

December 9, 2021
Full Board Meeting

Board Members Present (virtual): Princess Ayers-Stewart (Vice-Chair), Sharon Bias, John Bowers, Jane Broom, Caroline Chan, Justin Crowe, Ligaya Domingo, Angela Dunleavy (Chair), Berit Eriksson, Katie Garrow (Secretary), Kate Harkess, Jon Holden, Jason Nakamura, Jiquanda Nelson, Cos Roberts.

Guests (virtual): Shannon Foss, Ry Pengilly, Livia Lam, Rich Stolz, James Johnson

Staff Present: Shelan Aldridge, Radhika Baliga, Beth Blanchard, Ericka Cox, Michael Davie, Vey Damneun, Phouang Hamilton, MarieKurose, Bryan Pannell, Leigha Paul, Jeff Sikora, Gyanendra Subba, Marisol Tapia-Hopper, Joe Taylor

Materials Distributed:

- December 9, 2021, Draft Agenda
- WWA Jamila Thomas RE ETO replacement 9.15.21
- WWA Letter to Gov Inslee barrier populations 5.28.21
- Action Item 4.2 RFP-21-03-Employment Supports_WDC-SKC_110521
- Draft Accommodations Policy_WDC-SKC_110521
- Draft Adult & Dislocated Worker Incentive Payments Policy_WDC-SKC_110521
- Draft On The Job Training Policy for WIOA Title I Programs_WDC-SKC_110521
- Draft Procurement Policy_WDC-SKC_110521
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I. WELCOME AND ROLL CALL

Chair Angela Dunleavy welcomed Board members and guests and initiated roll call. Chair Dunleavy also celebrated Secretary Katie Garrow in her new role at Martin Luther King County Labor, elected as Executive Secretary-Treasurer.

II. CONSENT AGENDA – ACTION ITEM

Chair Dunleavy reviewed the process of the new governance structure and consent agenda process for the Local Workforce Development Board (LWDB) and Finance & Administration Committee (FAC).

A. September 17, 2020 – Meeting Minutes

Secretary Garrow reviewed the September 17, 2021, draft minutes. Chair Dunleavy opened the floor for a motion to approve June 17, 2021, draft minutes, and December 9, 2021, draft agenda. Ms. Berit Erickson made a motion to approve, Ms. Caroline Chan seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.

B. Policy Updates & RFP 21-03 Contract Awards

Chair Dunleavy reviewed the consent agenda and requested the full board to formally approve the action items and contract award for RFP 21-03. Mr. Michael Davie

reviewed and displayed the conflict-of-interest statement to ensure no conflicts. Chair Dunleavy recused herself from the vote.

Chair Dunleavy opened the floor for a motion to formally approve the action items and contract award for RFP 21-03, outlined in the consent agenda. Ms. Berit Erickson made a motion to approve, Ms. Caroline Chan seconded. The motion was unanimously approved, with Chair Dunleavy as the one abstention.

Chair Dunleavy requested a call to action from the Board members to join the Finance & Administration Committee to fill the remaining roles for a full committee.

III. CEO REPORT OUT

Ms. Marie Kurose, the CEO, presented 2021 highlights, including centering racial equity; near-term and future priorities for the regional transformation; external engagement through committees, panels, and presentations; funding; Workforce Innovation Opportunity Act (WIOA) and state workforce priorities.

IV. POLICY WORKGROUP REPORT OUT

Vice-Chair Princess Ayers-Stewart stepped in for Chair Dunleavy, who had some technology issues.

A. Policy Workgroup Update

Secretary Garrow introduced the Policy Workgroup and her role as Chair of this new workgroup. Next, she introduced the Board Members of the Policy Workgroup: John Bowes, Jiquanda Nelson, and WDC Board Chair Angela Dunleavy. Secretary Garrow announced that the WDC had retained advocates Rich Stolz (regional) and Livia Lam (federal). Secretary Garrow welcomed all Board members to join this workgroup and emphasized future community involvement. The first meeting for the Policy Workgroup scheduled on January 5, 2022, will focus on providing oversight to the regional and federal advocacy work and WDC Policy agenda planning.

B. Federal Legislative Update

Ms. Livia Lam presented Federal legislative updates, including the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) and Build Back Better Act (BBB). The presentation for IIJA included workforce-related provisions relating to roads, bridges, and major projects; multimodal and freight; research and innovation; public transportation; grid infrastructure and resiliency; water infrastructure; broadband; state of play. The BBB presentation featured spending increases over ten years; workforce-related spending; the Department of Labor and U.S. Department of Education; the state of play.

Ms. Livia Lam concluded the presentation with takeaways for the WDC: BBB structure serves as economic recovery, not stimulus or relief; Current IIJA implementation engagement is essential with steps in generational spending bills to advocate and influence for racial equity and good jobs to enable systems regionally and federally in workforce development; policy interaction with community and partners to advance racial equity and good job creation; reinforce the work of the WDC with partners and policymakers-regionally and federally to ensure we are driving the community voice.

C. Regional Strategies

Mr. Rich Stolz presented the regional policy priorities and strategies. These included critical near-term opportunities: Federal Infrastructure Package, remaining American

Rescue Plan funds, and the prospective Build Back Better Act; City of Seattle Mayoral Transition; King County workforce priorities; Regional strategies to maximize federal opportunities; 2022 State Legislative Session; leveraging the WDC's unique role as a backbone organization, through the direct relationships with federal agencies and national organizations; Grounding the long-term version of the Regional Strategic Plan through advocacy, priorities, implementation, and systems change; Advance policies to impact our North Stars (racial equity and good jobs); Policy Workgroup agenda planning, including an intentional a regional strategy for IIJA & BBB.

V. **GOOD JOBS CHALLENGE GRANT OPPORTUNITY**

Ms. Marie Kurose presented the grant goals, elements, and requirements of the Good Jobs Challenge. Ms. Kurose spoke of the tri-county partnership with Pierce, King, and Snohomish counties, with King County serving as the lead applicant for the grant partnership. The presentation included information on sector-focused strategy (Healthcare, Life Sciences, Maritime, and Construction) and an approach to strengthening systems that leverage shared regional capacity, ensuring high impact, with no duplication. This approach maximizes existing sector partnerships, prioritizing racial equity, and leveraging Workforce Boards' infrastructure.

VI. **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

A. WDC Board Retreat

Vice-Chair Princess Ayers-Stewart announced save-the-dates for the upcoming WDC Board Retreat on March 16 and 17, 2022. Vice-Chair Ayers-Stewart relayed the primary goal of the retreat as a connection to each other, the work, and to deepen the understanding of the WDC's work in moving from a Compliance Board to a Policy Board.

B. National Association of Workforce Boards (NAWB) Conference

Vice-Chair Princess Ayers-Stewart announced the dates of the NAWB Conference scheduled April 11 through April 14, 2022, located in Washington, D.C. (detailed information forthcoming).

C. WDC Contract Renewal & Performance Review

Chair Dunleavy announced the CEO contract renewal and performance review. A questionnaire will be sent via email from Chair Dunleavy to Board Members soon.

VII. **ADJOURNMENT**

Vice-Chair Ayers-Stewart adjourned the meeting at 10:55 am.