

Meeting Minutes

Joint Work Session Meeting
Southern Oregon Workforce Consortium Board
Northwest Oregon Workforce Consortium Board
Monday, February 24, 2020, 1:00pm
Lane Community College,
Room #103, 3149 Oak Street, Florence

- I. Consortium Board member and Lincoln County Commissioner Doug Hunt called the meeting to order at 1:18 p.m. Present at the meeting were Consortium Board members Mary Faith Bell, Tillamook County; Chris Boice, Douglas County; Court Boice, Curry County; Melissa Cribbins, Coos County; Henry Heimuller, Columbia County; Pat Malone, Benton County; Pamela Wev, Clatsop County. Also, in attendance were staff Kyle Stevens, Executive Director, Southern Oregon Workforce Investment Board (SOWIB) and Heather DeSart, Executive Director, Northwest Oregon Workforce Investment Board (NOW). Guests included Robert Westerman, Joe Benetti, Annie Donnelly, Tina Carpenter, Debra Smith, Kurt Tackman and Kathy Wilcox. Hunt reported public notice for this meeting has been properly published.
- II. Commissioner Hunt noted the purpose of the meeting was exploratory in the interest of possibly realigning the future structure of the two coastal workforce boards in favor of creating a larger, efficient board with a stronger and more effective voice. Hunt noted commonalities among the coastal workforce sectors.
 - a. Commissioner Heimuller reviewed the history, current structure and future sustainability of state workforce boards and NOW.
 - b. Commissioner Cribbins reviewed the history of the Southern Oregon Workforce Investment Board (SOWIB).
- III. Kyle Stevens, Executive Director, SOWIB, reviewed the Southern Oregon Workforce Investment Board sector summary and initiatives.
- IV. Commissioner Hunt recessed the meeting at 1:55 p.m. for the Northwest WIB Consortium Board Meeting. The meeting was reconvened at 2:45 p.m.
- V. Kyle Stevens completed his summary. Heather DeSart, Executive Director, NOW, reviewed the NW Oregon Workforce Investment Board sector summary and initiatives.
- VI. General discussion took place. The Consortium Board members reached a consensus to continue the discussion at a future date and time to be determined.
- VII. The meeting adjourned at 3:07 p.m.