

Business Enhancement Committee Meeting
Tuesday, May 31, 2022 – 1:30 p.m.
MINUTES

- I. **Call to order** The meeting was called to order at 1:33 p.m. by Raymond Royce, Board Chair. Mr. Royce inquired if any Requests for Public Comment had been made and was advised that none had been received.

II. **Introductions**

Roll was called to identify and confirm committee members present in the room and those participating by phone. Staff and others present were identified. It was determined that quorum had been established. See end of minutes for all attendees.

III. **Topic**

Action Items:

A. **Review of the Proposed 2022-23 Demand Occupations List**

Referring to the Action Item in the committee packet, Donna Doubleday (CSH President/CEO) explained that CareerSource Heartland (CSH) annually solicits businesses, economic development, education partners, county and city entities, and other partners in the local area seeking input on the proposed local Demand Occupations List (DOL).

The Demand Occupations List identifies industries/occupations CSH is permitted to expend training monies for. To qualify for inclusion on the Local DOL, an occupation must demonstrate at least 10 projected annual openings and anticipated growth. Training programs for DOL qualifying industries must not exceed 2 years and should result in the attainment of an industry recognized credential, certification, or degree. DOL occupations should have an entry level minimum of \$12.07/hr. To be considered high skill/high wage (HSHW), the minimum entry level wage must be \$14.78/hr.

In response, requests for addition to the list are as follows.

- Automotive Service Technicians and Mechanics
- Correctional Officers and Jailers
- Electrical Power-Line Installers and Repairers
- Electro-Mechanical and Mechatronics Technologists and Technicians
- Emergency Medical Technicians and Paramedics
- Police, Fire, and Ambulance Dispatchers
- Vocational Education Teachers, Postsecondary

CSH also received a request to add **Maintenance and Repair Workers**; however, staff is not recommending its addition. Over half of the openings reviewed had an entry wage below the required (\$12.07/hr).

After discussion, Board Chair Raymond Royce, asked if there were additional questions or concerns. None were noted.

- A motion was made by committee member, Thomas Leitzel, to approve the proposed 2022-23 Demand Occupations list as presented with the inclusion of *Automotive*

Service Technicians and Mechanics; Correctional Officers and Jailers; Electrical Power-Line Installers and Repairers; Electro-Mechanical and Mechatronics Technologists and Technicians; Emergency Medical Technicians and Paramedics; Police, Fire, and Ambulance Dispatchers; and Vocational Education Teachers (Postsecondary) as presented.

- Motion seconded by committee member, Allen Moore.
- Motion carried unanimously.

IV. Other

No other business was brought before the committee.

V. Adjourn

Committee Chair, Raymond Royce, adjourned the meeting at 1:38 p.m.

Committee members present and participating: Ray Royce (Board Chair), Russell Brown, Meredith Durastanti, Sondra Guffey, Kaylee King, Thomas Leitzel, Allen Moore, Mike Willingham

Committee members absent: David Royal (Committee Chair), Andrea Broomfield, Kevin Cundiff, Elizabeth Densmore, William Lambert, John Varady, Angel Wiggins

Public attendance: None

CSH staff present: Donna Doubleday, Ann Martin, Michele Arena, Brian Mercurio