

Governor's Workforce Cabinet

Thursday, December 17, 2020

Virtual Meeting

MEETING MINUTES

Present (via Webinar): State Representative Bob Behning, Jenà Bellezza, Jason Callahan, Rob Carter, Jason Ells, Dr. Sue Ellspermann, Jody French, Anne Hazlett, Dr. Chuck Johnson, Mark Kara, Teresa Lubbers, Blair Milo, Fred Payne, Paul Perkins, State Senator Jeff Raatz, Dr. Ronald Rochon, Rebecca Schroeder, Alan Taylor, Tony Vespa, and Bruce Watson.

Absent: Dr. Jennifer McCormick, Dr. Jennifer Sullivan, Joyce Irwin, Amy Brown, David Roberts, Senator Jeff Raatz

Welcome and Call to Order - Chair Teresa Lubbers

- a. Meeting called to order at 10:00am ET.

II. Roll Call of Cabinet Members

- a. P.J. McGrew called the roll for Workforce Cabinet members; a quorum was present.

III. Approval of Minutes and Bylaws

- a. Paul Perkins motioned to approve the minutes from the previous meeting. Tony Vespa seconded the motion.

IV. Reports

- a. Chair's Report (Teresa Lubbers)
- b. Executive Director's Report (P.J. McGrew)

V. New Business

a. Approval of 2021 Meeting Dates

- i. The Cabinet unanimously approved scheduled meeting dates for 2021. Meetings will remain bi-monthly and occur on the 3rd Thursday of each applicable month.

b. Approval of Attainment Academy Resolution

- i. Commissioner Lubbers and PJ McGrew shared an update regarding the work of the Attainment Academy. The GWC Policy Committee was given a more detailed presentation regarding the Attainment Academy's work during their meeting earlier in the week. Several Cabinet members, including President Ellspermann, President Johnson, and Anne Hazlett, shared their appreciation for the team effort that went into the Attainment Academy and their excitement to see the action items begin to be implemented.

- ii. PJ read the resolution to all Cabinet members. Commissioner Lubbers asked that a small change be made to the resolution to recognize partnerships with private higher education institutions. PJ indicated the change would be made.
- iii. Commissioner Lubbers made a motion to approve the attainment academy resolution. A motion was made by Jason Callahan and seconded by President Rochon. The resolution was approved unanimously on a voice vote.

c. Approval of Work-Based Learning Recommendations

- i. PJ shared an update regarding the work of the work-based learning subcommittee the Cabinet formed earlier in 2020. Cabinet members received an update on the committee's work over the past several months and an overview of recommendations the committee developed.
- ii. Bruce Watson, Mark Kara, and Blair Milo spoke to their involvement on the committee and the importance of these recommendations towards improving work-based learning in Indiana. Representative Behning thanked the employers for their participation in developing the recommendations and indicated the importance of their ongoing involvement in improving work-based learning.
- iii. Commissioner Lubbers called for a motion to approve the work-based learning recommendations. Jason Ells made a motion, it was seconded by Mark Kara. The recommendations were approved unanimously on a voice vote.

d. Approval of Equity and Inclusion Recommendations

- i. PJ provided an update on the work that has gone in to developing an initial set of Equity and Inclusion recommendations related to workforce programs. This item was a charge from Governor Holcomb to the GWC during his August speech on Equity and Inclusion. Secretary Milo shared some additional information regarding how the recommendations will be implemented in the months ahead. Several Cabinet members highlighted the importance of these recommendations and expressed their support, including President Rochon, Maurice Coates Jr., and Secretary Milo.
- ii. Commissioner Lubbers made a motion to approve the recommendations. A motion was made by President Ellspermann and seconded by Commissioner Payne. The recommendations were approved unanimously on a voice vote.

VI. Old Business

- a. There was no old business to discuss.

VII. Adjournment

- a. The meeting adjourned at 11:30 ET.