

**State Workforce Innovation Council
Indiana Government Center South
10 N Senate Ave
Indianapolis, IN 46204
July 23, 2014, 12:00PM**

**MEETING MINUTES
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Present: Caryl Auslander, Allison Barber, Brian Burton, Randall Collins, Billie Drago, Senator Doug Eckerty, Jessica Fraser, Representative Richard Hamm, Melanie Hart, Randy Holmes, Kylee Hope, Teresa Lubbers, John Meredith, Robert Moore, Renee Palmer, Paul Perkins, Paula Pinkstaff, Chris Smith, Dan Waldrop, Trish Whitcomb Sipes.

Also present from Department of Workforce Development: Commissioner, Steve Braun, Chief of Staff, Bill Nonte, Legal Counsel, Jeff Gill, Chief Operating Officer, Jackie Dowd

Absent: Senator Jim Buck, Claudia Cummings, Lieutenant Governor Sue Ellspermann, Gretchen Gutman, Kent Kramer, Representative Charles Moseley, Doug Poe, Angela Smith Jones, Kevin Wachtel.

I. Call to Order and Roll

Mr. Perkins called the meeting to order at 12:00 pm and recognized a quorum was present.

II. Approval of Minutes for the SWIC Meeting on December 18, 2014

Mr. Perkins motioned to approve the meeting minutes from the December meeting. Motion accepted and the minutes were approved. There were no public comments to address.

III. Orientation

- Commissioner Braun introduced himself and spoke a little about his background and his vision for the agency. We want to transform Indiana's workforce by creating a demand driven system, based on specific business needs. Raising the per capita income of Indiana's workers means closing the skills gap. The Hoosier Hot 50 jobs list is a great foundation to build on but it's just a snap shot of what jobs we should be targeting. With the right data, we can start focusing on the jobs that will be available for grade school students, when they graduate. We should be able to show high school students what's going to be out there for them when they graduate. Once they choose a career path, we should be able to give them an education track to follow. We received a lot of new funding this last session that we can work with. Right now, very few states are aligning the demand with the skill sets that employers are looking for.
- Chief Operating Officer, Jackie Dowd spoke about the work The Indiana Career Council is doing and how it will help SWIC. The ICC focuses on coordination of various participants in the education, jobs skills development and career training system to better match education and skills training with employer needs.
- Associate COO of Policy, Gina Ashley, spoke about WIOA – Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act. WIOA is first update to the federal workforce law in 16 years. It requires a

state workforce development board, which in Indiana is SWIC. WIOA was signed into law one year ago and contains 4 major/core programs; workforce development activities; adult education and family literacy activities; Wagner-Peyser employment services; and vocational rehabilitation services. Our state plan is due in March. Gina also gave each member a side-by-side comparison of WIA and WIOA that will help answer many questions the board has.

- Roger Feldhaus, Executive Director of Region 4, presented an overview of the role and efficacy of the local Workforce Development Board (WDB) and how WIOA will impact these goals.
- Chris Lowery, Chair of Region 9's Works Council spoke about Region 9's challenges their Works Council's Strategic Plan and how it will be successful.
- SWIC Chair, Paul Perkins took this time to present an overview of SWIC bylaws along with two resolutions.

The first resolution, establishes three taskforces under SWIC: the WIOA Implementation Taskforce, the Demand Driven Workforce System Taskforce, and the Youth Council Taskforce. The Taskforces will perform the duties outlined in the resolution.

The second resolution under SWIC, establishes the Career and Technical Schools Accreditation Committee. The Committee will perform the duties outlined in the resolution.

Both resolutions were voted on and passed unanimously.

- The last presentation was delivered by DWD's Director of Strategic Initiative, Leslie Crist. Leslie presented an overview of JAG, Jobs for America's Graduates, and the Youth Council Taskforce and what their goals are.

IV. Adjournment

Mr. Perkins adjourned the meeting at 2:35pm.