



**Workforce Committee on Innovation Meeting
Thursday, May 26, 2022 at 11:00 a.m.**

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AGENDA

- I. Welcome and Opening Remarks Mr. Jay Holloway, Committee Chair
- II. Approval of Minutes from February 24, 2022* Mr. Holloway
- III. Review of PY'21 Committee Priorities Mr. Holloway
- IV. Virtual Reality in Workforce Development.....Ms. Jackie Taylor/
Ms. Johnnie-Lynn Crosby
- V. Workforce Development Month Ms. Taylor
- VI. Other Business/Adjourn..... Mr. Holloway

*Denotes voting item

**Governor’s State Workforce Development Board
February 24, 2022 Workforce Committee on Innovation Meeting Minutes**

Members Present:

Mr. Jay Holloway
Col. Craig Currey
Ms. Felicia Johnson

Members Excused:

Mr. Archie Maddox

Welcome and Opening RemarksMr. Jay Holloway, Committee Chair

Mr. Jay Holloway, Committee Chair, called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m. A quorum was present.

Approval of Minutes from February 24, 2022*Mr. Holloway

Mr. Craig Currey motioned to approve the February 24, 2022, meeting minutes. The Committee unanimously approved the minutes.

Introduction of LMI Director Dr. Bryan Grady

Dr. Bryan Grady, LMI (Labor Market Information) Director, introduced himself to the Committee and shared his vision and updates on the Trends publication and development of LMI Training. He would like to include more data in the Trends publication, such as wage data or more detailed unemployment data; explore opportunities for improving the weekly data dashboard distributed to SWDB members; and make the data produce by LMI more accessible. Dr. Grady also shared that LMI training is in development. Mr. Holloway expressed a need to have information about the number of businesses categorized as small, medium, and large at the county-level and by industry.

Promising Practices/Success Stories..... Ms. Jadai Bergolla

Ms. Jadai Bergolla, Deputy Director of Communications, presented on SC Works Success, an initiative to showcase employer, job seeker, and staff success stories, as well as promising practices. DEW created interactive forms for the submission of success stories and promising practices and a dedicated page on SCWorks.org to feature these submissions. Ms. Bergolla recognized Pee Dee and Upstate for sharing success stories to launch the website. DEW will promote the initiative via social media.

WIOA State Plan.....Ms. Jackie Taylor

Ms. Taylor shared progress and accomplishments on each of the WIOA State Plan priorities established in 2020, which support the SWDB’s vision, mission, and objectives. She explained that states are required to submit a state plan every four years outlining a strategic plan for the state’s workforce system. South Carolina’s WIOA State Plan took effect in July 2020, covering Program Years 2020 through 2023. The state plan includes ten federal workforce programs administered by the following partner agencies: Department of Employment and Workforce, Department of Education, Office of Adult Education, Department of Social Services, Vocational Rehabilitation Department, and Commission for the Blind. States are required to modify their plan every two years. The modification is due March 15, 2022. Pending approval by the Executive Committee, DEW will submit the plan for federal review. There were no questions or discussion on the State Plan modification.

Other Business/Adjourn.....Mr. Holloway

The Committee did not discuss any other business. Mr. Holloway reminded Committee members of the SWDB meeting on March 29, 2022, at 11:00 a.m. The meeting adjourned at 11:38 a.m.

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Priorities	Description	Progress
Create LMI training for board members	Create LMI module for New Member Orientation.	- Staff need to identify resources for development of training.
Distribute publications relevant to talent development and strategic planning	Share publications, including articles, research papers, and webinars, with board members to facilitate awareness and strategic planning.	- Board members were added to the distribution list for the Trends publication. - Other publications will be shared as relevant.
Conduct economic and workforce analysis with emphasis on rural areas of the state	Conduct a Rural Economic and Workforce Analysis. The evaluation will inform the SWDB and workforce system on rural demographics and training recommendations to address the demand for a skilled workforce.	- Secured funding from SWDB. - Procured vendor. - Analysis in progress.