# Governor’s Workforce Development Board and Minnesota Association of Workforce Boards

# 7th Annual Joint Meeting

9:00 AM – 12:00 PM CT

Wednesday, December 15, 2021

Online via Zoom

**GWDB Members Present**

Abdiwadi Husen

Representative Barb Haley

Barry Davies

Benya Kraus

Bill Nelson

Senator Carla Nelson

Catherine Penkert

Commissioner Dennis Olson Jr.

Dee Torgerson

Edward Reynoso

Ekta Prakash

Eric Nesheim

Dr. Jeffrey Boyd

Jeffrey Rainey

Jennifer Theisen

Jovon Perry

Kristin Batson

Senator John Hoffman

Laura Sayles

Lance Louis

Laura Beeth (Chair)

Laura Sayles

Loren Nelson

Mary Ferguson

Michelle Ufford

Dr. Nerita Hughes

Dr. Paul Pribbenow

Roy Smith

Ralph Jacobson

Ron Anderson

Representative Barb Haley

Representative Mohamud Noor

Rosa Tock

Sam Heimlich

Commissioner Steve Grove

Steve Kalina

Suyapa Miranda

Tory Schalkle

Tuleah Palmer

William McCarthy

**GWDB & MAWB Members Present**

Carol Anderson

Shirley Barnes

Dr. Vance Boelter

**MAWB Members Present**

Anne Kilzer

Barb Chaffee

Carrie Bendix

Commissioner Jim McDonough

Commissioner Mary Hamann-Roland

Commissioner Richard Greene

Commissioner Scott Schulte (Chair)

Commissioner Stan Karwoski

Wayne Kangas

Deb Bahr-Helgen

Elena Foshay

Heather Gleason

Janelle Wald Kovar

Jinny Rietmann

John Roper

Kate Probert Fagundes

Ling Becker

Mark Jacobs

Nicole Mattson

Nicole Swanson

Tammy Biery

Vicki Leaderbrand

**Staff Present**

Becky Accettura

Jeanna Fortney

Kay Kammen

Ben Baglio

**Other Guests**

Rebecca Fabunmi

Angie Dahle

Audrey O’Driscoll

Shannon Quigley

Cheryl Bergman

Lorrie Janatopoulos

Maureen Ramirez

Larry Eisenstadt

Marc Majors

Liz Jennings

Jacqueline Buck

Stephanie Graff

Brad Hasskamp

Heather Goodwin

Julie Dincau

Larry Lundblad

**Welcome and Call to Order**

Chair Laura Beeth called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m., welcomed the audience, and introduced herself. Commissioner Scott Schulte was introduced as the Chair of the Minnesota Association of Workforce Boards (MAWB). Chair Beeth reviewed the agenda for the day. Chair Schulte reviewed basic tips for using Zoom and instructions on voting.

**GWDB Business Meeting**

*Approval of September 15, 2021 Meeting Minutes*

Sam Heimlich made a motion to approve the minutes of the GWDB’s quarterly meeting in September. The motion was seconded by Shirley Barnes. The motion carried.

*Approval of Chair’s Report*

Chair Beeth touched on highlights of her report. She touched on the importance of healthcare during the continuing COVID-19 pandemic and the healthcare sector’s partnerships with workforce partners and DEED to recruit new staff. Ron Anderson made a motion to approve the Chair’s Report. Stan Karwoski seconded. The motion passed.

*Announcements*

Chair Beeth announced that a team is working on revisions to the GWDB bylaws. The 2022 calendar of meetings for the GWDB will be released shortly via email.

**MAWB Business Meeting**

*2022 Legislative Platform*

The 2022 MAWB Platform was presented by Anne Kilzer. Vicki Leaderbrand made a motion to approve the platform as presented. Shirley Barnes seconded. The motion carried.

*2022 WIOA Reauthorization Recommendations*

Anne Kilzer presented recommendations on WIOA reauthorization to the membership. The association did not vote on these recommendations.

*Bank Change*

Chair Schulte presented a recommendation from staff to change the association’s bank from Wells Fargo to American National Bank (Western Bank). Barb Chaffee moved to change the Minnesota Association of Workforce Boards (MAWB) bank to American National Bank (Western Bank). Stan Karwoski seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Chair Schulte called for a vote to change the banking signatories. Mary Hamann-Roland moved to approve the Minnesota Association of Workforce Boards’ banking signatories to include Julie Ring, AMC Executive Director, and Jeanna Fortney, MAWB Director. Anne Kilzer seconded. The motion carried.

*Recognition*

Chair Schulte took a moment to recognize Anne Kilzer’s nearly 20 years of service to MAWB. She is moving on to a new professional opportunity as of tomorrow.

**DEED Updates**

*Commissioner Steve Grove*

Commissioner Grove joined the meeting to share reflections and updates. He shared reflections on the volatility of the market and the state’s budget surplus, and opportunities for the workforce system.

**Promising Practices & State Initiatives during COVID-19**

*Mike Beene, Director of Employment Services, Kansas Department of Commerce*

*Cheryl Bergman, CEO, Michigan Women’s Commission*

Guest speaker Mike Beene shared information on an initiative in Kansas to leverage WIOA Title I dollars to help offset the cost of childcare. State and local areas changed policies to allow for childcare to be a part of supportive services around searching for employment. They established a referral process with the Kansas Department for Children and Families to help assess whether jobseekers are eligible for TANF and SNAP. Cheryl Bergman shared information about Michigan’s Tri-Share Child Care Pilot Program, which partners the state, employers, and employees with facilitator hubs to find childcare providers.

**Innovative Service Delivery Panel Discussion**

*Megan Farry, Director of Strategic Partnerships, New York Association of Training and Employment Professionals*

*Ryan Hundt, CEO, MichiganWorks! Association*

*Bob Lanter, Executive Director, California Workforce Association*

*Walter Simmons, President and CEO, Employ Prince George’s*

Panelists answered questions about changing service delivery during COVID-19 and how local areas have worked with their state’s workforce board/state workforce agency on innovative service delivery strategies.

**Strong Start, Strong Finish and Other Alabama Workforce Initiatives**

*Nick Moore, Director, Alabama Governor’s Office of Education & Workforce Transformation*

Guest speaker Nick Moore shared information about Alabama’s efforts to utilize the Eligible Training Provider List (ETPL) to help reach attainment and labor force participation goals. He also discussed the composition of the state workforce development board and changes to their bylaws that have strengthened the WIOA board into a strong, policy-making body.

**Healthcare Month**

*Jackie Buck, Director of Workforce Strategy, Department of Employment and Economic Development*

Jackie Buck shared information about January’s Healthcare Month. Resources and additional information are available at CareerForceMN.com.

**Closing**

On behalf of Chair Schulte and herself, GWDB Chair Beeth thanked everyone in attendance and wished them a happy holiday. The meeting was adjourned at 12:01 p.m.