

Eastern Area Workforce Development Board

Board Meeting

Clovis, NM

September 17, 2019

Approved December 17, 2019

CALL TO ORDER

J. Cooper called the meeting to order at 1:04pm

ROLL CALL

J. Cooper stated that in lieu of roll call the sign-in sheet and ZOOM conference information would be maintained as the official record of attendance. It indicated the following:

Board Members present: T. Christesson, J. Cooper, B. Gonzales, C. J. Jaramillo, R. Martinez, T. Villanueva

Board Members present via Zoom: K. Byrne, T. DeKay, E. Hollon, P. Stevens

Board Members absent: A. Briggs, T. Chester, R. Hatfield, L. Jackson, T. Jones, M. Martinez, J. Mulcahy, B. Rowley, N. Wyatt

CEOs present: Mayor G. Williams, Mayor M. Burns

AE/FA Staff present: V. Davis, D. Douglas, E. Elias, O. Hamilton (via ZOOM), T. Roth, T. Suarez,

Guest(s): Partial listing J. Hemphill, B. Silvers, N. Teel, C. Stiles, M. Hopkin, K. Ferrell, J. Beuerle, S. Steen, G. Pantolja, E. Glikas

It was noted that a quorum was present.

WELCOME/INTRODUCTIONS

REQUEST FOR WIAVERS

B. Gonzales of ENMU requested a waiver.

APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AGENDA

On a motion by T. Christesson and seconded by B. Gonzales the consent agenda was unanimously approved.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

On a motion by B. Gonzales and seconded by T. Christesson the agenda was unanimously approved.

REPORTS

E. Elias and T. Roth reported briefly on the status of the Co-Enrollment program at the One Stops, the NM DWS monitoring visit, and audit status. Staffing changes are expected before the end of the year in the fiscal and IT departments.

Financial reports were presented to the board and briefly discussed.

SECTOR STRATEGY DISCUSSION

Representatives from NM Solar and Pattern Energy discussed hiring and retaining challenges in the eastern area with a focus on identifying upcoming labor demands. T. Christesson spoke briefly about the overall status of alternative energy in the eastern area. It was agreed that ongoing meetings in the energy sector to include solar, wind, and oil & gas representatives is necessary.

Board members, T. Villanueva of Roosevelt County General Hospital, and J. Cooper, of the board of Union County General Hospital spoke to the board regarding hiring challenges and regulatory requirements that hinder alternative credentialing efforts. It was agreed that the EAWDB's recruiting efforts and assistance would best be focused on support staffing to include IT, Administration, and Facilities personnel while assisting individuals seeking certifications and training through ITAs.

Joanne Beuerle of NM PED Career Readiness spoke to the board about the opportunities for alternative licensure and discussion pertaining to the challenges of recruiting and retaining educators in rural areas ensued. It was agreed that challenges in this sector require a multi-faceted approach with identifying individuals suited to alternative licensure, recruiting through community connections, and offering incentives being the most obvious. The EAWDB will continue to identify ways to advocate for, as well as, continue actively recruiting educators to the area.

OLD BUSINESS (if any) – None

NEXT MEETING – December 17, 2019 in Roswell, New Mexico

MOTION TO ADJOURN

On a motion by T. Villanueva and seconded by B. Gonzales, the board voted unanimously to adjourn at 3:30pm.