



Sector Partnerships and Career Pathways

Committee Meeting Minutes

Wyoming Workforce Development Council
Wednesday, April 3, 2024 at 12:00 PM MDT

Attendance

Present:

Members: Elizabeth Gagen, Tony Cross, Larry Fodor, Ron Gullberg, Ben Moritz

Guests: Rebekah Burns, Ivy Castleberry, Matt Hall, Trevor Mansfield, Michael Moore, Kristy Tyrney, Jennifer Wilch

Absent:

Members: Michelle Aldrich, Tamsin Johnson, Brenda Morgan, Nathan Williams

I. Convene (Presenters: Tony Cross)

Meeting called to order at 12:01 pm.

II. Roll Call (Presenters: Jennifer Wilch)

Jennifer Wilch called attendance and noted there is not a quorum.

III. Approval of February Minutes

Presenter: Tony Cross

Postpone approval of February minutes until next meeting.

IV. Next Gen Grant Application - Big Horn Basic Tourism Partnership

Presenters: Jennifer Wilch, Rebekah Burns, Matt Hall

Jennifer Wilch informed the committee that the Experience Next Gen Sector Partnership grant request is going through a fiscal revision process with a review from the Department of Labor. Rebekah Burns presented to the council information about the grant request, explaining Park County being the second-largest tax collector in the state. The Big Horn Basin partnership would like to increase partnerships by fifty percent. Other goals include increased visibility and participation in the partnership with the goal of additional training for local industries. Rebekah shared more about collaboration with local chambers of commerce alongside goals to increase community outreach and cataloging of businesses in the region.

V. Next Gen Academy Update

Presenters: Jennifer Wilch

The Next Gen Academy will take place in a couple weeks on April 24-25 and we currently have 64 people registered for the academy with more anticipated registrants. Currently, we are well under our allocated budget. Several new partnerships will be in attendance. Further discussion amongst council members took place to finalize the time of tours to the capital and Laramie County Community College Manufacturing Center. The current goal is to develop an itinerary of tours and activities available before the Next Gen Academy.

VI. Talent Transition (Presenters: Jennifer Wilch)

Talent transition was initiated by Next Gen Sector partners from ARPA dollars during the pandemic and will be a topic at the upcoming Next Gen Academy. This project will create a library of career exploration videos for industries identified by Next Gen and will target unemployed or under-employed individuals. This career exploration toolkit will provide insight into growing career opportunities in Wyoming. The goal is sustainability even after ARPA dollars as industries evolve and change and to help businesses utilize this tool for recruitment to fill open jobs.

VII. Adjourn

Presenter: Tony Cross

Meeting adjourned at 12:52 pm.