



GOVERNOR'S WORKFORCE INVESTMENT BOARD

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MEETING MINUTES

**Governor's Workforce Investment Board (GWIB)
Agriculture Sector Council
Monday, December 16, 2013
2:00 p.m.**

Some members of the Council may have attended the meeting and other persons may have observed the meeting and provided testimony through a simultaneous videoconference and teleconference conducted at the following locations or by calling the number listed below:

Place of Meeting: Department of Employment, Training & Rehabilitation
2800 East St. Louis Avenue, Conference Room C
Las Vegas, NV

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

Department of Employment, Training & Rehabilitation
Office of Vocational Rehabilitation
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Council Members Present: Jim Barbee, Irene Bustamante Adams, Jeff Sutich, Tracy Shane, Dr. Ron Pardini, Jeff Brigger, Frank Avera, Dr. Frederick Steinmann, Rob Hooper.

Council Members Absent: Dave Coon, Senator James Settelmeyer, David Peri, Mike Catalano, Jim Snyder, Dave Armstrong, Dr. Boyd Spratling, Rod Adams.

Ex-Officio Members Present: Melinda Lyons, John Collins, William Boster.

Ex-Officio Members Absent: Tessa Rognier, Kyle Casci.

Others Present: Judy Turgiss (Nevada Workforce Development Center (DETR/CSN)), Jim Kostecki (WorkforceConnections).

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

AGENDA

- I. Welcome, Introductions and New Members..... Jim Barbee, Chair
Governor’s Workforce Investment Board (GWIB) Agriculture Sector Council

Mr. Jim Barbee, Chair of the GWIB Agriculture Sector Council, called the meeting to order, welcomed everyone and asked for Ansara Martino, Grants and Policy Analyst with DETR’s Workforce Solutions Unit, to call roll.

- II. Roll call and Establishment of a QuorumAnsara Martino, Grants & Policy Analyst
Workforce Solutions Unit, DETR

Ms. Martino called roll and informed the Chair that a quorum was not present. It was deficient by three members. Later during the meeting, members Irene Bustamante-Adams and Rob Hooper joined, leaving the quorum deficient by one member.

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

Ms. Martino confirmed that the agenda for today’s meeting was posted according to NRS 241.020.

- IV. **First Public Comment Session** Jim Barbee
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. Barbee announced the First Public Comment Session, Dr. Ron Pardini stated his name for the record and stated that he wanted to inform the Council that the University of Nevada, Reno has hired a new Assistant Professor, Antonio Faciola, for their Department of Agriculture, Nutrition and Veterinary Sciences.

Tracy Shane informed the Council that Heather Speal was present at today’s meeting with Ms. Shane.

Hearing no other comments, Mr. Barbee turned the agenda item V.

- V. **For Possible Action** – Approval of August 22, 2013 Meeting Minutes Jim Barbee

Mr. Barbee announced that this item was tabled due to a lack of a quorum.

- VI. **For Possible Action** – Approval of November 19, 2013 Meeting Minutes..... Jim Barbee

Mr. Barbee announced that this item was tabled due to a lack of a quorum.

- VII. **For Possible Action** – Overview of the Career and Technical Education Programs for the Agriculture Sector Offered in Nevadan School Districts..... Sue Poland
Education Programs Professional, Career and Technical Education
Nevada Department of Education

Mr. Barbee invited Ms. Sue Poland, Education Programs Professional with the Nevada Department of Education Career and Technical Education (CTE) Programs office, to give an overview of the CTE programs offered in Nevadan school districts that are agriculture related.

Ms. Poland greeted the Council and using a PowerPoint presentation reviewed the Nevada Agriculture and Natural Resources Programs offered through CTE in 27 high schools throughout Nevada. She briefly described the following programs: Agriculture Business Systems, Agriculture Leadership, Communication and Policy, Agriculture Mechanical Engineering Technology, Veterinary Science, Ornamental Horticulture/Greenhouse Management and several other programs. Ms. Poland also spoke about the importance of integrating three key components to ensure the students’ career success in

School-Based Agricultural Education (SBAE) and they were 1) contextual, inquiry-based instruction and learning through an interactive classroom and laboratory; 2) premier leadership, personal growth and career success through engagement in FFA, PAS, and NYFEA activities and programs; and 3) experiential, service and/or work-based learning through the implementation of a supervised agricultural experience program.

Mr. Barbee then turned to agenda item VIII.

VIII. **For Possible Action** – Overview of the 4H Program at University of Nevada, Reno Cooperative Extension.....Dr. Frederick Steinmann, Extension Educator/Assistant Professor
University of Nevada, Reno Cooperative Extension

Mr. Barbee introduced Dr. Frederick Steinmann, Extension Educator/Assistant Professor at University of Nevada, Reno, Division of Cooperative Extension. Mr. Steinmann gave an overview on how 4-H impacts economic development and Mr. Steinmann stated there are 49,000 young people engaged in 4-H programs across the state of Nevada. He continued by saying the 4-H programs promotes life skills development. The 4-H field staff are highly trained educators that deliver programs using appropriate and effective teaching methods. He also explained the 4-H Model which focuses on education and youth development, and how it impacts contextual influences. There are three foundations that are important in the 4-H teachings and they are learning, discovery and service.

Council members Irene Bustamante-Adams and Rob Hooper joined the meeting at this juncture.

One question of Dr. Steinmann asked about the enrollment numbers of youth in 4-H programs for Clark County? Dr. Steinmann replied that he would find out and forward the Council members the information as requested. Another question concerned land grant universities. Dr. Pardini replied that he would also provide the answer to that question to Council members.

To view a copy of Dr. Steinmann’s presentation materials, they are available at the following links:
[UNCE 4-H Presentation GWIB ASC - 121613.pptx](#)
[4-H Enrollment Statistics - Statewide 2012-2013.pdf](#)

IX. **For Possible Action** – In-Demand Occupation Data for Agriculture Sector
Tessa Rognier, Economist, Bureau of Research and Analysis, DETR

Jeremy Hays, Economist with DETR’s Bureau of Research and Analysis, presented in place of Tessa Rognier. Mr. Hays introduced himself to the members and began with a PowerPoint presentation on the in-demand occupation data for the Agriculture sector. Mr. Hays had several top in-demand occupations listed and compared the jobs from 2003 to 2013 and showed the difference within the years mentioned. The 2013 earnings for the occupations were listed as well. The Council members were pleased with his PowerPoint presentation. It was requested by Mr. Barbee that Mr. Hays present information at the next upcoming Council meeting on how the agriculture industry compares with the other sectors. Mr. Hays agreed that he would. Mr. Barbee then turned to agenda item X.

To view a copy of Mr. Hays presentation, it is available via the following link: [Jeremy Hays Ag Report 20131216\[1\].doc](#)

X. **For Possible Action** – Pilot Project Proposal.....Jim Barbee

After Mr. Barbee introduced this agenda item and asked for any comments or suggestions, Earl McDowell, Deputy Administrator for DETR’s Workforce Solutions Unit, suggested the Council members consider use data from Mr. Hays’ presentation at today’s meeting when determining their pilot project ideas. It was decided by the Council members that the Pilot Program should possibly be an internship and the occupation would be under the SOC code of Farmworkers and Laborers, Crop Nursery, and Greenhouse.

XI. **For Possible Action** – New Business, Future Agenda Items and Scheduling of Next Meeting Jim Barbee

Mr. Barbee requested that the following items be on the agenda for the next meeting:

1. Jeremy Hayes (Economist, DETR Bureau of Research and Analysis) to report on how the agriculture industry in Nevada compares to the other sectors.
2. Update on the Pilot Program
3. Agriculture Certifications
4. Degree Programs in Agriculture

XII. **Second Public Comment Session** Jim Barbee
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. Barbee announced the Second Public Comment Session, but no comments were made. Hearing none, Mr. Barbee turned to agenda item XIII.

XIII. **Adjournment** Jim Barbee

Mr. Barbee thanked the Council members for attending today’s meeting and adjourned the meeting.

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AGRICULTURE SECTOR COUNCIL

Jim Barbee (Chair), Dave Coon (Vice-Chair), Senator James Settelmeyer, Assemblywoman Irene Bustamante Adams, Jeff Sutich, Commissioner Demar Dahl, Tracy Shane, Dr. Ron Pardini, Jeff Brigger, David Peri, Mike Catalano, Jim Snyder, Dave Armstrong, Rob Hooper, Frank Avera, Dr. Boyd Spratling, Dr. Frederick Steinmann, Rod Adams

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