

Work-Integrated Learning Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes
Regular Meeting
Via Zoom Meeting/July 29, 2020

- Members in Attendance:** Representative Sharon Tomiko Santos
Senator Lisa Wellman
Derek Jaques, representing K-12 Career and Technical Education (CTE) Educators
Maddy Thompson, Office of the Governor
Krista Fox, representing Community and Technical College Educators
Gary Chandler, Association of Washington Business representing Workforce Board (WFB)
Larry Brown, State Labor Council representing WFB
Rebecca Wallace, Designee to the Superintendent of Public Instruction
- Members Not in Attendance:** Senator Ann Rivers
Representative Luanne Van Werven
Denise Reddinger, representing K-12 Counselors
- Staff to the Committee:** Denny Wallace, Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI)
Lance Wrzesinski, OSPI
Michelle Lewis, OSPI
Roger A. Rich, Jr., OSPI
Samantha L. Sanders, OSPI
Sheri Tucker, OSPI
- Public Attendees:** Anna Nikolaeva, Employment Security Department (ESD)
Alissa Muller, State Board of Education (SBE)
Ben Omdal, Senate K-12 Education Committee
Brianna Kirschenbaum, School's Out Washington
Dave Wallace, WFB
David Beard, School's Out Washington
Jim Justin, Career Connect Washington/ WA STEM
John Aultman, Governor's Office
Julia Reed, Kinetic West
Maud Daudon, Career Connect Washington (CCW)
Natalie Pacholl, SEH America
Nova Gattman, WFB
Sarah Patterson, Association of General Contractors Education Foundation (AGC)
Tim Knue, WA-ACTE

Titles may reflect how participants signed in during Zoom-based meeting.

Call to Order: Derek Jaques called the meeting to order at 9:05 am. Prior meeting minutes from June 10, 2020, were approved unanimously by committee members in attendance with three members absent. The agenda for this meeting was also approved. Attendance was taken using a Chat Box protocol. Committee members, staff and guests introduced themselves. No public comments were made.

Land Acknowledgement: Recognition of the Traditional Territories of Indigenous Peoples was delivered by Derek Jaques, co-chair.

Moment of Silence: Samantha L. Sanders, asked for a moment of silence in recognition of racial inequity and invited accountability and partnership in the work of the committee.

Career Connect Washington (CCW) Equity Strategy and Approach: Maud Daudon, CCW, Angela Jones, WA-STEM's CEO, and Julie Reed, Kinetic West, co-presented on the updated equity statement, included as Attachment "A" – Career Connect Washington. Outcomes and goals of ensuring equitable access for Washington students were discussed. WA-STEM is working closely with CCW to assist in meeting their equity goals and focusing on barriers for students trying to participate in Career Connected Learning in order to close gaps and offer additional support.

Questions and Feedback: Representative Santos suggested CCW attend and present at a Educational Opportunity Gap Oversight and Accountability Committee, which is tasked with reviewing policies and programs to eliminate the opportunity gap for students, particularly of color.

Policy Update Related to Committee Work (6): Nova Gattman presented on the Workforce Economic Recovery Plan, the Department of Education Federal Grant, and highlighted a new dashboard for CTE. The WFB is teaming up with the Department of Commerce to assist in a recovery plan and policy planning for the upcoming legislative session with a focus on pre-pandemic outlook, demographic impact, impact of Covid-19, industry sectors, and equity gaps.

State of the State: Committee Members shared their concerns and experiences regarding the reopening of Washington Schools in the context of "continuous learning" where students will most likely be engaging in remote learning.

Spotlight on Existing Programs (5) (7) School-based Partnerships: Washington Department of Natural Resources (DNR) Commissioner Hilary Franz presented DNR's role in education and how public lands play a part in the next generation of natural resource workers and stewards, included as Attachment "B" – Department of Natural Resources. The Commissioner discussed numerous learning opportunities for schools, such as forestry, geology, agriculture, and firefighting, and is supportive of all 6th graders being able to participate in a week of outdoor learning activities through 6 grade Camp. DNR is currently working on a new project that will give students grades 3-12 access to Aquaculture and learning about marine environment in partnership with the University of Washington.

Focus Group Protocol (5): Attendees were broken into small groups with the purpose/task of reviewing previous recommendations from the December WILAC meeting that would assist in ensuring a robust and comprehensive work-integrated learning system for each and every student with a new focus on the impacts of COVID-19. Discussion prompts included: evaluation of previous recommendations as

priorities; additional barriers that have emerged as a result to COVID-19: and solutions that must be explored due to the current economic and educational environment.

Future Meeting Planning: It was decided that a poll will be sent regarding future meeting dates. Representative Santos reminded the committee that an initial report is due this November and expressed concern the committee has not had ample time to prepare because of interrupted meetings due to Covid-19.

Public Comment, Final Announcements and Conclusion of Meeting: No public comments were made. Representative Sharon Tomiko Santos moved to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Rebecca Wallace and the meeting was adjourned at 3:30 pm.