

**NO QUORUM**

Minutes

*workforce***CONNECTIONS**

Local Elected Officials Consortium

January 13, 2011

Members Present

Councilwoman Gerri Schroder, Chair      Commissioner Lawrence Weekly, Vice-Chair  
Councilman Travis Chandler              Commissioner George “Tommy” Rowe

Members Absent

Commissioner Andrew Borasky              Commissioner Dominic Pappalardo  
Councilman William Robinson              Councilman Steven D. Ross

Staff Present

John Ball, Executive Director              David Jefferson, Chief Operations Officer  
Suzanne Potter                                  Debra Collins  
Tameca Ulmer                                      Cornelius Eason

CALL TO ORDER, confirmation of posting, roll call

The meeting was called to order by Chair Councilwoman Gerri Schroder at 11:02 a.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 not present.

INFORMATION: Welcome Commissioner Dominic Pappalardo, Esmeralda County

Commissioner Dominic Pappalardo was not present

DISCUSSION: Any Board member may raise an matter from the previous meeting on December 7, 2010; however, no action may be taken until properly agenzized at the next regularly scheduled meeting.

None

INFORMATION ONLY

John Ball, provided an update on the Governor’s Budget Process: the Governor’s Chief of Staff has made requests for budget and program information from both the Southern and Northern Workforce Boards. Staff will meet with Governor’s staff to acquaint them with the process of receiving federal funds and how it differs from state’s (Governor’s Discretionary) funds. Ongoing discussions are taking place regarding aligning the DOL resources, including activities from the two local workforce boards and the state with a new agenda for state agencies, particularly employment and training, economic development, human services, welfare, and department of energy.

David Jefferson introduced new staff member Ashok Mirchandani, Chief Financial Officer.

Cornelius Eason provided a rural update: in an effort to reduce the unemployment rate in Lincoln County, a partnership between *workforce***CONNECTIONS** and Lincoln County was formed to provide work readiness training to the unemployed. Staff has been meeting with area employers to determine their staffing needs.

*workforce***CONNECTIONS** staff will meet with the staff of the Mesquite Community College, the Mayor’s Economic Development Council, and the Mesquite Chamber of Commerce to hold two separate focus groups. One of the focus groups is with 13 business owners and the other is with eight healthcare professionals including the administrators from Mesquite’s Mesa View Hospital. The purpose of the focus groups is to determine what the area’s business and healthcare needs are.

Agenda Item 8 – Public Comment

None

Agenda Item 9 - Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:28 a.m.