

Governor’s Workforce Development Board - Minutes

Wednesday, August 24, 2022: 200 - 4:00 p.m.

Videoconference via Zoom

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| **GWDB Members/Designees** | **Guests**  | **Speakers and Staff** |
| Carol AndersonShirley BarnesLaura Beeth, ChairJosh BergBeth BinczikDr. Vance BoelterDr. Jeffery BoydDeb BrobergBernie BurnhamErin Campbell, MMBBarry DaviesMary FergusonIrene FernandoJeanna FortneyRep. Barb HaleyBrad Hasskamp, MDE Sam Heimlich Sen. John HoffmanDr. Nerita HughesLance LouisLarry Lundblad, Minn State Suyapa MirandaBill NelsonTuleah PalmerScott ParkerJovon Perry, DHS Kate Perushek, DLIJeffrey RaineyJohn RamirezAli RodwayLaura SaylesRoy SmithJennifer TheisenDee TorgersonMichelle UffordHanna ValentoKatya Zepeda | Pamela McCauleyJess NiebuhrEkta PrakashSally ReynoldsMary Rothchild

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 | Laura Kalambokidis, State Economist, MMB**GWDB Staff**Ben Baglio, DirectorKay Kammen, Sr. Policy Analyst**DEED Staff**

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| Marc Majors, Deputy Commissioner for Workforce DevelopmentDeven Bowdry, Acting Director, the Office of Public EngagementDarielle Dannen, Director of Government Affairs |
| Lorrie Janatopoulos, CareerForce DirectorMichelle BashamNima HusseinJocelyn RouseyAmy SchremppSee Yang  |
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**Call to Order and Welcome**

Laura Beeth, Chair of the Governor’s Workforce Development Board, called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m., welcoming members, speakers, guests, and staff who joined the meeting via teleconference.

**GWDB Business Meeting**

***Action Item:*** *Approval of Chair Report*

Roy Smith made a motion to approve the quarterly Chair Report.Michelle Uffordseconded the motion, and the report was unanimously approved.

***Action Item:*** *Approval of Minutes from the March 9, 2022 Full Board Meeting*

Dr. Vance Boelter made a motion to approve the Minutes from the March 9, 2022 quarterly meeting of the Full Board. The motion was seconded by Shirley Barnes and the Minutes were approved.

**National and State Economic Trends, and Minnesota’s Labor Market**

Laura Kalambokidis, State Economist, Minnesota Management and Budget (MMB),

gave a presentation on Minnesota’s economic outlook, offering data on recession risk, inflation, unemployment, and wage growth. A Question-and-Answer period followed.

**Biennial Budget Development Process**

Darielle Dannen, DEED Director of Public Affairs, spoke on *“Building a Thriving Economy and Workforce,”* summarizing the 2022 Legislative Session, which approved DEED requests to refill the Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund and boost Broadband access in Minnesota. She shared the newly-released [Governor's Economic Expansion Roadmap](https://mn.gov/deed/assets/governors-council-economic-expansion-roadmap-acc_tcm1045-535818.pdf), a 10-year plan for Minnesota's economic future, was written by a 15-member Council focused on building an equitable, resilient, and expansive economy.

Devin Bowdry was introduced as the Acting Director of the Office of Public Engagement. In his new role, he will be sharing updates and insights with the GWDB going forward.

Amy Schrempp, DEED’s Director of Customer Innovation, led a group activity using Mentimeter interactive presentation software to gather members’ answers to key questions within the workforce development environment. A discussion on opportunities, priority investments, scaling up of programs, public-private partnerships, and issues related to recruitment, retention, and talent pipeline management followed. Members identified tactics and strategies for state leaders to consider when developing their legislative proposals.

Presentations from today’s meeting can be found at <https://mn.gov/deed/gwdb/about/gwdb/> under the Materials tab.

**GWDB Updates**

Due to time constraints, GWDB Director Ben Baglio, and DEED Deputy Commissioner Marc Majors briefly discussed GWDB activities. A more in-depth presentation will be given at the next business meeting in October.

**Adjournment**

A motion to adjourn was made by Shirley Barnes; Roy Smith seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 4:02 p.m.

*The next GWDB Quarterly Meeting will be from* ***10:00 a.m. to 12:00 Noon on Wednesday, October 26, 2022*** *via Zoom.*

*The Annual Joint Winter Meeting of the Governor’s Workforce Development Board and the Minnesota Association of Workforce Boards (MAWB) is scheduled* ***from 10:00 to 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, December 14, 2022. Venue is TBD.***