



**Full Board Meeting  
February 14, 2017  
4:00 p.m.  
WorkSource Yakima  
1205 Ahtanum Ridge Drive, Union Gap**

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**Minutes:**

*Board Members Present*

Carolyn Dresker, Chair  
Dennis Flabetich, Vice-Chair

Mark Todd  
Marcia Henkle

Kathy Rheaume  
Barbara Cosner, Treasurer WebEx

Richard Foster  
Leonard Crouch  
Peter Finch

Christine Cote  
Teresa Herrera  
Leanne Liddicoat

Debbie Byrd, WebEx  
Kari Fagerness, WebEx  
Tony Edwards, WebEx

*Staff Present:*

Patrick Baldoz  
Amy Martinez  
Tim Hoerner

Amy Garcia, Minutes  
Hugo Moreno  
Melanie Willis

Justin Merrell

*Guests:*

Commissioner Ron Anderson  
Commissioner Richard Mahar, WebEx  
Dannielle Fish

Madelyn Carlson  
Renee Biles

Frank Rowland  
Marcelino Osorio, WebEx

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**Call to Order**

Carolyn Dresker called the meeting to order at 4:03 p.m. and welcomed everyone. Introductions were made.

**Approval of Minutes**

Carolyn called for a motion to approve the Full Board minutes from November 8, 2016 meeting minutes:

**Marcia Henkle moved to approve the November 8, 2016 full board meeting minutes, seconded by Dennis Flabetich. Motion carried.**

**Consent Agenda**

Carolyn called attention to the consent agenda items (noted below) and asked if there was any items that needed to be pulled for discussion. Hearing no response she asked for approval of the consent agenda.

- 16-02-01 December Financial Statements - Attachment A
- 16-02-02 PY16 Commerce WorkFirst Mod-2 – Attachment B

**Leanne Liddicoat moved to approve the items on the Consent Agenda as presented, seconded by Leonard Crouch. Motion carried.**

### **WIOA Youth Committee RFP Recommendation Out of School Youth PY17**

Leanne Liddicoat shared from the provided memo. During the January 26, 2017 Youth committee meeting, and spent considerable time reviewing the WIOA Youth Request for Proposals. A major decision point was to focus completely on out of school youth based on the Department of Labor initial advisories regarding the Youth Program for WIOA. The Youth Committee unanimously agreed that programs would be strengthened and local youth would be better served by moving to a complete out of school program for 2017.

Patrick Baldoz shared that the SCWDC Planning & Outreach Committee and approved the Youth RFP for review. Melanie Willis walked through the RFP timeline. She explained that if the RFP was approved by the Council, the RFP would be released to the public the next day on February 15, 2017.

**Dennis Flabetich moved to approve and adopt an out of school design for the workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act Youth Program for 2017 and to approve the out of school request for proposal (RFP) as presented, seconded by Christine Cote. Motion carried.**

### **State Audit Report – July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016**

Tim Hoerner reported that the state auditors completed their in house review. There were no findings or concerns. An Exit Conference was completed on January 19, 2017.

### **Workforce Innovation Fund Homeless Navigator Project Report**

Amy Martinez shared that in Program year 2012 the SCWDC staff applied with the Department Of Labor to conduct a Homeless Navigator Project and were awarded \$1.2 million. The project concluded on October 31, 2016. The project last a total of 4 years. Currently there is vigorous evaluations being conducted and controlled and treatment groups for the project.

People for People was the service provider during the project. Danielle Fish from People for People presented a slide show that showcased the project's success.

### **Directors Report**

Patrick Baldoz discussed "Expanding Education Options in the Gorge" meetings that had been occurring in Dallesport prior to the holidays. Meetings will resume in March. Patrick shared that SCWDC have submitted an application for the Governor's Talent and Prosperity for State Workforce Plan Accelerator Initiative for \$25,000. If granted those funds, they would be utilized in the Gorge area. The idea is to hire a consultant to work directly with the local community to develop a plan that would be implemented to start services in the area for Adult Basic Education.

Patrick shared that the strategy that the TAP initiative is using is the "Upskill/Backfill Model." The intent is for companies to train incumbent workers and move them to the next level, so that they may create entry levels and people would be able to backfill the positions. Justin Merrell explained that the Talent and Prosperity for all Plan is the State Strategic Workforce Plan in which Upskill/Backfill projects are an emphasis. The Upskill/Backfill project is a demonstration grant and would require

WDC to partner with multiple companies if we apply for the grant. We would be able to demonstrate through training that we would be able to upskill and show measurable skill gains as well as promotions and or wage gain with workers that already employed. After we would set- up customized training and backfill the positions.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:45 p.m.