

SPECIAL OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE ON WORKFORCE EXPANSION AND DEVELOPMENT MINUTES

Meeting Date/Location: Monday, July 24, 2023, 3:30 pm, virtually via Microsoft Teams

Members Present: Adam Grinold, Kendal Smith, Rep. Michael Marcotte, Sen. Alison Clarkson

Guests Present: Alysia Ordway, Nancy Snyder, Mel Arsenault, Candace Phinney, Porsche Tyson, Dustin Degree, Ron Painter, Abby Rhim

Minutes By: Abby Rhim

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- Meeting called to order.
- Introductions from all committee members present.
- Review and approval of today's agenda.
 - Motion to amend the agenda to include discussion of phase 2 and review the materials provided made by Adam. Seconded by Kendal and approved unanimously.
- Review and approval of minutes from the [June 5th, 2023 meeting](#).
 - Motion made to approve the minutes as drafted. Motion made by Sen. Clarkson, seconded by Kendal and approved unanimously.
- Review final phase one report from PCG.
 - Alysia highlighted that edits made by the committee on the phase one report have been reflected in the current report. The recommended edits made do not change the overall messaging of the document.
 - The committee asked for clarification on what is being approved at today's meeting. Rep. Marcotte clarified that it would be the phase one report, not including the spreadsheet of state programs.
 - The group posed final clarification questions for PCG.
 - Adam asked if the document was explicit enough in its call for the support needed in the workforce system. He also flagged that under the CTE section, the call for more teachers with no recommendations for solutions.
 - Sen. Clarkson argued that the role of CTE centers is *not* unclear. It is agreed upon that it is critically important.
 - Kendal suggested that while feedback is provided through the phase one review today, if the document is approved, the phase two review will be influenced by today's recommendations.
 - Alysia suggested integrating phase one and two as one final report.
 - Rep. Marcotte suggested approving of the document today, phase one, with the understanding that it is a living document. Sen. Clarkson agreed.
- SOCWED vote to accept phase one report.
 - Motion made to approve the phase one report with the understanding that it will continue to be revised as needed made by Sen. Clarkson, seconded by Adam and approved unanimously.
- Review phase two report from PCG/Update on revised recommendation from June 5th meeting.
 - Alysia noted the extension of the timeline. There will be a final report in October, then in the hands of state leadership and committees for the legislative session in January.
 - Alysia then synthesized the June meeting takeaways. (See report, pg. 4 and 5)

- Sen. Clarkson highlighted the need to include private and non-profit entities in the governance system that organizes the workforce development system.
- Kendal highlighted the need for this group to identify what success might look like. How will we know if we are making a return on our investments?
- Adam highlighted that the SWDB is an advisory group that will *not* have authority over all workforce investments in the state. This is an assumption. Sen. Clarkson added that oversight by the SWDB is one potential suggested model, however, it is not *the* agreed upon model currently.
- Alysia reviewed that coming out of the June 5th meeting, PCG was under the impression that greater leadership by the SWDB was favored by the group. This included SWDB leadership through three different models. Sen. Clarkson stressed that this seems like one model proposal, focused around the SWDB, not three all relying on the SWDB.
- Kendal stressed the need for three models that are more definitive, backed with supporting data looking at other states. Adam added that referencing examples would be helpful.
- Next Steps
 - PCG agreed to rework three new models.
 - Kendal requested discussing the excel inventory of state programs at the next meeting.
 - The group will meet virtually in August and in-person in September.
- Meeting adjourned

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