

AGENDA
WORKFORCE CONNECTIONS BOARD
TUESDAY, MARCH 22, 2022 | 10:00 AM

Workforce Connections
Rosalie Boulware Conference Room
6330 W. Charleston Blvd., Ste. 150
Las Vegas, NV 89146

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- City of Las Vegas, 495 S. Main St., Las Vegas, NV;
- City of North Las Vegas, 2250 N. Las Vegas Blvd. N., North Las Vegas, NV;
- Clark County Clerk's Office, 500 S. Grand Central Pkwy., Las Vegas, NV;
- Esmeralda County Courthouse, 233 Crook St., Goldfield, NV;
- City of Henderson (City Hall) 240 Water St., Henderson, NV;
- City of Boulder City (City Hall) 401 California Ave., Boulder City, NV;
- Workforce Connections 6330 W. Charleston Blvd., Ste. 150, Las Vegas, NV;
- Nevada JobConnect, 3405 S. Maryland Pkwy., Las Vegas, NV;
- Lincoln County Courthouse, 181 Main St., Pioche, NV;
- Nye County School District, 484 S. West St., Pahrump, NV; and
- Pahrump Chamber of Commerce 1302 S. Highway 160, Pahrump, NV.

PUBLIC COMMENT

The Workforce Connections Board (Board) complies with the Nevada Open Meeting Law by taking public comment related to matters posted on the agenda at the beginning of the meeting prior to approving the agenda and before any other action is taken, and by taking public comment again before the adjournment of the meeting on any matter or topic that is relevant to or within the authority or jurisdiction of the Board. As required by the Nevada Open Meeting Law, the Board may only consider items posted on the agenda.

Anyone interested in providing public comment may participate via the following methods:

1. E-mail publiccomment@snnwc.org no later than 9:00 AM on March 22, 2022.
2. Appear in person at Workforce Connections, 6330 W. Charleston Blvd., Ste. 150, Las Vegas, NV 89146. Please arrive no later than 9:45 AM. To enter the building and join the public comment queue, you must pass the health screening procedure.

If you wish to speak on matters on or off the agenda, please step to the podium and clearly state and spell your name for the record. In consideration of others, please avoid repetition and limit your comments to no more than three (3) minutes. As a courtesy, we would also ask those not speaking to

be seated and not interrupt the speaker. Public comment that is repetitious, slanderous, offensive, and inflammatory, amounts to personal attacks, or interferes with the rights of other speakers is not allowed. Any person who acts in violation of these rules will be excused from the remainder of the meeting.

It is the intent of the Board to give all citizens an opportunity to be heard. Welcome to our meeting.

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NOTE: MATTERS IN THIS AGENDA MAY BE TAKEN OUT OF ORDER.

Board Members: Jerrie Merritt, Chair; Cecil Fielder, Vice-Chair; Leo Bleitnitsky, Lou DeSalvio, Drazen Elez, Dasya Duckworth, Brenda Flank, Dan Giraldo, Peter Guzman, Rebecca Henry, Dr. Jesus Jara, Guy Martin, Jack Martin, Valerie Murzl, Lynda Parven, Geremiah Robnett, Eric Schmacker, Mary Beth Sewald, Jared Smith, Kelvin Watson, Tommy White, Dr. Federico Zaragoza.

All items listed on this agenda are for action by the Board unless otherwise noted. Action may consist of any of the following: approve, deny, condition, hold, or table. Public hearings may be declared open by the Chair, as required for any of the items on this agenda designated for discussion or possible action or to provide direction and recommendations to Workforce Connections.

AGENDA

1. **CALL TO ORDER**, Confirmation of posting, roll call, and Pledge of Allegiance.
Jerrie Merritt, Chair
2. **FIRST PUBLIC COMMENT SESSION:** Members of the public may now comment on any matter posted on this agenda, which is before the Board for consideration and action today. Please clearly state and spell your name for the record. Each comment will be limited to three (3) minutes.
Jerrie Merritt, Chair
3. **DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION:** Approve the agenda with inclusions of any emergency items and deletions of any items.
Jerrie Merritt, Chair
4. **DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION:** Approve the Board minutes of January 4, 2022.
Jerrie Merritt, Chair

5. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION: Approve the Board minutes of January 12, 2022.
Jerrie Merritt, Chair

6. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION: Approve the Joint Board & LEO Consortium Meeting minutes of October 26, 2021.
Jerrie Merritt, Chair

CONSENT AGENDA: Item No. 7 through No. 11

NOTE:

- *The Board may remove an item from the agenda or delay discussion relating to an item at any time.*
- *Consent Agenda - All matters in this sub-category are considered by the Board to be routine and may be acted upon in one motion. Most agenda items are phrased for a positive action. However, the Board may take other actions such as hold, table, amend, etc.*
- *Consent Agenda items are routine and can be taken in one motion unless a Board member requests that an item be taken separately. For all items left on the Consent Agenda, the action taken will be the staff's recommendation as indicated on the item.*
- *Items taken separately from the Consent Agenda by the Board members at the meeting will be heard following the Discussion and Possible Action Section.*

7. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION: Accept Programs Committee’s recommendation to extend service providers listed below to continue providing WIOA Title I Adult and Dislocated Worker services. Upon approval and authorization by the Local Elected Officials Consortium, the contract and budget period shall be July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023.
Jerrie Merritt, Chair

	Cluster	Adult & Dislocated Worker Service Provider	PY19 Contract Ceiling	PY20 Contract Ceiling	PY21 Contract Ceiling	Proposed PY22 Contract Ceiling
a.	North	Equus Workforce Solutions	\$2,943,750	\$3,925,000	\$3,925,000	\$3,925,000
b.	South	Equus Workforce Solutions	\$2,750,000	\$3,667,000	\$3,667,000	\$3,667,000
c.	Central	Equus Workforce Solutions	\$4,725,000	\$6,300,000	\$6,300,000	\$6,300,000
d.	Adult Re-Entry	Foundation for an Independent Tomorrow	\$1,093,750	\$1,458,000	\$1,458,000	\$1,458,000
e.	Adult Re-Entry	HOPE for Prisoners, Inc.	\$2,487,500	\$3,317,000	\$3,317,000	\$3,317,000
f.	Nye & Esmeralda	Nye Communities Coalition	\$787,500	\$1,050,000	\$1,050,000	\$1,050,000
g.	Lincoln	Lincoln County Grants Administration	\$212,500	\$283,000	\$283,000	\$283,000
		TOTAL	\$15,000,000	\$20,000,000	\$20,000,000	\$20,000,000

8. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION: Accept Programs Committee’s recommendation to extend service providers listed below to continue providing WIOA Title I Youth services. Upon approval and authorization by the Local Elected Officials Consortium, the contract and budget period shall be July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023.
Jerrie Merritt, Chair

	Cluster	Youth Service Provider	PY19 Contract Ceiling	PY20 Contract Ceiling	PY21 Contract Ceiling	Proposed PY22 Contract Ceiling
a.	North	HELP of Southern Nevada	\$1,718,750	\$2,750,000	\$2,750,000	\$2,750,000
b.	South	Equus Workforce Solutions	\$1,625,000	\$2,600,000	\$2,600,000	\$2,600,000
c.	Central	Equus Workforce Solutions	\$1,218,750	\$1,950,000	\$1,950,000	\$1,950,000
d.	Youth Re-Entry	Youth Advocate Programs	\$812,500	\$1,300,000	\$1,300,000	\$1,300,000
e.	Nye & Esmeralda	Nye Communities Coalition	\$562,500	\$900,000	\$900,000	\$900,000
f.	Lincoln	Lincoln County Grants Administration	\$312,500	\$500,000	\$500,000	\$500,000
		TOTAL	\$6,250,000	\$10,000,000	\$10,000,000	\$10,000,000

- 9. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION:** Accept Programs Committee’s recommendation to award no-cost extensions for the National Dislocated Worker Grant Employment Recovery and Disaster Recovery funding to the WIOA Title I Adult and Dislocated Worker service providers as written in grant narratives. This is contingent upon the Nevada Department of Employment, Training, and Rehabilitation receiving approval for a no-cost extension from the U.S. Department of Labor. Upon approval and authorization by the Local Elected Officials Consortium, the contract and budget period shall be July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2023.

Jerrie Merritt, Chair

	Service Provider	Current Contract Ceiling
a.	Equus Workforce Solutions	\$9,234,420
b.	Foundation for an Independent Tomorrow	\$2,034,500
c.	HOPE for Prisoners, Inc.	\$910,000
d.	Lincoln County Grants Administration	\$48,100
e.	Nye Communities Coalition	\$423,280
	TOTAL	\$12,650,300

- 10. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION:** Approve and authorize staff’s recommendation to extend the current contract with Equus Workforce Solutions to serve as One-Stop Operator for the existing One-Stop Career Center, existing affiliate One-Stop Centers, Employ NV Career Hubs, Employ NV Business Hubs, Employ NV Youth Hubs, and additional locations to open in Program Year 2022 throughout the Southern Nevada Workforce Development Area. The extension amount shall not exceed \$1,500,000 for a second year not to exceed contract of \$3,000,000 that began July 1, 2021. Upon approval and authorization by the Local Elected Officials Consortium, the contract and budget period shall be July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023.

Jerrie Merritt, Chair

- 11. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION:** Accept and approve budget and reports.

Jim Kostecki, Chief Financial Officer

- a. PY2022 WIOA Title I Formula Budget for the period July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023 (Estimate).
- b. WIOA Title I Formula Budget vs. Actual Finance Report (Workforce Connections Operations) for the period July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022 (As of January).
- c. Awards & Expenditures PY2021 (As of January) Adult, Dislocated Worker, and Youth Programs.

END CONSENT AGENDA

12. INFORMATION: Executive Directors Report.

Jaime Cruz, Executive Director

- a. Workforce Blueprint 3.0
- b. Immigrant Strategy
- c. Industry Sector Partnerships
- d. NAWB Forum 2022

13. INFORMATION: Board member updates and identification of emerging issues to be addressed at a future meeting.

Jerrie Merritt, Chair

14. SECOND PUBLIC COMMENT SESSION: Members of the public may now comment on any matter or topic, which is relevant to or within the authority or jurisdiction of the Board. You may comment now even if you commented earlier, however, please do not simply repeat the same comment you previously made. Please clearly state and spell your name for the record. Each comment will be limited to three (3) minutes.

Jerrie Merritt, Chair

15. ADJOURNMENT