

**Work-Integrated Learning Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes Regular Meeting
Via Zoom Meeting/May 20, 2021**

Members in Attendance: Representative Sharon Tomiko Santos
Senator Lisa Wellman
Chris Alejano, representing Workforce Training and Education Coordinating Board (WTB)
Denise Reddinger, representing school counselors
Derek Jaques, representing K-12 Career and Technical Education (CTE) educators
Chelsea Mason-Placek, representing WTB
Krista Fox, representing community and technical colleges
Maddy Thompson, Governor's Office
Rebecca Wallace, designee to the Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI)

Members Not in Attendance: Senator Ann Rivers
Larry Brown, WTB
Gary Chandler, WTB

Staff to the Committee: Lance Wrzesinski, OSPI
Michelle Spenser, OSPI
Renee Lafreniere, OSPI
Roger A. Rich, Jr., OSPI
Susie Anderson, OSPI
Teri Lee, OSPI

Public Attendees: Al Audette, Building Industry Association of Washington
Alissa Muller, State Board of Education (SBE)
Ashley Garcia, Boys and Girls Club
Brianna Kirschenbaum, School's Out Washington
Cara Buckingham, BIRCH Equipment
Christian Paige, Tacoma Public Utilities
Courtenay Gephart, Blue Sound Construction
Danny Salazar, Employee Security Department
David Beard, School's Out Washington
Dennis Conger, ESD 101
Jacob Schmidt, Silicone Forest Electronics
Jody Robbins, Labor & Industries
Julanne Sandoz, Providence
Katya Miltimore, Boys and Girls Club
Kimberley Hetrick, OESD 114

Public Attendees continued: Maeghan Bowman, Auburn School District
Marie Bruin, State Board for Community and Technical Colleges
Maud Daudon, Career Connect Washington
Mike Ankney, Inland Northwest AGC
Natalie Pacholl, SEH America
Nova Gattman, WTB
Peter Lamb, Auburn School District
Rachel McAloon
Rachel Stephens, International Rescue Committee
Randy Spaulding, SBE
Tim Knue, WA-ACTE
Tom Bajema, Andgar Corporation
Walter Jackson, PSESD
Wayne Bridges, ASA Northwest/iTAC

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

Call to Order: Co-chair Derek Jaques called the meeting to order at 1:04 pm on May 20, 2021. Senator Wellman moved to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded by Maddy Thompson. Prior meeting minutes from March 31, 2021, were approved unanimously by committee members in attendance with three members absent at the time of approval. Denise Reddinger moved to approve the agenda. The motion was seconded by Becky Wallace and approved unanimously by committee members in attendance with three members absent at the time of approval. Attendance was taken using a Chat box protocol and an audible roll call of committee members. Attendees were invited to introduce themselves using a Chat box protocol. No public comments were made.

Policy Update: Nova Gattman with WTB presented on legislative initiatives, referencing key bills that have passed included as Attachment "A." The 2021-23 Biennial Budget Provisos were also reviewed and included as Attachment "B" WILAC – Budget Items – 5-20-21. The presentation was followed by committee questions and discussion.

Spotlight on Existing Programs: Ashley Garcia with the Boys and Girls Club of South Puget Sound and Christian Paige with Tacoma Public Utilities (TPU) provided an overview of their partnership and explained how TPU Academy helps to connect children to real world applications of STEM. The presentation is included as Attachment "C" – TPU Academy & BGCSPS. Rachel Stephens with International Rescue Committee (IRC) provided an introduction to the IRC Seattle Youth Programs explaining their vision of ensuring youth from refugee and immigrant backgrounds will have the skills and resources necessary to achieve academic success and ability to pursue a future of opportunity. The presentation is included as Attachment "D" –

IRC Seattle Youth Program Overview – WILAC. Each presentation was followed by committee questions and discussion.

Community-Based Organization Panel: The presentations were followed by a panel discussion. The panelists included: Ashley Garcia, Branch Manager, D.A. Gonyea Branch, Boys & Girls Clubs of South Puget Sound; Christian Paige, Education Outreach Manager, Tacoma Public Utilities; Rachel Stephens, M.S.Ed., Youth and Education Program Manager, International Rescue Committee; Meaghan Bowman, 6-12 EL Coordinator, Auburn School District; and Peter Lamb, K-5 EL Coordinator, Auburn School District.

Small Group Protocol: Attendees were assigned to small groups to reflect on learnings and to discuss the importance of establishing and maintaining partnerships with community-based organizations in order to offer work-integrated learning experiences for students. Small groups also were asked to describe some of the barriers to systemizing partnerships between community-based organizations and schools and to identify potential solutions.

Public Comment, Final Announcements and Conclusion of Meeting: No public comments were made. Derek Jaques adjourned the meeting at 3:51 pm.