

*workforce*CONNECTIONS  
Local Elected Officials Consortium

**MINUTES**

**April 9, 2013  
1:00 p.m.**

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**7251 W. Lake Mead Blvd.  
Suite 200 Conference Room  
Las Vegas, Nevada 89128**

**Members Present**

Commissioner Lawrence Weekly	Councilwoman Gerri Schroder (phone)
Councilman Bob Beers	Commissioner Adam Katschke
Councilwoman Anita Wood	Commissioner Butch Borasky (phone)

**Members Absent**

Councilwoman Peggy Leavitt	Commissioner Ralph Keyes
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**Staff Present**

Ardell Galbreth	Suzanne Potter	LeVerne Kelley
Heather DeSart	Jim Kostecki	

**Others Present**

Mark Wood, Legal Counsel	Dan Gouker, College of Southern Nevada
Derrick Berry, DETR	Lynda Parven, DETR

(It should be noted that not all attendees may be listed above)

**1. CALL TO ORDER, confirmation of posting, roll call**

The meeting was called to order by Chair Commissioner Lawrence Weekly at 1:05 p.m. Staff confirmed the meeting had been properly noticed and posted in accordance with the Nevada Open Meeting Law. Roll call was taken and a quorum was present.

**2. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION: Approve the Agenda with inclusions of any emergency items and deletion of any items**

*A motion was made to approve the agenda as presented by Councilman Bob Beers and seconded by Commissioner Adam Katschke. Motion carried.*

**3. FIRST PUBLIC COMMENT SESSION**

None

**4. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION: Approve the Minutes from the Local Elected Officials Consortium Meeting of March 26, 2013**

*A motion was made to approve the Minutes from the Local Elected Officials Consortium Meeting of March 26, 2013 by Councilman Bob Beers and seconded by Commissioner Butch Borasky. Motion carried.*

**5. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION: Approve Board Member Appointments:**

- a. Dan Gouker, College of Southern Nevada  
Category: Education (2-year term)
- b. Lynda Parven, Department of Employment, Training, and Rehabilitation  
Category: Required One-Stop Partner (2-year term)

Ardell Galbreth reported that DETR and CSN have not signed the One-Stop System Partner MOU. Mr. Galbreth received verbal communication from DETR's Director and Deputy Director that they will sign the MOU, although they did not say when. If the MOU is not signed, Workforce Connections' would be required to exercise the appeal process in this order: state agency (DETR), state board, the Governor, and the US Department of Labor.

Mr. Galbreth reported that CSN requested a letter from him that states CSN would not have to assign staff to the One-Stop Center if they signed the MOU for the One-Stop System. Mr. Galbreth stated that he would not do this because the signatory requirement of the MOU clearly indicates that the signee is a member of the One-Stop System, which has nothing to do with the One-Stop Center. According to Dan Gouker (CSN), the MOU could not be vetted by CSN's Legal Department until clarification is received.

Mark Wood, Legal Counsel stated that per the WIA regulations a penalty for not signing the MOU would not apply until Workforce Connections has exhausted the appeal process formerly to DETR. Until then, Workforce Connections does not have authorization to preclude DETR from serving on the Board.

Commissioner Lawrence Weekly stated that Mr. Galbreth has been following all of the rules and regulations in terms of notifying DETR and at this point he is waiting for them to respond.

Mr. Galbreth concurred and stated that DETR is aware that they are needed on the Board and that Workforce Connections has the opportunity to pursue an appeal process.

Councilwoman Anita Wood pointed out that Dan Gouker's appointment to the Board is to represent education and while it will be good for CSN to become a One-Stop System Partner, his purpose is to serve in that capacity.

Mr. Galbreth stated that education is a required One-Stop System Partner and whether or not one or both agencies (DETR/CSN) are appointed to the Board, Workforce Connections will still be out of compliance because the One-Stop System Partner MOUs are not signed. Both agencies are required One-Stop System Partners and must be represented on the Workforce Connections' Board.

Councilman Beers commented that Workforce Connections will be less out of compliance if it approves the Board appointments while continuing to pursue the MOUs.

Councilwoman Schroder suggested approving the Board appointments with conditions if the MOU is not returned within a set amount of time.

***A motion was made to approve Board Member Appointments with a condition that the MOU is returned from DETR within 30 days by Councilman Bob Beers and seconded by Councilwoman Gerri Schroder. Motion carried.***

Councilman Beers clarified that if the MOU is not returned from DETR within 30 days, Workforce Connections will begin the regulatory appeal process while DETR's representative (Lynda Parven) remain on the Board. Mr. Galbreth concurred.

Councilwoman Wood asked Mr. Gouker what CSN's issues are with signing the MOU.

Mr. Gouker noted four major issues that were discussed between CSN representatives (Dr. Richards, Dr. Devine, and Mr. Gouker) and Mr. Galbreth:

- i. The original One-Stop Center MOU required a (CSN) staff to be located at the One-Stop Center at a cost of approximately \$26,000/year. CSN cannot justify this expense considering CSN's campus is across the street from where the One-Stop Center is located.
- ii. The current One-Stop System MOU does not have a cancellation clause.
- iii. The current MOU states that One-Stop System staff will cooperate with the rest of the group. If cooperate means that CSN staff will take direction from other than their CSN superior, the MOU will not be approved.
- iv. CSN's legal counsel requires confirmation that by signing the One-Stop System MOU, CSN will not be required to have staff located in the One-Stop Center.

Mr. Gouker stated that unless CSN's legal counsel receives clarification he does not anticipate they will approve the signing of the One-Stop System MOU and CSN has potential to do some great work but the MOU is standing in the way because of the way it's worded. Mr. Gouker stated that he enjoys working with the Board and CSN has a few projects that include Councilman Beers.

Commissioner Weekly thanked Mr. Gouker for clarifying these issues and suggested that a committee of two work closely with Mr. Gouker, CSN representatives and Workforce Connections' staff to resolve these issues. Councilwoman Wood and Councilman Beers volunteered; Mr. Galbreth concurred.

#### **6. INFORMATION: Sequestration Letter from the U.S. Department of Labor**

Mr. Galbreth presented the Sequestration letter provided on page 20 of the agenda packet and stated that the Sequestration will have little impact on Southern Nevada Workforce Investment Area's funding. The statewide allocations are:

- Dislocated Worker Program: 3% decrease
- Adult Program: approximate 2% increase
- Youth Program: approximate 4% increase

In March, Councilwoman Schroder and Commissioner Weekly visited Washington D.C. and Capitol Hill where they met with Senator Reid's staff. Councilwoman Schroder gave a brief update regarding the sequestration, stating that Congress is still undecided and nobody knew much other than the possibility of funding cuts for the Workforce Investment Act and that Congress is looking at budget cuts everywhere.

#### **7. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION: Executive Director Report ~ Ardell Galbreth**

Mr. Galbreth presented the Executive Director Report provided on page 22 – 23 of the agenda packet and reported that tomorrow, the Youth Council will take action on a contract with the Southern Nevada Regional Housing Authority to provide services and resources for youth in public housing. The program will focus on the STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) initiative. If approved, the Board will take action at their April 23<sup>rd</sup> meeting. The plan is to have the program start before the summer to ensure timely delivery of summer school and work experience opportunities.

#### **8. SECOND PUBLIC COMMENT SESSION**

None

#### **9. LEO Consortium Member Comments**

Commissioner Lawrence Weekly congratulated Commissioner Bob Beers and Councilwoman Anita Wood on their reelection to office.

#### **10. Adjournment**

*A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 1:35 p.m. by Councilwoman Anita Wood and seconded by Councilman Bob Beers. Motion carried.*