

Workforce Development Board
Chief Elected Officials Consortium Meeting
February 25, 2026

The Chief Elected Officials met on February 25, 2026 at 11:00 a.m. at Margaritaville Lake Resort, 494 Tan Tar A, Osage Beach Missouri.

Presiding Commissioners in attendance were Jim Wheatley, Jim Stone, Bill Taylor, Joe Wilson, Robert Sawyer, Stan Falke, Steve Daleske, Troy Matthews, Harold Hoflander. Missy Eidson was also in attendance.

Presiding Commissioners not in attendance were Becky Plattner, Kenneth Thornton, Robert Salmon, and Marlon Collins.

Chair of the Consortium, Jim Wheatley called the meeting to order and asked for a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Mr. Bill Taylor made a motion to approve the agenda and Mr. Jim Stone seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Mr. Wheatley asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the September 9, 2025 meeting. Mr. Jim Stone made a motion to approve the minutes. Mr. Bill Taylor seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Financials: Current LWDB financials were reviewed and discussed for all funding streams.

Performance: Current standings were discussed along with predictions of where the LWDB expects the measures to be at the end of the year. As expected, the Dislocated Worker Credential was not met for the second year in a row. The reasons for this were discussed and what the measure looks like for the current year was reviewed. OWD will discuss the missed measure at the March Full Board meeting.

Two-Year Local Plan Update: All updates have been made to the plan; the MOU/IFA Agreement is still missing two signatures. Once those are returned and the Public Comment Period is complete the modifications will be submitted to OWD for review and approval.

Annual Financial Audit: Hood and Associates presented the Annual Independent Audit at the January Finance and Audit Committee meeting. There were no issues found.

Request for Proposals / Request for Bid Releases: Currently RFP 26-01 Professional Staffing/Customer Service, RFP 26-02 One-Stop-Operator and RFB 26-01 Independent Financial Audit are out to the public. Responses are due back to the LWDB by March 5, 2026. Contract awards will be made at the March 25, 2026 Full Board meeting.

Legislative Activities / Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act: Several of the LWDB Directors from Missouri visited the Capitol in January to share information with their Elected Officials. Handouts were shared with the group to support the Commissioner's efforts. It doesn't look likely WIOA will be re-authorized any time soon.

Next Meeting Date: The next meeting will be June 9, 2026 at 10:30 at the Sedalia Job Center.

Miscellaneous: Success stories from the region were shared.

Mr. Jim Wheatley asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Jim Stone made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Stan Falke seconded the motion. The motion carried.