



SWDB Minority Unemployment & Outreach Committee

Date: 09/09/22

Location: ZOOM

Minutes

Iowa Workforce Development Board Meeting

Minority Unemployment & Outreach Committee

September 9, 2022

11:00 am – 12:00 pm

ZOOM

Agenda item 1. Call to Order

Chair Ofelia Rumbo called to order the meeting of the Minority Unemployment & Outreach Committee on September 9, 2022, at approximately 11:00 am via ZOOM.

Agenda item 2. Roll Call

Members in Attendance

1. Ofelia Rumbo, Chair
2. Quentin Hart
3. Rob Denson
4. Ahmed Agyeman
5. Tim Perkins
6. Jessica Dunker
7. Wayne Ford

2. Mike Ralston
3. San Wong
4. Izaah Knox
5. Donya Jenkins-Gai
6. Inger Hall
7. Beth Townsend

Other Attendees:

Members Absent:

1. Andy Roberts

1. Shelly Evans
2. Michelle McNertney
3. Ryan Murphy
4. Anderson Sainci

Shelly Evans called roll and advised Chair Rumbo that quorum was not established.

Agenda item 3. Approval of Agenda

Chair Rumbo took no action on the agenda. The agenda was emailed to the Members of the Committee.

Agenda item 4. Approval of 3/23/22 Minutes

Chair Rumbo took no action on the 3/23/22 minutes. The minutes were emailed to the Members of the Committee.

Agenda item 5. Kick-off and Introductions

Chair Rumbo kicked off the meeting.

The following members introduced themselves and gave shares about their experience and involvement with minorities and the minority communities.

- Ofelia Rumbo
- Rob Denson
- Jessica Dunker
- Wayne Ford
- Ahmed Agyeman
- Quentin Hart
- Michelle McNertney
- Ryan Murphy
- Anderson Sainci (Guest Attendee)
- Tim Perkins

Agenda item 6. General Discussions

Chair Rumbo lead open discussions.

- Current unemployment rates and disparities between the Iowa overall unemployment rate vs. minority unemployment rate.
- What are the key components contributing to those disparities and how can this help?
- What is our goal as a committee?

Ryan Murphy, Labor Market Information Director, IWD, presented unemployment data. Definition of "unemployed" was discussed. Unemployed = available or looking for work.

Jessica Dunker shared her involvement in the Child Labor Laws Working Group. Group is working on a rewrite of the child labor law, addressing some of the current issues businesses

are experiencing.

- Create equity between working teens and extra-curricular activities.
- Working hours of 7 pm to 9 pm during school nights.
- Allowing work license similar to school license to address transportation issues for 15-year children.
- Looking at simplification for employers.
- Remove dangerous activities out for teens.
- IWD attorney is working on rewrite and hopeful that Director Townsend can propose an agency bill to the legislative.
- Work is advancing pretty quickly with multi-working parts.

Agenda item 7. Discussion on schedule of future Returning Citizens Committee meetings and tasks

Discussion by the Committee members in attendance and agreement that future Minority Unemployment & Outreach Committee to meet monthly. Data working group to be set up and a future meeting date will be set.

Volunteers for data working group:

- Ofeila Rumbo
- Rob Denson
- Anderson Sainci

Agenda Item 8. Adjournment.

- **ACTION ITEM:** Motion to Adjourn.

Chair Rumbo adjourned the meeting of the Committee at approximately 12:00 pm.