Workforce Development Board of Western Missouri, Inc.

Full Board Minutes

May 27, 2026

The Workforce Development Board of Western Missouri, Inc. met on Wednesday, May 27, 2026 via teleconference at 1:00 p.m.

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

Board members not in attendance were Jessica Craig, Gabe Jones, Kevin Wilson, Dr. Michael Murders, and Tommy Hampton.

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. Ms. Suzie Brodersen made a motion to approve the agenda. Ms. Kim Kendrick seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Mr. Connell asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the March 25, 2026 Full Board meeting. Mr. Michael Schubach made a motion to approve the minutes. Ms. Laura Wallen seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Executive Committee Update: Michael Schubach gave the Executive Committee Update. The Executive Committee met on April 22, 2026. An update was given on the RESTART grant. Changes were made by the state to the age range of individuals that will be served. It will now be 15–17-year-olds. The grant application has been submitted and we are waiting to hear back. The Quest grant began in September of 2023 and will come to completion at the end of August of this year. The region will have all funds spent by that time. The Office of Workforce Development proposed bringing in a third party to evaluate the local boards and job centers. OWD would cover the cost of this; we are waiting on further information.

Committee Reports:

Planning and Operations: The committee recommended the board vote to approve the following policy revisions as presented:

Adult Work Experience: Mr. Chris Green made a motion to accept the revisions as presented. Ms. Suzie Brodersen seconded. The motion carried.

Supportive Services: Mr. Michael Schubach made a motion to accept the revision as presented. Ms. Angy Littrell seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Business Services: Ms. Suzie Brodersen made a motion to accept the revision as presented. Mr. Chris Connell seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Co-Enrollment: Ms. Angy Littrell made a motion to accept the revision as presented. Ms. Laura Wallen seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Eligible Training Provider: Mr. Chris Connell made a motion to accept the revision as presented. Ms. Angy Littrell seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Individual Training Account: Ms. Suzie Broderson made a motion to accept the revision as presented. Ms. Laura Wallen seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Finance and Audit: Ms. Kim Kendrick gave an update for the Finance and Audit Committee meeting. The Annual Financial Monitoring of the WDB has been completed by the Office of Workforce Development. There were no issues reported. A transfer of Dislocated Worker to Adult funds was submitted to the Office of Workforce Development and was approved. This was for PY24/FY25 funds and brought the total amount of transfers to $140,333.51 or 54.66% of the original budget. This transfer was approved by the WDB in March of 2025. Current Financial Reports and Budget Line-Item Adjustments were reviewed and discussed. The West Central Region received an increase in Youth and Adult funding and a decrease in Dislocated Worker for the upcoming year. Overall, the region received a 20% increase which amounted to $223,249. There is a spreadsheet in your packet listing funding amounts for the current and the upcoming year. The region will no longer be receiving funds for Jobs League due to the funding being eliminated in the Missouri House Bill HB11. The committee recommended the Full Board vote to approve the PY26/FY27 Planning Budget Summaries as presented. Ms. Suzie Broderson made a motion to approve the PBS. Ms. Kim Kendrick seconded the motion. The motion carried.

National Farmworkers Jobs Program/ UMOs: Ms. Grace Crane gave a presentation on services offered.

Contract Enrollments: Mr. Troy Roland reported the region had exceeded the Adult/DW enrollment goals set for them and were working to complete the youth by the end of the year.

Nevada Job Center / One Stop Operator Updates: Ms. Kelly Vert gave an update on One-Stop activities in Nevada and the surrounding area.

Sedalia Job Center / One Stop Operator Updates: Ms. Izabella Ozwald gave an update on One-Stop activities in Sedalia and the surrounding area.

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.

Business Services Updates: Ms. Colter-Lappat discussed goals that the region had set for business services and where those goals currently stand.

PY25 Eckerd Monitoring: Ms. Tara Colter-Lappat and Ms. Sarah Wells reviewed the annual monitoring report with the board.

Continuous Improvement Committee: Ms. Tammy Tankersley updated the board on goals set by the committee in January. Their primary focus for this year is how to improve tracking in the region.

Job Center Certification Update: Ms. Missy Eidson reported a letter had been received from the Office of Workforce Development certifying the Sedalia Job Center from July 1, 2026 – June 30, 2029.

Request for Bid Award: Mr. Chris Green made a motion to name Hood and Associates as the successful bidder for the annual independent financial audit for three years beginning July 1, 2026. Ms. Kim Kendrick seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Required Two-Year Local Plan Modification: Ms. Eidson submitted the completed 2-Year Plan Modification to the Office of Workforce Development on March 24, 2026. The LWDB received approval from OWD and all the updates have been uploaded to the local website.

Miscellaneous: There were no miscellaneous items to discuss.

Mr. Chris Connell asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Suzie Brodersen made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Michael Schubach seconded the motion. The motion carried.