

**WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL  
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA**

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**Friday, March 15, 2019**

9:00 am to 10:00 am

**LOCATION:**

Attend by Audio: 701-328-7950 / Participant Code: 898366#

<b>TIME</b>	<b>AGENDA ITEM</b>	<b>PRESENTER</b>
9:00 a.m.	Call Meeting to Order – Roll Call Approve minutes of February 19, 2019	Dave Farnsworth
	1. Legislative update	Michelle Kommer
	a. Overview of Commerce Testimony	
	b. Status of Workforce investments	
	2. WIOA Funds/RFP Update	Michelle Kommer
	3. High Demand Jobs List	Michelle Kommer
	4. Other	All
10:00 a.m.	Adjourn	Dave Farnsworth

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Minutes of the

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Via audio

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Dave called the meeting to order at 9:00 am.

**Members present:** Dave Farnsworth, Cindy Griffin, Kurtis Karn, Don Shilling, Arnie Strebe

**Ex-officio members present:** Michelle Kommer, Bryan Klipfel

**Staff present:** Susan Gunsch, Tammy Barstad

**It was moved by Don Shilling, seconded by Cindy Griffin, and carried on a voice vote to approve minutes from the February 19, 2019 Executive Committee meeting.**

### **Legislative Update**

The testimony for the Commerce Department presentation was designed to focus on high level concerns being clear with needs of the Department of Commerce from legislators. A one-page document of workforce recommendations was shared with the legislators. Michelle will send the following for council members to use to call their legislators for educational purposes: Road Map, one-page document of workforce issues in North Dakota, list of members of committee and sub-committee, and talking points.

### **WIOA Funds/RFP Update**

Funds that need to be spent by June 30, 2019 are committed to supporting co-location of Vocational Rehabilitation staff within select Job Service North Dakota offices. The RFP is still in development and will be brought to the executive committee when ready.

### **High Demand Jobs List**

The North Dakota In Demand Occupations list is used by several entities. Legislative bill 1171 references this list stating the North Dakota University System (NDUS) and the Workforce Development Council will determine the North Dakota In Demand Occupations list. The council includes representation from NDUS and, therefore, would have the opportunity to represent both entities.

Legislative bill 2039 references the State Board of Higher Education and the Workforce Education Advisory Council (WEAC) to identify the In-Demand Occupations list. Concerns with bill

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2039 are that WEAC was disbanded, and industry is not included. There is a possibility that these two bills may be combined.

The North Dakota In Demand Occupations list needs to be updated and published by July 1, 2019 to align with the WIOA program year.

### **Next Steps**

For full council consideration:

- What are the next steps for the council's focus
- How to address workforce issues that did not get included by legislature
- In Demand Occupations list
- How does the council continue to support workforce issues that were approved by the legislature

US Department of Labor Secretary Acosta will be in North Dakota on Thursday, March 21 for meetings on workforce, association health plans and tribal colleges.

Meeting adjourned at 10:18 am