-Douglas	Dave Sanders /AdvanTec Marine-Curry
Ben Messner /Advanced Health-Coos	Jimmy Swanson /Swanson Group-Douglas

BOARD ACTION ITEMS

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

- Meeting Minutes – May 20, 2021

Motion to approve carried unanimously.

5. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION: New Policy; Rena Langston

PW-309 Disaster Recovery – Long Term Unemployed. New definition of long term unemployed.

Motion to approve carried unanimously.

6. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION: Creation of Advisory Committee; Kyle Stevens

To remain in compliance with WIOA regulations, advisory committee to be established to increase targeted sectors and maintain connection to previous board members.

Motion to approve carried unanimously.

7. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION: SOWIB to Backbone for SCREL; *Kyle/Angie*

SOWIB to align work with early learning by providing a backbone for South Coast Regional Early Learning HUB. SCREL would remain their own entity. Transition October 1, 2021.

Questions and discussion.

Motion to approve carried unanimously.

BOARD DEVELOPMENT/COMMUNITY UPDATE

8. INFORMATION: COVID-19; *SOWIB Staff*

- PPE-masks and gloves stored at PV Mall. SOWIB is willing to ship if business entities can take a pallet.
- UI and UI Benefits Status-overview re: federal benefits ending 9/5/21.
- Centers open as of 7/21/21
- Douglas Workplace Outbreak- Quick response, able to stop COVID outbreak from spreading beyond one office.
- SOWIB Staff Plan

9. INFORMATION: Operations; *SOWIB Staff*

- SOWIB Funding & Staffing
- SOWIB Grants Pending: YDD, SHARE- Status to be decided
- Oregon Community Foundation - \$200,000 awarded to engage high school students to complete their diplomas in Coos, Curry and Douglas this summer.
- SB 623-Passed (Committee for Continuous Improvement re: public workforces development system); HB 2092-Passed (youth employment); HB P2000-Failed (Prosperity 2000, low-income job seekers)
- SCBEC Contracts for this Program Year – Pay for Performance, an innovation to pay for specified deliverables as well as traditional reimbursement of expenses.
- SCBEC Staffing Levels
- Dashboard and Reporting Enhancement – to assist in tracking of deliverables

10. INFORMATION: WIOA Board Compliance: *Kyle Stevens*

- Code of Conduct – still need two board members to sign and return
- Plan for New Board Members- we had one more lined up, late withdrawal due to business impact, we need one more board member in Curry.
- Advisory Committee – documents are into the state for approval

11. INFORMATION: SOWIB Projects Update; *SOWIB Staff*

- Oregon Community Foundation Summer Incentives Grant– 10 schools, 47 seniors, 5 graduates thus far.
- Recruit HIPPO x mall sports complex- adding classroom and office for work experience environment and career counseling for high school students.
- YDD Pilot – 60 participants via Community Partner meetings and Apricot 360 Software to support work being done with YDD tracking.

- Sector Projects – some slowdowns re: Sector Meetings; Healthcare has been very busy; Transportation update, continued shortage of drivers.
- CHW- Community Health Worker training, next cohort starts 9/8/21
- Job Fairs – 3 in Douglas County, employer driven efforts. SOWIB assisted with on the ground and administrative support. Started small in June, increased to over 200 applicants in July. 450 attended third fair in August. Multiple employers recruited new employees through this effort.

STANDING REPORTS

12. INFORMATION: End of Program Year 20/21 Update; *Rena Langston*.

Data shared, along with discussion of a difficult year due to COVID restrictions and federal unemployment payments.

13. INFORMATION: Performance and Enrollment Comparisons; *Rena Langston*

14. INFORMATION: Service Provider Update, WSO/HIPPO; *Mellissah Hendrickson*

Discussion of strategies to get people in the door. Referral link brought in 34 referrals in two weeks. TANF referrals, Service Ambassador and EZ Text Campaign discussed.

15. INFORMATION: One-Stop Operator Update, Kendall Lenhares

Work transitioning from how to re-open centers safely to current focus on process mapping and continuous improvement.

16. INFORMATION: Finance Update, Angie Billings

Discussion of current finance update and reasons for ending balance. This year's audit in process and will be conducted remotely.

17. INFORMATION: Apprenticeship Update; *Alane Jennings*

153 apprentices and 30 employers, continued growth and expansion.

Meeting Adjourned at 1:34 pm.