



Sector Partnerships and Career Pathways

Committee Meeting Minutes

Wyoming Workforce Development Council
3/5/2025 12:00 PM MST

Attendance

Present:

Members: Michelle Aldrich, Tony Cross, Wendy Fisketjon, Larry Fodor, Nathan Williams

Guests: Yvonne Adekale, Tony Glover, Lacey LaVake, Melissa Lovett, Trevor Mansfield, Michael Moore, Kristy Tyrney, Jennifer Wilch

Absent:

Members: Laurel Ballard, Ron Gullberg, Ben Moritz

I. Convene (Presenters: Tony Cross)

Meeting convened at 12:01 pm.

II. Roll Call (Presenters: Jennifer Wilch)

Jennifer Wilch called attendance and noted there is a quorum.

III. Approval of December and February Minutes (Presenters: Tony Cross)

Motion:

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Motion moved by Larry Fodor and motion seconded by Nathan Williams. Approval of December and February minutes passed.

IV. DFS Childcare Program (Presenters: Larry Fodor)

Larry Fodor presented information about the Childcare Provider Start-Up Grant. The program has received a response that has outpaced the available funding allotted. Committee members discussed the funding parameters in relation to council criteria. Jennifer Wilch further elaborated that infrastructure was not fundable according to the Workforce Innovation Opportunity Act (WIOA). However, workforce training and upskilling is considered fundable. Wyoming Quality Counts is also a state program that helps to fund early childcare and childcare providers. Grants are available to offset expenses of conferences and training providing professional development to child care program owners and staff.

V. Talent Transition Update (Presenters: Jennifer Wilch, Yvonne Adekale)

Jennifer Wilch provided an update on "Forge Your Future," the talent transition project, to committee members. Videos have continued to be received, and there is excitement regarding the businesses that have agreed to participate and partner with the project.

VI. Next Gen Academy (Presenters: Jennifer Wilch)

Jennifer Wilch updated committee members that plans for the Academy are moving along nicely. John Melville and Jennifer are recruiting people to attend, and tours are the last aspect that need to be finalized. Jackson Hole Airport will be sponsoring lunch.

VII. In-Demand Occupation List (Presenters: Michael Moore)

Michael Moore presented data regarding in-demand occupations derived from US DOL data and information. The information provided will help assist the council in making decisions on what occupations should be of focus for WIOA training funds. Jennifer Wilch explained that under WIOA, the council is tasked with training people in industries that are in high demand and also at a sustainable wage. The committee will review the scenarios provided and make a decision about a recommended scenario at the next meeting.

VIII. WWDC industry panel for DWS Virtual Training Series (Presenters: Jennifer Wilch)

Committee discussion about volunteers that DWS is looking for to sit on a virtual panel tentatively planned in June. This panel will be an hour long.

IX. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 1:06 pm