

NCWorks Commission

Business Session
February 13, 2019
Pinehurst Resort
Pinehurst, NC
1:30 pm
Minutes

Present:

Chairman Tom Rabon, Josh Arant, Shawn Brown, Sherry Carpenter, Mel Chernoff, Christopher Egan (for Secretary Mandy Cohen), Nate Davis, Jess Englert (for Governor Roy Cooper), Liz Crabill (for Secretary Tony Copeland), Osceola Elliss, Jeff Frederick, Christopher Gergen, Maureen Little (for President Peter Hans), Susan Jackson, John Kirkman (for Mark Johnson), Joe Magno, Marti Matthews Martin, Olalah Njenga, Joe Rogers, Sergi Roura, Walter Siegenthaler, Ronnie Smith, Scott Daugherty (for Margaret Spellings), Kim Toler, Pam Townsend, and Hope Williams

Absent: MaryBe McMillan, Mike Okun, Stephen Rosenburgh, Secretary Machelie Sanders, and Stan Sherrill

OPENING BUSINESS

Chairman Rabon opened the meeting by welcoming everyone and expressing his excitement about the future work of the commission and how it will benefit citizens and businesses of North Carolina.

Governor Cooper is scheduled to announce the NCWorks Local Innovation Fund grant recipients on February 26, 2019. There will be six grants awarded – three capacity-building grants and three implementation grants. It was a competitive process as there were 34 applications received.

Mr. Rabon thanked former executive director of the commission, Catherine Moga Bryant for her contributions to the success of the system and wished her well. He also noted that Annie Izod has agreed to fill the role as Interim Executive director.

He also announced the upcoming retirement of John Kirkman, member designee for the Department of Public Instruction. He thanked him for his service to North Carolina over the past 30 years.

Mr. Rabon asked for motion regarding the minutes of November 14. Motion was made by Susan Jackson to approve the minutes as written and seconded by Olalah Njenga. Motion carried.

NCWORKS CAREER CENTERS CERTIFICATIONS

Chair Susan Jackson recognized career centers in the Cape Fear, Capital Area, and DavidsonWorks Workforce Boards to present the latest NCWorks Career Center Certifications.

2019 ANNUAL WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT SYSTEM PERFORMANCE REPORT

Dr. Betty McGrath, Director of Bureau of Labor Statistics Programs at NC Department of Commerce Labor & Economic Analysis Division (LEAD), presented the findings of the 2019 Annual Workforce Development System report. The report tracks employment and wage data for two cohorts of individuals, both adults and youth, who participated in the system Fiscal Year 2010-2011 (cohort two) and Fiscal Year 2011-2012 (cohort three).

WORKFORCE UPDATES

Interim Executive Director Annie Izod provided the following updates:

- NCWorks Certified Career Pathways Week was January 28-Feb 1. Throughout the week, Career Pathway Facilitators hosted workshops across North Carolina in seven of the eight prosperity zones.
- “The State of our Workforce” Report for Western North Carolina was produced in collaboration with the Asheville Chamber, the NC Chamber Foundation, and the Mountain Area Workforce Board to reveal what location businesses needed. Additional information can be found on the Asheville Chamber website at www.ashevillechamber.org
- Wake Tech’s Finish First initiative will be expanded across North Carolina, thanks to a grant from the John M. Belk Endowment.
- State Superintendent Mark Johnson and North Carolina Community College System President Peter Hans have joined to proclaim the month of February “Career Pathways Month” in North Carolina.

WORK-BASED LEARNING NAVIGATOR

Caroline Sullivan, the Executive Director of the North Carolina Business Committee for Education, presented on the Work-Based Learning Navigator. The Navigator is a free online tool that connects education to careers. The platform brings together members of the business, education, and workforce development communities in a space where they can post, search for, and measure work-based learning opportunities. These opportunities are experiential learning activities ranging from guest speaking, job shadow and career day roles all the way to apprenticeships, posted by employers and used by educators and members of the workforce communities. The Navigator platform was developed by the North Carolina Business Committee For Education (NCBCE), an education non-profit that operates out of the North Carolina Governor’s Office, and Fidelity Investments. More information can be found at www.wblnavigator.org.

WRAP UP AND NEXT STEPS

Chairman Rabon provided closing remarks asking for any new business. He noted that the next meeting will be held on May 15, at a location to be determined.

Chairman Rabon recognized Dr. Hope Williams, President at North Carolina Independent Colleges and Universities, who received the Leo M. Lambert Engaged Leader Award from NC Campus Compact on February 13, 2019. This award recognizes a presidential leader who is building a campus that engages in reciprocal partnerships to impact a community’s greatest challenges.

There being no new business, Chairman Rabon asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Joe Magno made a motion, seconded by Walter Siegenthaler. The motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 2:45 pm

Respectfully submitted,



Annie Izod

Pending approval on May 15, 2019