



Governor's Workforce Development Board - Minutes

Thursday, March 30, 2023 | 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Minnesota Humanities Center

St. Paul, Minnesota

GWDB Members or Agency Designees	Guests and Staff
Naveen Aggarwal Hannah Alstead Carol Anderson Laura Beeth (GWDB Chair) Josh Berg Michael Berndt Deb Broberg Barry Davies Kevion Ellis Jeanna Fortney Troy Haugen Sam Heimlich Nicauris Heredia-Rosario Dr. Nerita Hughes Lance Louis Nicole Mattson Gabriel Mooney Scott Parker Ekta Prakash Jeffrey Rainey Karlton Scott Shannon Sloan Rob Stark Jennifer Theisen Hanna Valento	Guests Julie Dincau (MDE) Brad Hasskamp (MDE) Jess Niebuhr (Minnesota State) GWDB Staff Katie McClelland, Director Sonji Davis, Workforce Policy Coordinator Kay Kammen, Sr. Policy Analyst DEED Staff Marc Majors, Deputy Commissioner for Workforce Development Abdiwahab Mohamed, Assistant Commissioner, Immigrant and Refugee Affairs Darielle Dannen, Director of Government Relations

New Board Member Orientation

An Orientation Session for newly appointed GWDB members preceded the Board's Business Meeting. New members were welcomed by Chair Laura Beeth and GWDB Director Katie McClelland. Sonji Davis, the GWDB's Workforce Policy Coordinator, and Kay Kammen, Sr. Policy Analyst, were introduced. Information was shared on the roles and responsibilities of State Board members under the federal Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA). The presentation included a history of workforce development in the United States and the role of State Boards under federal law. Oath of Office and Conflict of Interest requirements, as well as expenses/reimbursement policies, were discussed.

Call to Order and Welcome

Laura Beeth, Chair of the Governor's Workforce Development Board, called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m., welcoming members and guests in attendance.

Action Item:

Approval of Chair s for Fourth Quarter 2022 and First Quarter 2023

Shannon Sloan made a motion to approve the quarterly Chair Reports. Scott Parker seconded the motion. The reports were approved.

Action Item:

Approval of Minutes from the October 26, 2022 Full Board Meeting and December 14, 2022 Joint Winter Meeting with the Minnesota Association of Workforce Boards (MAWB)

Scott Parker made a motion to approve the Minutes from the October 26, 2022 Full Board Meeting and the December 14, 2022 Joint Winter Meeting with MAWB. The motion was seconded by Scott Parker. The minutes were approved.

Recognition of Outgoing Members

Chair Beeth thanked the following outgoing GWDB members for their service and contributions in advancing the mission of the Board on behalf of workers and businesses in Minnesota:

- Shirley Barnes
- Bill Nelson
- Abdiwadi Husen
- Edward Reynoso
- Dr. Jeffery Boyd
- Michelle Ufford
- Laura Sayles
- Benya Kraus
- Jerrilynn Sweeney
- Dr. Vance Boelter

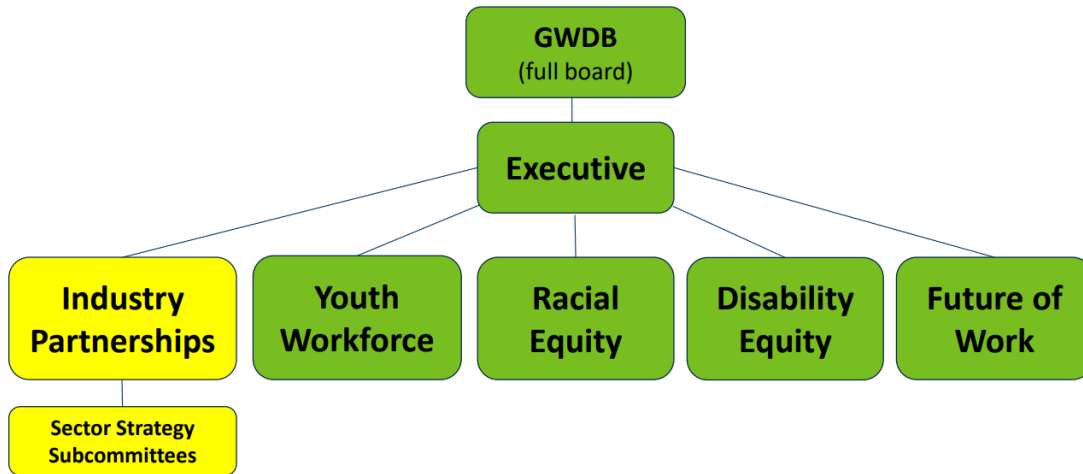
Introductions of GWDB members and guests followed.

Special Introductions and DEED Update

DEED Deputy Commissioner for Workforce Development Marc Majors introduced DEED Assistant Commissioner for Immigrant and Refugee Affairs, Abdiwahab Mohamed, who provided an overview of his office’s work and its relationship to the workforce development system in Minnesota.

Deputy Commissioner Majors also introduced the new members of the GWDB staff, Director Katie McClelland, and Workforce Policy Coordinator Sonji Davis. He said they bring a wealth of knowledge and experience to their roles. Katie formerly worked in the U.S. Congress as WIOA was being drafted, and Sonji comes to the Governor's Workforce Development Board from Workforce Development, Inc. (WDI), serving the Southeast Minnesota Region.

An overview of the Proposed GWDB Committee Structure as part of the Board’s “re-launch” was provided. Looking ahead, Subcommittees and new Committees will be formed throughout 2023, with the objectives of system alignment, stakeholder engagement, and coordination with workforce development areas as Regional and Local Plans and the WIOA State Plan for 2024-2027 take shape.



Proposed Committee Structure

Legislative Progress Report

With state lawmakers more than halfway through the legislative session, Darielle Dannen, DEED’s Government Relations Director, presented on targets for surplus funds, specifically Workforce Development, Economic Development, Broadband, and Paid Family and Medical Leave.

She also gave an overview of the **Drive for 5 Workforce Fund** to prepare the workforce to enter **five of the most critical occupational categories** in the state with high-growth jobs and family-sustaining wages:

- Technology
- Caring professions
- Education
- Manufacturing
- Trades

Questions and Answers followed.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned by acclamation at 11:54 a.m.

*The next meeting of the Governor’s Workforce Development Board is scheduled **from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday, June 20** at the Heritage Center, 6155 Earle Brown Dr, Brooklyn Center, MN 55430.*