

**Alaska Human Resource Investment Council
Business Meeting
Anchorage, Alaska
October 5 & 6, 2001
Draft Minutes**

The meeting was called to order at 10 a.m. Roll call was taken.

Members present: Lt. Governor Fran Ulmer, Click Bishop, Jim Nordlund (Com. Perdue's designee), Lamar Cotton (Com. Sedwick's designee), Rebecca Gamez (Com. Flanagan's designee), Pete Galle (Mr. Brooks' designee), Fred Esposito, Kristen Forrester, Duane French, Alice Galvin, Kay Hoch, Linda Hulbert, Wendy Redman, Sarah Scanlan, Barbara Stallone, JoAnn McDowell, Colleen Ward, JoAnn Henderson (by telephone)

The council approved minutes from the March 2001 meeting and the October 5-6 agenda.

New council member Click Bishop was introduced. Mr. Bishop is the Joint Apprenticeship & Training Coordinator for Operating Engineers Local 302. Another newly appointed member, Sharon Olsen, sent her regrets that a conflicting meeting prevented her from attending. Ms. Olsen is the Employment & Training Manager for Central Council Tlingit & Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska.

The Chair presented an award to Sarah Scanlan, recognizing her long and dedicated service to the council. Nina Brudie, former staff to the council, was also awarded a plaque and recognized for her talents and dedication to the council.

Public Comment

Jim Wakefield, Chair of the Balance of State Local Workforce Investment Board (BOSWIB) expressed his concern over a pending resolution to add National Skills Standards (NSS) to the training provider eligibility certification. There are implications for small rural providers and this needs to be examined before then can support NSS.

Erie Johnson, University of Alaska Anchorage, requested that the council reach out and include vocational educators and administrators.

Bryan MacLean, Ilisagvik College, expressed his appreciation for the Workforce Investment Act (WIA) Conference. Ilisagvik College has been involved with the council and the North Slope Borough would like representation on it.

Chair's Report

The Chair recognized the success of Workforce Development Week -- the Employer Advantage Conference, the federal "Earmark" meeting, and the WIA Conference were all very well attended and provided valuable networking and informative opportunities.

Executive Director's Report

The Executive Director's written report was distributed prior to the meeting. Mr. Sanders announced that Alice Galvin was elected Vice Chair of the National Association of State Workforce Board Chairs. Mr. Sanders discussed the solicitation for regional training centers, legislative strategy, the WIA annual report, Carl Perkins program and the training provider eligibility criteria.

Resolution 01-07

The council discussed Resolution Number 01-07, regarding training provider eligibility performance levels. There was a council consensus on a 20% completion rate, and the council also agreed there should be an annual review of this rate.

ACTION: The council unanimously approved 01-07.

Resolution 01-08

Resolution 01-08(a) and (b), regarding training provider eligibility and NSS, were discussed by the council. The council was concerned that the local WIBs weren't fully included in the prior discussion about inserting NSS and that council members were uncomfortable about inserting it prematurely.

ACTION: Fran Ulmer moved to table the resolution(s) and set up a process for a full review of the proposal. Duane French seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. A subcommittee will work with the local WIBs and prepare a working paper on the problem, solution, pros and cons, cost, and a plan to share with partners. Then the council will reconsider it.

Resolution 01-11

Rebecca Gamez discussed STEP reauthorization. The draft bill isn't prepared yet, and the council decided to postpone a vote on 01-11 until they've reviewed the draft. Then staff will take a telephone vote.

The Lt. Governor recognized Jack Heesch's efforts to bring a NASA travelling laboratory to Alaska. She also challenged the council to think of something to do for Alaska Democracy Week and encouraged them to break out of the box.

The council adjourned for the night and agreed to meet again at 8:30 a.m. the next morning.

October 6

The Chair issued the Call to Order at 9:20 a.m.

Committee Reports

Assessment & Evaluation: Rebecca Gamez

Ms. Gamez gave an update on Unemployment Insurance year-to-date figures, current and probable legislation, and discussed federal disaster initiatives due to terrorist acts.

Employment & Placement and Workforce Readiness: Barbara Stallone

Committees have completed goals, strategies, and activities.

Policy and Planning: Linda Hulbert

STEP regulations are reaching finality after a year of work. Committee has completed goals, strategies, and activities and has reviewed the proposal from the Alaska Business Education Compact

Ms. Hulbert offered Resolution 01-09 “A Resolution on a development of a Clearinghouse for Alaska’s Workforce Investment System.”

ACTION: Adopt Resolution 01-09. Passed without objection.

Local Workforce Investment Board Reports

Balance of State WIB: Jim Wakefield, Chair and Deb Craig, staff. The chair and staff gave information on their meeting schedule, board and youth council composition, and discussed highlights of fy02 and current issues and initiatives.

ACTION: The Chair referred the review of the STEP Academies to the Workforce Readiness and Employment & Placement Committees and to the Policy & Planning Committee.

Anchorage/Mat-Su WIB: Ruth DeCamp, Director. Ms. DeCamp discussed the accomplishments of the Workforce Board:

Return to Public Testimony

Iligsavik College: Brian McClain. There needs to be additional public input and clearer understanding of the performance measures before adoption. Performance measures, and other standards, should be phased in over a period of time.

Return to Resolution 01-07 Performance Measures

Kay Hoch asked for reconsideration of Resolution 01-07 suggesting the issue is still ‘contentious’ and that not sufficient public input had been received nor input from providers.

ACTION: The Executive Committee will at its next meeting remove the “completion rate” as a performance measure. The Chair directed the AWIO to notify providers of the intention to adopt a ‘completion rate’ performance measure and seek the input of the training providers.

ACTION: The Chair referred the issue of ‘completion rate’ as a performance measure to the Assessment & Evaluation Committee.

Resolution 01-12

Resolution 01-12 “A Resolution on Changes to the Strategic Plan of the Alaska Human Resource Investment Council”.

ACTION: Resolution 01-12 is adopted without objection.

Resolution 01-10

Stephanie Butler of ACPE offered a Resource Sharing Agreement for Council consideration.

ACTION: Resolution 01-10, “A Resolution on a Memorandum of Agreement Between the Alaska Commission on Postsecondary Education and the Alaska Human Resource Investment Council”. Passed without objection.

Next AHRIC meeting date: to be established by the Executive Committee.

The meeting adjourned at 12:15 p.m.