

**Collaboration and Partnership Committee Meeting
Thursday, August 19, 2021 at 2:00 p.m.**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Rep. Joe Daning
Mr. Mike King
Ms. Valerie Richardson
Dr. Tim Hardee
Mr. John Durst
Mr. Greg Clark

MEMBERS EXCUSED:

Sen. Ross Turner
Mr. Michael Sexton
Mr. Cliff Bourke, Jr

Welcome and Opening Remarks Ms. Valerie Richardson, Committee Chair

Ms. Valerie Richardson called the meeting to order at 2:01 p.m. A quorum was present.

Approval of May 25, 2021 Meeting Minutes* Ms. Richardson

Rep. Joe Daning made a motion to approve the May 25, 2021 meeting minutes. Dr. Tim Hardee seconded the motion and the Committee unanimously approved the minutes.

Review Committee Charter & Priorities Ms. Richardson

Ms. Richardson presented PY'20 accomplishments, highlighting efforts to increase work-based learning activity, support the development of credentials and career pathways, and provide training for COVID-displaced workers. She provided the details of a three-year work-based learning trend analysis conducted by staff and quantified the percentage of Adult (17%), Dislocated Worker (4%), and Youth participants (23%) that received a work-based learning service during the three-year period. The SWDB will continue to track and assess rates of work-based learning through the WIOA Productivity Dashboard and staff will consult with the National Governors Association (NGA) to assess and compare work-based learning rates in other states.

Ms. Richardson shared a summary on three key initiatives for training COVID-displaced workers, including DEW's partnership with Coursera to provide professional development opportunities for UI claimants, Project GED, which incentivizes the attainment of a high school credential, and free short-term training through GEER funding awarded to the Technical College System.

While the focus on work-based learning and career pathways will continue in PY'21, Ms. Richardson recommended that the third priority be marked as complete. Members of the Committee agreed. Mr. John Durst expressed the need for culinary technical college training programs in the Midlands geographical area. The Committee discussed recent funding available for launching new training programs and the Committee's role in fostering collaboration with the local technical college. Ultimately, the Committee did not identify any additional priorities or areas of focus.

Other Business/Adjourn Ms. Richardson

Ms. Richardson recognized Dr. Tim Hardee's service as a member of the State Workforce Board and the end of his term on September 30, 2021. The Committee did not discuss any other business. The meeting adjourned at 2:25 p.m.

*Denotes Voting Item