

Larimer County Workforce Development Board (WDB) Meeting

January 9, 2019

7:45 – 9:30 a.m.

200 West Oak Street, Fort Collins, CO

Meeting Minutes

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1. Networking and Breakfast

2. Welcome (*Eric Lea*)

- a. Roll call and verification of a quorum

Members Present (16):

Teri Brogdon	Bill Dowling	Miranda DeZwarte
Debbie Glasco	Steve Johnson	Mark Kennedy
Eric Lea	Heather Lelchook	Richard Martinez
Mike O’Connell	Nancy Patton	Sylvia Robinson
Jean Runyon	Joyce Saffel	Jackie Sindelar
Beth Sowder		

Members Absent (10):

Zach Collins	Stacy Evans	James Hall
Kathy Hanson	Ann Hutchison (excused)	Tracy Mead
Miki Roth	Deb Spotts	Grant Thayer
Margie Wagner		

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Associate Members, Guests and CDLE Staff Present (7)

Wendy Bryner	Adam Crowe	Cheryl DeGrave
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Andrew Galloway
Gen Ponce-Pore

Lauren Hartwick

Steve Moos

- b. Review agenda
- c. Public comment on topics not on the agenda

- d. Announcements
 - i. Special thanks to the awesome cast of the Wizard of Workforce Show!
 - ii. Welcome WDB officers for 2019
 - iii. New Colorado Cabinet members
 - iv. Remembering Jim Neubecker (*Mark Johnston*)
 - **The WDB joined Eric in thanking Nancy Patton and the entire executive committee for the amazing Wizard of Workforce Show presented at the December 12, 2018 WDB meeting!**
 - **Governor Polis has made two cabinet appointments significant to workforce development**
 - **Joe Barela, Skillful Director and former Arapahoe/Douglas Works Director was selected to lead the Colorado Department of Labor and Employment.**
 - **Betsy Markey was appointed as the Executive Director of the Colorado Office of Economic Development and International Trade.**
 - **The Board observed a moment of silence in remembrance of Jim Neubecker. Jim was a long-time WDB member passionately dedicated to workforce development in the region.**

3. Consent Calendar (*Eric Lea*)

- a. Approval of the November 14, 2018 WDB minutes *vote*

After verification of a quorum the November 14, 2018 WDB meeting minutes were unanimously approved.

4. 2019 Planning (*Eric Lea*)

- a. Area of focus
b. Functions and priorities for 2019
c. Draft 2019 calendar

Mike O'Connell reviewed the numerous 2018 WDB accomplishments and thanked the Board for their dedication to workforce development.

The top three WDB priorities will not change for 2019.

- **Convening, brokering, leveraging**
- **Workforce research and regional labor market analysis**
- **Lead efforts to engage with a diverse range of employers and entities**

The draft 2019 calendar was reviewed. WDB meetings in 2019 will include a closer look at jobs of the future, employee retention in Northern Colorado, career pathways, and more.

5. Weld/Larimer Joint Meeting (*Joyce Saffel*)

- a. Purpose of meeting
b. Draft agenda

The Board discussed the purpose of the upcoming joint meeting, reviewed the agenda and brainstormed speakers and panelists.

6. WDB Survey: Challenges and Opportunities for 2019 (*Eric Lea*)

- a. Survey
b. Next steps

WDB members provided feedback on important workforce development opportunities in the region, areas they are interested in exploring further, and pressing workforce issues. WDB member responses will help in finalizing the 2019 WDB calendar.

7. Adjourn (*Eric Lea*)

The meeting adjourned at 9:12 am.