



GOVERNOR'S WORKFORCE INVESTMENT BOARD

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MEETING MINUTES

**Governor's Workforce Investment Board (GWIB)**

**Clean Energy Sector Council**

**Thursday, April 16, 2015**

**10:00 a.m.**

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

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**Nevada JobConnect**  
Reno Town Mall  
4001 South Virginia St  
Reno, NV

**Department of Employment, Training & Rehabilitation**  
500 South Third Street, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor Auditorium  
Carson City, NV

**Council Members Present:** Eric Dominguez, Dr. Thomas Piechota, Debra Gallo, Councilwoman Anita Wood, George Rowe, Les Lazareck, Jennifer Turchin, Dr. George Rhee, Jack McGinley, Emilia Cargill, Dr. S. Kent Hoekman, Lauren Boitel, Angela Dykema

**Council Members Absent:** Timothy Breed, Michael Purtill, Dan Gouker, Councilwoman Peggy Leavitt, David Miller, Susan Fisher, Senator Patricia Spearman, Amelia Gulling, Dr. Jim Faulds, Dr. Ghassan Jabbour, Ed Domanico (excused), Patti Carney-Stjernelund

**Ex-officio Members Present:** None noted.

**Ex-officio Members Absent:** Jeremy Hays (excused), Jaime Cruz, John Thurman, Randy Nance, Maribeth Stumpf, Ron Fletcher

**DETR WSU Staff Present:** De Salazar, Coralie Peterson, Steve Gibson (WISS)

**Others Present:** None noted.

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

- 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. and thanked everyone for attending this meeting. He went on to welcome new member Angela Dykema from the Governor’s Office of Economic Development, who replaced Brita Tryggvi, and asked her to give a brief overview of her work history. When she concluded her comments, the Chair asked Coralie Peterson, Administrative Assistant for DETR’s Workforce Solutions Unit, to call roll.

- II. Roll call and Establishment of a Quorum ..... Coralie Peterson, Administrative Assistant  
Workforce Solutions Unit, Department of Employment, Training and Rehabilitation (DETR)

Coralie Peterson called roll and informed the Chair that a quorum was not present.

- III. Verification of Posting.....Coralie Peterson

Ms. Peterson verified that the agenda for this meeting was posted in accordance with Nevada Revised Statute (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.

The Chair announced the First Public Comment Session and invited members of the public to speak. No comments were made. Hearing none, the Chair proceeded to the next agenda item.

- V. **For Possible Action** – Approval of the November 21, 2014 Meeting Minutes....Eric Dominguez

Lacking a quorum, the Chair tabled this item to be addressed in the next sector council meeting.

- VI. **Discussion** – DETR Update on Direction for the GWIB Industry Sector  
Councils.....Dennis Perea, Deputy Director  
DETR

William Anderson, Chief Economist  
Bureau of Research and Analysis, DETR

Mr. Anderson stated that many may have heard changes were afoot to the overall network of the sector councils and he and Mr. Perea wanted to share what those changes would entail.

As the Sector Councils have been in place since their adoption 3 years ago, DETR felt it would be an appropriate time to assess if the current process is providing the appropriate type of intelligence and if the process can be made more efficient. In addition, another consideration is budgetary, as the federal funding supporting the Workforce Solutions Unit has been reduced, with the result of the unit being disbanded.

Mr. Anderson went on to explain that the responsibilities associated with the sector councils, as well as the remaining Workforce Solutions Unit staff members, De Salazar and Coralie Peterson, are being transferred to the Research and Analysis Bureau under his supervision, as of July 1, 2015, when the proposed budget goes into effect. This will be a logical change, as all labor market information is housed in his “shop.”

Dennis Perea commented that in the legislative budget discussions Assemblywoman Kirkpatrick had asked how the recommendations would affect the sector councils in how they handle their mission, and he had responded to her that the recommended changes are expected to increase service to the sector councils, making them more labor market driven while cutting costs to the State of Nevada.

Mr. Anderson went on to state that the staff working with the sector councils will include himself, as Sector Council Administrator, and De Salazar, who will serve as Sector Council Coordinator. In addition, Christopher Robison, Supervising Economist for the Research and Analysis Bureau and Bob Potts in the Governor’s Office of Economic Development (GOED), will both serve as research coordinators in various aspects. Coralie Peterson will continue to provide staff support to the sector councils.

The future objective is to assist the sector councils to have business provide industry intelligence that can be acted upon by the Governor’s Workforce Investment Board, *specifically related to 1) critical workforce needs, 2) key occupations and challenges, and 3) desired workforce training.*

To address a question he received from Mr. Dominguez, Mr. Anderson explained that these pieces of information are the “key deliverables” needed from all of the sector councils. Workforce training has been successfully proposed in many of the sector councils, but in some cases, funding has become an issue. In future, DETR will be more proactive in seeking available grant funding, and GOED is expected to be helpful in this regard.

Dennis Perea further explained that the budget problems related to the sector councils were in DETR’s administrative staffing and were impacted by the reduction in unemployment insurance and was not related to job training. The earlier recommendations made by the sector councils that went to the Governor’s Board still affect the same amount of job training dollars, driving at least ten million dollars of training in those occupations.

Mr. Anderson went on to state that the leadership team he mentioned will work with the sector councils to form an appropriate agenda, in an effort to get the needed industry intelligence. The Research and Analysis Bureau, GOED and other key stakeholders will act as technical staff to the sector councils by putting together their data (relating to occupations, education, skill needs, et cetera) in an initial analysis/discussion piece to bring back to the sector councils, allowing them to determine if the information is accurate or needs corrections or additions.

He shared one of the benefits of the restructuring in the use of a new workforce development tool, Burning Glass, obtained through a partnership with NSHE (Nevada System of Higher Education). This system will provide current job postings and the skills needed, whether jobs are full time or part time, and the top occupations and titles, and is designed to match job seekers to jobs, and businesses with employees.

Mr. Perea added that an employer module in the Burning Glass system that will help employers create a job posting, and then seek the database for potential employees using key words. This expensive, powerful tool could not have been obtained without partnership with NSHE. NSHE is currently working with Burning Glass to load in training programs, search resumes, and guide applicants to the job they want, advise them what training they may need and where to find that needed training, and when fully implemented will identify skill gaps.

Dr. Thomas Piechota asked specifically about the future of the GWIB Clean Energy Sector Council. Mr. Anderson said that discussions will take place, which will include the council members, about combining the Clean Energy and Agriculture Sector Councils, along with addition of an evolving industry, Water Technology into a proposed Natural Resources Sector Council. In addition, merging the Manufacturing and Logistics is under consolidation as well, as they have so many interrelationships.

Mr. Anderson and Dennis Perea then were asked and answered questions about the makeup and impact of the sector councils. Eric Dominguez mentioned that in the past, sector council members had an expectation that they were to produce deliverables, and have generated strategic plans and quarterly reports. He felt that little resulted from the recommendations made by the sector council members, and questioned the real purpose or value of the sector councils, aside from being a sounding board to the GWIB, adding that they might consider meeting less frequently.

Mr. Anderson agreed that there is no need to meet if the council has nothing of value to discuss, as Director Soderberg has directed that all official discussions are workforce-related. Mr. Dominguez commented that the council needs to determine how they can be of more value, and added that they look forward to more guidance/direction from DETR on developing agendas to accomplish this. Mr. Perea stated that the sector councils will continue, as they are mandated by the Governor, and further explained that input from the councils, along with accurate labor market information is essential for implementing workforce training programs with the WIOA (Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act) funds that will have the most impact.

Mr. Dominguez thanked Mr. Perea and Mr. Anderson for their comments and proceeded to the next agenda item.

VII. **Discussion** – Update on the Clean Energy Pilot Training.....Jennifer Turchin, Senior Consultant  
Sellen Sustainability

Jennifer Turchin reported that in December 2014, they held a LEED (Leadership in Energy Environmental Design) Training Program, with 29 attendees (23 in southern Nevada/6 in northern Nevada). Since December, 6 have tested and passed the Lied Green Associate Exam, 4 are scheduled to test in the next couple of months, and 1 person left employment with no forwarding information.

Ms. Turchin said that either she or Judy Turgiss of Nevada Workforce Development Center are continuing to follow-up with the remaining attendees to determine why they have not yet tested (response is frequently “too busy”). She said that 100 per cent of those tested passed the examination.

Emilia Cargill asked if the trainees were unemployed or employed and seeking better employment. Ms. Turchin confirmed that this, but added that some are students that may be planning to take the training after graduating in May, in order to get employment. De Salazar commented that the majority were incumbent workers.

After thanking Ms. Turchin for her update, Mr. Dominguez commended the Lied Green Training and then moved to the next agenda item.

X. **For Possible Action**—New Business and Future Agenda Items  
.....Eric Dominguez

Suggestions for new business and future agenda items suggested in this meeting included:

- “Burning Glass” – Real Time Labor Market Information Demonstration – Bill Anderson
- Review of the Strategic Plan – Eric Dominguez

XI. Next meeting will be held on Thursday, August 13, 2015 at 10:00 a.m.....Eric Dominguez

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.

The Chair announced the Second Public Comment Session and invited members of the public to speak. Sector Council Member George Rowe stated that in June 2009, Secretary of Energy Stephen Chu and U.S. Senator Harry Reid announced a program for creating renewable energy on public lands in 6 western states. He shared details on the available public lands for these proposed projects and recruitment of projects.

Mr. Rowe commented that he had proposed in a past meeting that a representative from the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) in Lincoln and Nye Counties should be included as a member of the council, and offered to assist in recruiting this member.

Eric Dominguez reminded sector members that their mission is not in economic development, but is workforce development. If a project was underway, and they were made aware of a skills gap, and recommendations for workforce training is what the council *can* influence.

Mr. Dominguez encouraged Mr. Rowe to forward the names of representatives from the BLM for consideration by the GWIB Chair as potential members, as their representation could bring value to the council. Hearing no further comments, Mr. Dominguez closed the Second Public Comment Session.

XIII. Adjournment .....Eric Dominguez

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 11:26 a.m.

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