



GOVERNOR'S WORKFORCE INVESTMENT BOARD

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MEETING MINUTES

**Governor's Workforce Investment Board (GWIB)
Clean Energy Sector Council
Friday, December 6, 2013
10:00 a.m.**

Some members of the Council may be attending the meeting and other persons may observe the meeting and provide testimony through a simultaneous videoconference and teleconference conducted at the following location or by calling the number listed below:

Place of Meeting:

Department of Employment, Training & Rehabilitation
2800 East St. Louis Avenue, Conference Rooms A, B and C
Las Vegas, NV

Department of Employment, Training & Rehabilitation
Vocational Rehabilitation
1325 Corporate Boulevard
Reno, NV

Department of Employment, Training & Rehabilitation
500 South Third Street, 1st Floor Auditorium
Carson City, NV

Council Members Present: Eric Dominguez, Dr. Thomas Piechota, Debra Gallo, Dan Gouker, Brita Tryggvi, Councilwoman Anita Wood, George Rowe, Bonnie Lind, Les Lazareck, Susan Fisher, Dr. George Rhee, Dr. Jim Faulds, Jack McGinley, Emilia Cargill.

Council Members Absent: Timothy Breed, Chris Brooks, Jordan Pinjuv, Robert Feibleman, Michael Purtil, Dr. Emmanuel Maragakis, Dr. Alan Gertler, Councilwoman Peggy Leavitt, David Miller (excused), Jennifer Turchin, Senator Patricia Spearman, Amelia Gulling (excused), Dr. Ghasan Jabbour.

Ex-Officio Members Present: Jeremy Hayes, John Thurman, William Boster, Maribeth Stumpf.

Ex-Officio Members Absent: Randy Nance, Ron Fletcher.

DETR WSU Staff Present: Earl McDowell, Ansara Martino, Odalys Carmona, De Salazar.

Others Present: Brett Miller (Workforce Solutions Unit), Judy Turgiss (Nevada Workforce Development Center (DETR/CSN)).

**Please note that all attendees may not be listed above.*

AGENDA

- I. Welcome, Introductions and New Members..... Eric Dominguez, Chair
GWIB Clean Energy Sector Council

The Chair of this Council, Eric Dominguez, called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. He welcomed everyone, thanked them for attending this meeting, and introduced new members Emilia Cargill of Coyote Springs Land, Ed Domanico of AET Environmental, and Chris Zunis from Las Vegas Global Economic Alliance. Mr. Dominguez then asked Ansara Martino to call roll.

- II. Roll call and Establishment of a QuorumAnsara Martino, Grants & Policy Analyst
Workforce Solutions Unit, Department of Employment, Training and Rehabilitation (DETR)

Ansara Martino called roll and informed Mr. Dominguez that a quorum was present.

- III. Verification of Posting..... Ansara Martino

Mr. Dominguez asked for Ansara Martino to verify that the agenda for this meeting was posted according to Nevada Statute. Ms. Martino verified that the agenda was posted according to NRS 241.020.

- IV. **First Public Comment Session** Eric Dominguez
Members of the public will be invited to speak before; however, no action may be taken on a matter during public comment until the matter itself has been included on an agenda as an item for possible action. Public comment may be limited to three minutes per person at the discretion of the chairperson.

When Mr. Dominguez announced the First Public Comment Session, no comments were made. Hearing none, Mr. Dominguez turned to agenda item V.

- V. **For Possible Action** – Approval of the July 22, 2013 Minutes Eric Dominguez

Mr. Dominguez asked the Council members if they had an opportunity to review the July 22, 2013 Meeting Minutes. After members confirmed that they had, Mr. Dominguez asked for a motion to approve the Minutes. The motion was made by Les Lazareck and seconded by Dr. Thomas Piechota. All were in favor. None were opposed. The motion carried.

- VI. **For Possible Action** – Approval of the October 14, 2013 Minutes Eric Dominguez

Mr. Dominguez asked the Council members if they had an opportunity to review the October 14, 2013 Meeting Minutes. After the members confirmed that they had, Mr. Dominguez asked for a motion to approve the Minutes. The motion was made by George Rowe and seconded by Les Lazareck. All were in favor. None were opposed. The motion carried. Mr. Dominguez turned to agenda item VII.

- VII. **For Possible Action** – Subcommittee Chairperson’s Reports, Description of Objectives and Suggested Timelines Eric Dominguez

- Strategic Planning Subcommittee
Acting Chair: Eric Dominguez
- Workforce Needs and Economic Development Subcommittee
Chair: Councilwoman Anita Wood
- Legislative/Regulatory/Policy Subcommittee
Chair: Les Lazareck
- Education and Training Subcommittee
Chair: Dan Gouker
- Research and Coordination Subcommittee
Chair: Dr. Thomas Piechota

Mr. Eric Dominguez advised the Council Members that Item VII will be tabled for the next meeting. Mr. Dominguez turned to agenda item VIII.

- VIII. **Discussion** – Timeline for College of Southern Nevada (CSN) Course Catalog for the Clean Energy/Solar Energy Degree Dan Gouker, Executive Director
CSN, Division of Apprentices Studies

Mr. Gouker’s presentation “Nevada Workforce Development Center, a CSN and DETR Partnership” was to inform the Council Members of the Nevada Workforce Development Center on the Cheyenne Campus of the College of Southern Nevada (CSN). Mr. Gouker explained that the center is a partnership between CSN and DETR, staffed by uniquely qualified CSN and DETR employees, and reflects part of the Governor’s vision to bring education and workforce development together to help advance economic development for the state. Business owners now have a one-stop shop, on a college campus, to get customized training for current employees, regional economic data, or to get help identifying potential new hires with specific skills sets. In addition, the goal of the center is to support current business at no charge to ensure their future growth and to assist businesses that are considering relocating to Nevada. Mr. Gouker reviewed current student enrollment numbers at Nevada System of Higher Education institutions for Fall 2012 to Spring 2013 semesters; degree and certificate programs; and detail of how this Center will support the complex network of federal, state and local workforce development needs. Mr. Gouker also explained the difference between Workforce Connections One-Stop and the Nevada Workforce Development Center.

Upon conclusion of the presentation, Mr. Gouker answered any questions that Council members had and urged them to read the handouts he provided as part of today’s presentation.

- IX. **For Possible Action** – Review, Update and Ratification of 2013-2014 GWIB Clean Energy Sector Council Strategic Plan.....Eric Dominguez
- Review of Top In-Demand Clean Energy Occupations presented by Tessa Rognier DETR’s Research and Analysis Bureau
 - Consideration of Future Surveys to Support Mapping of Career and Talent Pipeline

Eric Dominguez asked if everyone had an opportunity to review this Council’s Strategic Plan, explained how the Plan was developed, and then opened the floor for comments. One member pointed out that there is no coverage of matters regarding energy transmission in the Plan, and without transmission solar energy cannot be moved to the marketplace. Mr. Dominguez advised the Council that their charge is to focus on workforce development and he suggested that transmission may be more of an economic development issue. Two members suggested that transmission be included within the Legislative section of the Plan and that it could be the responsibility of the Legislative Subcommittee. Mr. Dominguez agreed.

Members requested the additional following corrections and/or changes be made:

- On pp. 8-9 under the *Education and Training* section add “engagement with local school district” and add “STEM focus” to the bullet point “Collaborate with K-16 to review common core education standards and specialized training needed to support the development of a clean energy cluster workforce.”
- On p. 9 under the *Research and Coordination* section add “current and ongoing research.”
- Develop a list showing the numbers of graduates from industry related post-secondary program so that trends of graduating class numbers can be tracked.
- Reach out to Nevada veterans because they have compatible skillsets, determine how those skillsets should be catalogued, and develop initiatives to hire them. Explore organizations, such as “Green Vets” in Colorado and “Green Zone.”
- Mentoring programs for high school and post-secondary students to help retain students in the state.

Mr. Dominguez then asked if there were any concerns from Subcommittee Chairs on their functions as outlined in the Plan. None were voiced. At this time Mr. Dominguez asked for a motion to approve the Plan with the requested additions, changes and/or corrections. The motion was made by Debra Gallo and seconded by Ed Domanico. All were in favor. None were opposed. The motion carried.

X. **For Possible Action** – Pilot Program.....Eric Dominguez

One Council member The Council members discussed possible Pilot Program ideas they could propose. Dr. Thomas Piechota suggested the UNLV Solar Decathlon Team, which they said could be an excellent project that could involve ages K-12 at the Springs Reserve in Las Vegas. Members pointed out that it includes STEM and a green learning lab for clean energy technologies. This would be for outreach and for educational purposes. Bonnie Lind suggested the Concentrated Solar Towers, which typically requires 20-30 workers each and of which there is an example in Tonopah, NV. Workers, such as technicians, that need additional training could be done through the community colleges. The example that was mentioned was the basic power plant operator training. Mr. Dominguez asked Dr. Piechota and Bonnie Lind to write up their ideas and send him a draft within one week to review before submission to DETR on Monday, December 16, 2013.

XI. **For Possible Action** – Future Meetings and New BusinessEric Dominguez

Mr. Dominguez announced that the meeting will be held Friday, January 17, 2014 at 10:00 a.m.

Future agenda items will be:

- 1) A representative from the Governor’s Office of Economic Development to discuss the workforce development needs of employers they are working with
- 2) Chris Zunis with the Las Vegas Global Economic Alliance to discuss their perspective of business and economic development in Southern Nevada and what workforce development support is needed
- 3) Review of the top in-demand clean energy occupations to be presented by the Council’s assigned Economist from DETR’s Bureau of Research and Analysis
- 4) Consideration of future surveys to support mapping of career and talent pipeline
- 5) “Green Zone” organization on Veteran skills
- 6) Dan Gouker discussion of how to keep track of graduating students and confidentiality issues

XII. **Second Public Comment Session**Eric Dominguez

Members of the public may now comment on any matter or topic, which is relevant to or within the authority or jurisdiction of the Board. You may comment now even if you commented earlier; however, please do not simply repeat the same comment you previously made. Please clearly state and spell your name. Public comment may be limited to three minutes per person at the discretion of the chairperson.

Mr. Dominguez announced the Second Public Comment Session. Council member George Rowe said that Nevada contains a large amount of Federal Bureau of Land Management (BLM) land and he suggested that a representative from BLM become a member of this Council. The Council agreed. Mr. Dominguez asked the Council to identify an individual to nominate and thanked Mr. Rowe for his comments. Mr. Dominguez then turned to agenda item XIII.

XIII. **Adjournment**Eric Dominguez

Mr. Dominguez adjourned the meeting at 11:20 a.m.

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CLEAN ENERGY SECTOR COUNCIL

Eric Dominguez (Chair), Dr. Thomas Piechota (Vice-Chair), Timothy Breed, Chris Brooks, Debra Gallo, Jordan Pinjuv, Robert Feibleman, Michael Purtill, Dr. Emmanuel Maragakis, Dr. Alan Gertler, Dan Gouker, Brita Tryggvi, Councilwoman Anita Wood, George Rowe, Councilwoman Peggy Leavitt, Bonnie Lind, Les Lazareck, David Miller, Susan Fisher, Jennifer Turchin, Senator Patricia Spearman, Amelia Gulling, Dr. George Rhee, Dr. Jim Faulds, Dr. Ghassan Jabbour, Jack McGinley, Emilia Cargill

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