



SWDB Minority Unemployment & Outreach Committee

Date: 3/23/22

Location: ZOOM

Minutes

Iowa Workforce Development Board Meeting

Minority Unemployment & Outreach Committee

March 23, 2022

3:00 pm – 4:00 pm

ZOOM

Agenda item 1. Call to Order

Interim Chair Jay Iverson called to order the meeting of the Youth Services Committee on March 23, 2022, at approximately 3:00 pm via ZOOM.

Agenda item 2. Roll Call

Members in Attendance

1. Jay Iverson, Interim Chair
2. Andy Roberts
3. Wendy Mihm-Herold
4. Mike Ralston
5. San Wong
6. Ahmed Agyeman
7. Dwight Jackson
8. Donya Jenkins-Gai
9. Inger Hall
10. Beth Townsend

Members Absent:

1. Quentin Hart
2. Joy Esposito
3. Tim Perkins

Other Attendees:

1. Shelly Evans
2. Michelle McNertney
3. Wendy Greenman
4. Ryan Murphy
5. Jon Peppetti
6. Jessica Dunker

Shelly Evans called roll and advised Interim Chair Iverson that quorum was established.

Agenda item 3. Approval of Agenda

Interim Chair Iverson called the next order of business which was the approval of the meeting Agenda for March 23, 2022. The agenda was emailed to the Members of the Committee.

- ACTION ITEM: Motion to Approve the Agenda for 3/23/22.

San Wong motioned to approve the agenda and Mike Ralston seconded the motion. Members of the Committee in attendance voted on the motions by voice vote, which carried unanimously.

Agenda item 4. Review of next steps for future Committee work.

Interim Chair Iverson kicked off the meeting. Reviewed next steps of:

- Election of Chair
- Additional Committee members
- Chair to determine future meeting schedule after approval of Chair

Agenda item 5. Discussion of final recommendations approved by the SWDB on 11/19/19.

Director Townsend overviewed the final recommendations approved by the SWDB. General discussions. Reduction of 5% for minority unemployment. Significantly elevated unemployment numbers for the minority population.

Agenda item 6. Presentation of Labor Market Information (LMI) regarding minority unemployment.

Ryan Murphy presented LMI data regarding minority unemployment. Discussions on definition of unemployed and 14- to 16-year-old employees.

Agenda item 7. Discussions on partnering with Iowa Restaurant Association.

Jessica Dunker discussed the need for minority workers in the restaurant industry.

Agenda Item 8. Adjournment.

- ACTION ITEM: Motion to Adjourn.

Interim Chair Iverson adjourned the meeting of the Committee at approximately 3:40 pm.