

JUNE 4, 2021
Systems Alignment Committee
Draft Minutes

Committee Members Present (virtual): Princess Ayers-Stewart, John Bowers, Gina Breukelman, Ligaya Domingo, Kristen Fox

Chief Local Elected Officials' Representatives Present (virtual): Ashton Allison, Nancy Yamamoto

Board Members Present (virtual): Berit Eriksson, Ann Martin

Staff Present (virtual): Shelan Aldridge, Beth Blanchard, Ericka Cox, Vey Damneun, Marta Kidane, Marie Kurose, Jason Petrait, Aara Shaikh, Marisol Tapia Hopper, Joe Taylor, Huey Yeh

Guests Present (virtual): Jack Chapman, John Glynn

Materials Distributed:

- June 4, 2021 Draft SAC Agenda
- May 7, 2021 Draft Meeting Minutes
- June 4, 2021 Power Point Slides

I. Introductions

Chair Kristen Fox welcomed the committee and guests and asked for introductions.

II. Action Items

A. 1 & 2. Consent Agenda and Minutes

Mr. John Bowers reviewed the February January 8, 2021 draft minutes. Ms. Gina Breukelman made a motion to approve; Ms. Ann Martin gave second. The motion was unanimously approved.

III. Board Officer Nominations

Ms. Nancy Yamamoto confirmed at least one Board member has been identified for Chair, Vice-Chair and Secretary nominations. If any Board members are interested in a leadership role, they are able to contact Ms. Yamamoto directly and nominations will also be accepted at the June 17, 2021, Board meeting.

IV. May 20th Full Board Debrief

The separation of administrative tasks and strategic work will elevate the Workforce Development Council of Seattle-King County (WDC) Board and allow the Board to focus on strategy and policy. Board members requested separation of agenda materials from meeting invites. Industry Leadership Tables present WDC staff with the opportunity to skill-up in supportive role as staff selection is paramount. Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) policy changes for immigrant and refugee populations will create equity and higher participation rates from these populations.

V. June 17th Annual Meeting Preparation

Ms. Marie Kurose recommended that the celebratory meeting for Program Year 2020 (PY20) occur at the August 2021 Board meeting and Systems Alignment Committee (SAC) members agreed. Ms. Princess Ayers-Stewart requested a review of PY20 and a look forward to PY21 including a reimagining of the vision of the Board. Hybrid in-person and virtual meeting options for Board members are ideal and meeting frequency and length should be reassessed by the WDC and new Board leadership. New flexible program funding will allow services outside of the WIOA model to be provided to customers.

VI. Program Year 2021 Board Planning

Board members have asked for greater engagement. Additionally, members will be given opportunities to present at meetings in relation to their industry and workforce as needed. Leveraging Board members to position the Board as a thought leader in the region is advised. Presentations from providers will give Board members precision and clarity. Racial Equity Committee (REC) leaders Ms. Ligaya Domingo and Ms. Bookda Gheisar will meet with new Board officers to align on priorities.

VII. Adjournment

Chair Fox adjourned meeting at 10:22am. This will serve as the final Systems Alignment Committee meeting. All SAC members and WDC staff thanked Chair Fox for her service and leadership.