

# WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA

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TUESDAY, JULY 16, 2019

10:30-11:15 a.m.

VIA CONFERENCE CALL: (701) 328-0950, Passcode: 32567952#

TIME	AGENDA ITEM	PRESENTER
10:30 a.m.	Call Meeting to Order	Dave Farnsworth
	<b>Agenda Items</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Introduce Landis Larson</li><li>2. Accelerated Learning Platform</li><li>3. Discussion of Subcommittees</li><li>4. Other</li></ol>	Michelle Kommer
11:15 a.m.	Adjourn	Dave Farnsworth

## Minutes of the

### **WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL**

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Dave Farnsworth called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m.

**Members present:** Pat Bertagnolli, Dave Farnsworth, Cindy Griffin, Jan Kamphuis, Kurtis Kan, Janelle Klinke, Perry Lubbers, Misty Porter-Belch, Don Shilling, Taya Spelhaug, Arnie Strebe, Cindy Schreiber-Beck, Tony Grindberg, Landis Larson, Wayde Sick, James Upgren, Kasper Ziegler, Stan Schauer, Bryan Klipfel

**Staff present:** Phil Davis, Tammy Barstad, Ruth Lacher, Brian Sayler, Sherri Frieze

**Guests:** Matt Gardner, Jennifer Greul

#### **Welcome New Member**

Michelle Kommer welcomed new WDC member Landis Larson, from the entity of AFL CIO representing Workforce.

#### **Accelerated Learning Platform**

Michelle gave a recap to past discussion of the first fully autonomous farm in ND called Grand Farm that was presented during the June 11<sup>th</sup>, 2019 full council meeting. WDC has the option to invest in the accelerated learning platform (coding school) with a curriculum from [Prime Digital Academy](#) currently operating in Minnesota and Missouri. The focus is for the needs of the employer, not on a certification or a degree. The curriculum, an eight-week program with 40 students and continuing curriculums class after class. The investment could be consistent with the tenants of the report of recommendations, producing both near-term results and a long-term impact. The focus would be statewide to those underemployed, non-employed, or those with employment barriers. Graduates will go on to work for ND statewide companies.

**It was moved by Tony Grindberg, seconded by Jan Kamphuis to sponsor the accelerated learning platform of the Grand Farm initiative with \$200,000 from the WIOA funds (governor set aside funds) supporting educational efforts within the state.**

#### **Subcommittees**

Michelle affirmed the June 11<sup>th</sup> emailed survey to members for an ask to serve on a subcommittee to help refine the focus of the council in connection with member's time and effort.

The executive committee met July 9<sup>th</sup> to form subcommittees for: 1.) career/technical skills gap, 2.) employment barriers, 3.) recruit & retain, and 4.) communication strategy. Subcommittee commitment would be two – four hours per month with the inclusion of a team leader to each subcommittee. It was mentioned to involve outside parties for better results, that would include next steps of; framework, intention, process for best results, and a land on priorities and future groundwork. Michelle will send out the subcommittee information today via email.

#### **Other**

Michelle mentioned the [TEDx Fargo event on July 25](#) in Fargo, with the option to schedule a WDC meeting concurrent to TEDx. An email link will be sent out today to the registration page.

Dave Farnsworth mentioned the National Indian Council on Aging (NICOA), has a representative that he would like to invite to a future WDC meeting.

Wayde Sick reminded members for the participation to the ND CTE 2019 Professional Development Conference, August 5<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup>. If you would like to attend, please contact Wayde Sick.

#### **Adjourn**

It was moved by Janelle Klinke and seconded by Kasper Ziegler to adjourn the meeting, carried on a voice vote. Meeting was adjourned at 11:15 a.m.