

GOVERNOR'S EXECUTIVE WORKFORCE BOARD

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The Governor's Executive Workforce Board (Board) meeting convened at 1:10 p.m. on Tuesday, March 11, 2014. This Board was created under the Governor's Executive Order 2012-02K, pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 6301.04.

Members Present:

Governor John Kasich
R. Blane Walter
Cynthia Dungey
Dennis Franks
Vicki Giambrone
Louise Gissendaner
Amanda Hoyt
Al Ratner
Doug Reffitt
Jamie Regg
Pat Sink
Richard Stoff
David Wynn
Tom Zenty

Staff Present:

Mark Birnbrich
Michael Evans
Nithya Govindasamy
Tracy Intihar
Ben Kanzeg
Jacob Larger
Dawn Larzelere
Christine Morrison
John Weber

Ohio General Assembly Members:

John Barnes, Jr.
Bill Beagle

Introductory Remarks

Chair Walter opened the meeting by welcoming two new members to the Governor's Executive Workforce Board, Louise Gissendaner and David Wynn.

Chair Walter reviewed the three priorities of the Board:

1. Identify the needs of employers and implement a process for providing the necessary skilled workers.
2. Ensure the delivery and services of the workforce system are aligned.
3. Develop performance measurements to determine success of the current programs and any reform efforts.

Chair Walter welcomed Governor Kasich to make a few remarks.

Governor Kasich talked about OhioMeansJobs and what a wonderful tool it is for our students, employers and job seekers.

Governor Kasich talked about the recently introduced mid-biennium review (MBR) bill. The MBR is a comprehensive reform bill focusing on tax cuts, reducing the top rate under 5 percent and major reform initiatives in the areas of K-12, higher education and workforce.

Governor Kasich highlighted the work that has been done over the last three years is paying off. Three years ago, Ohio had lost 350,000 jobs. Today, Ohio has gained 238,000 private sector jobs.

Chair Walter introduced Tracy Intihar to give an update on the work that has been underway since the December 2013 meeting. She took the opportunity to invite State Superintendent Richard Ross to give the Board an update on the education reforms contained in the MBR.

Dr. Ross said the reforms focus on the 24,000 students who leave high school each year without a high school diploma and the more than 1 million Ohioans who do not have a high school credential.

Dr. Ross outlined the four main pillars of the education reform efforts:

1. ID and early intervention for students who are at-risk of dropping out of high school.
2. Expand career pathways by introducing career-technical education starting in the 7th grade.
3. Create Community Connectors to provide mentors to our students.
4. Create a pilot project to assist the more than 1 million Ohioans without a high school diploma to earn a certification/credential and earn a high school diploma at a two-year college.

Tom Zenty told the Board about an effort that is being led by University Hospitals and other employers around the state to help employees who do not have a high school diploma earn a GED.

Al Ratner suggested that the state lead an effort to show people a GED is nothing to look down upon, the benefits of having one and highlight the success stories of highly respected individuals who began their journey with a GED.

Tracy Intihar then took a few moments to remind the Board of the three strategic priorities of the Governor's Office of Workforce Transformation (OWT).

1. Identify the needs of business.
2. Align Ohio's Job Education and Job Training Programs.
3. Reform Ohio's Workforce Delivery System.

Governor Kasich told the Board about a new Human Services Innovation Office that will be created within the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services and will be designed to remove the silos that exist within the state system for those in poverty.

Tracy Intihar told the Board that the OWT office has been focusing on making changes to the system and building the tools for the locals to put to work to address their workforce challenges.

Tracy Intihar announced a pilot program for existing industry workforce alliances. The RFGP could be released in April of 2014 and will require existing industry workforce alliances to focus on three things:

1. Collaboration;
2. Performance metrics; and
3. Career pathway development.

Al Ratner highlighted the work that is being led by the Cleveland business community to attract new residents to Cleveland.

Workforce Success Measures

Chair Walter then introduced Josh Hawley and Rick Kleban from The Ohio State University to update the Board of the work underway to establish performance metrics for the state's largest workforce programs; WIA, ABLE, Carl Perkins and state financial aid and scholarships.

Josh Hawley and Rick Kleban previewed the development of an online dashboard that will display the results in a clear, easy to understand manner.

Workforce Policy Update

Director Dungey updated the Board on the implementation of House Bill 1, House Bill 2 and the individual training account (ITA) policy.

Chair Walter adjourned the meeting at 3:00 p.m.

PLEASE NOTE: The March 11, 2014 Board meeting can be viewed in its entirety at <http://www.ohiochannel.org/MediaLibrary/Media.aspx?fileId=143155>