

Workforce Development Board
Chief Elected Officials Consortium Meeting
June 9, 2026

The Chief Elected Officials met on June 9, 2026 at 10:30 a.m. at the Sedalia Missouri Job Center and via Zoom.

Presiding Commissioners in attendance were Jim Wheatley, Jim Stone, Bill Taylor, Joe Wilson, Stan Falke, Troy Matthews and Evan Emmerich. Missy Eidson was also in attendance.

Presiding Commissioners not in attendance were Becky Plattner, Kenneth Thornton, Robert Salmon, Robert Sawyer, Harold Hoflander 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. Jim Stone made a motion to approve the agenda and Mr. Bill Taylor seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Mr. Wheatley asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the February 25, 2026 meeting. Mr. Jim Stone made a motion to approve the minutes. Mr. Bill Taylor seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Stand-in Costs: Ms. Missy Eidson asked the Commissioners that do not charge mileage to the WDB for the meetings to start filling out an expense report and marking the box stating such so those amounts could be report as stand in costs moving forward.

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

WIOA Formula Funds PY26/FY27: For the upcoming year the region had a decrease in Dislocated Worker funding and an increase in Adult and Youth funding leading to a 20% increase from the prior year's allotments.

Jobs League Funding: There will no longer be Jobs League funding available due to it being written out of HB11. This was previously used by the region to fund work experience for youth.

Planning Budget Summaries: PBSs for the upcoming year were reviewed and discussed. Presiding Commissioner Jim Wheatley has already signed the document and it has been submitted to the state.

Request for Bid – Independent Audit: The board voted on May 27th that Hood and Associates was the successful bidder to the RFB put out to the public. It is for one year with the possibility of two, one-year extensions.

Two-Year Local Plan Update: Updates were submitted to the OWD March 23, 2026 and approved April 17, 2026. All necessary updates have been made to the West Central Local Plan on the website.

Sedalia Job Center Certification Update: The certification packet was submitted to the OWD March 30, 2026 and a letter certifying the job center was received April 17th. The certification is good for three years.

Annual Financial Monitoring by OWD: Financial monitoring of the LWDB was completed by OWD for the PY25/FY26 year. There were no concerns, comments or areas of improvement noted on the report.

Annual Monitoring of Subrecipient: The LWDB has completed PY25/FY26 monitoring of Eckerd Connects. There were two areas of concern noted under the programmatic portion of the monitoring. The first was regarding eligibility documentation and the second was regarding mandatory initial case notes. The WDB provided training to job center staff in both areas.

RESTART Grant: OWD has applied for a 42-month grant from the Department of Labor. This grant will support employment and training programs for justice involved individuals ages 15-17. If awarded the grant the West Central Region will be participating.

Patterson Family Foundation Grant: The WDB is currently working on an application for a Patterson Family Foundation Grant. This proposed project is called Elevating Rural Missouri's Skilled Workforce. The application is due June 29th.

TEAM Legislative Activities: TEAM is currently working on having Job Center Open Houses during district work week for congress in September. The Legislative Committee for TEAM is meeting on June 12th to decide next steps. More information will be forthcoming.

Next Meeting Date: The next meeting will be September 8, 2026 at 10:30 at the Sedalia Job Center.

Miscellaneous: Ms. Eidson gave an update on the Quest Grant which began in 2023 and is coming to a close in September 2026. There were 59 individuals served in the region through this grant. Forty-one have gained employment and 15 are still in training.

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