

Workforce Development Board of Western Missouri, Inc.

Full Board Minutes

July 23, 2025

The Workforce Development Board of Western Missouri, Inc. met on Wednesday, July 23, 2025 via teleconference at 1:00 p.m.

Board members present were Kamber Fusco, Laura Wallen, April Godwin, Robin McHugh, Chris Connell, Suzie Brodersen, Kim Kendrick, Tommy Hampton, Angy Littrell, and Michael Schubach. WDB staff present were Tara Colter-Lappat, Tammy Tankersley, Sarah Wells and Missy Eidson.

Board members not in attendance were Jessica Craig, Gabe Jones, James White, Joyce Furnell, LiShanna Bredenhof, and Kevin Wilson.

It was determined quorum was present.

Chairperson Chris Connell called the meeting to order and asked for a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Mr. Tommy Hampton made a motion to approve the agenda. Ms. Suzie Brodersen seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Mr. Connell asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the May 28 2025 Full Board meeting. Mr. Michael Schubach made a motion to approve the minutes. Ms. Laura Wallen seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Chair Report: Mr. Chris Connell welcomed new board members LiShanna Bredenhof and Kevin Wilson.

Committee Reports:

Finance and Audit: Ms. Kim Kendrick reported the financial reports were reviewed and the Annual Cost Allocation Plan had been approved by OWD. The committee recommended the Full Board approve the PY25/FY26 Planning Budget Summary as presented. Mr. Tommy Hampton made motion to approve the PBS. Ms. Kim Kendrick seconded the motion. Ms. Kamber Fusco abstained. The motion carried.

Planning and Operations: Missy Eidson gave the update for the Planning and Operations Committee meeting. \$636.54 have been made in exceptions over the \$5,000 ITA limit since the last committee meeting. Annual review of the Local Eligible Training Provider List was completed. A copy of the list is available for anyone wishing to see it.

TANF Presentation: Ms. Kamber Fusco gave a presentation on TANF and how they work with the job centers.

Contract Required Enrollments: Mr. Troy Roland reported that we finished the last year strong and are geared up for the current year.

Job Center / One Stop Operator Updates: Ms. Laura Kempf gave updates on activities conducted in the region since the last Full Board meeting.

Job Center Success Stories: Ms. Laura Wallen gave reports on two success stories for the region.

Director's Report:

Job Center Survey Results: Ms. Tara Colter–Lappat reported on survey results that had been received since the last Full Board meeting.

Continuous Improvement Committee Update: Ms. Tankersley gave an update on the last meeting of the last Continuous Improvement Committee meeting and the plans for the next one.

WIOA Reauthorization / Funding Allocations: WIOA Reauthorization is still pending. The current administration sent out an Executive Order for the Department of Labor, Department of Education and Department of Commerce to review the current 11 workforce programs and look for ways to consolidate them. The WDB is waiting to hear the outcome of those meetings. The TEG and OWD Issuance have been released with funding amounts for the current year.

Public Workforce System Awareness Campaign: OWD will be working with the regions to development content for a Public Workforce Awareness Campaign.

New Eligibility Determination System: The state has been working on a new data system for quite some time. They are ready to roll it out; Tara will be attending the training next month in Jefferson City.

Miscellaneous: Ms. Eidson asked for any board members that hasn't returned the electronic signature on the Annual By-law Attestation to please do so. She also thanked the team for a strong finish to the last program year.

Mr. Chris Connell asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Michael Schubach made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Tommy Hampton seconded the motion. The motion carried.