

Business Enhancement Committee Meeting
Monday, October 16, 2023 – 1:30 p.m.
MINUTES

I. Call to order

The meeting was called to order at 1:31 p.m. by David Royal, Committee Chair. Mr. Royal 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 not been established and that action would proceed via consensus. See end of minutes for all attendees.

III. Topic

Action Items:

A. Addition to the 2023-24 Local Demand Occupations List

Referring to the Action Item in the committee packet, Mr. Royal informed the committee that an educational partner made a request to add *Childcare Workers* to the 2023-24 Local Demand Occupations List. Mr. Royal referred the committee to the action item for further review and then called for a motion.

- A motion was made by committee member, Russell Brown, to add Childcare Workers (SOC 39-9011) to the 2023-24 Local Demand Occupations List as presented.
- Motion seconded by committee member, Meredith Durastanti.
- Motion carried unanimously.

B. Apprenticeship Sponsor

Referring to the Action Item in the committee packet, Mr. Royal opened committee discussion on this topic and specifically expressed concerns about the staff time required, the added workload, and the availability of ongoing funding to properly support implementation of this effort. It was acknowledged that there may be some unintended consequences to the intended action. The committee agreed CareerSource Heartland serving as an Apprenticeship Sponsor could be revisited in the future if recurring funding can be identified to support this effort.

In the course of discussion, a motion was proposed to not pursue apprentice sponsorship at this time and instead to continue to identify and support other eligible entities as apprenticeship sponsors.

- A motion was made by committee member, Sondra Guffey, to not pursue apprentice sponsorship at this time and instead to continue to identify and support other eligible entities as apprenticeship sponsors.
- Motion seconded by committee member, Russell Brown.
- Motion carried unanimously.

IV. Other

No other business was brought before the committee.

V. Adjourn

Committee Chair, David Royal, adjourned the meeting at 1:43 p.m.

Committee members present and participating: David Royal (Committee Chair), Andrea Broomfield, Russell Brown, Meredith Durastanti, Sondra Guffey, Raymond Royce, Mike Willingham

Committee members absent: Denise Grimsley, Fred Hawkins, Jeff King, Kaylee King, Brenda Longshore, Allen Moore, John Varady, Angel Wiggins

Public attendance: Sarah Beth Rogers

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