

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Kenneth Allen, David Beach for Commissioner Beth Brinly, Lora Hawkins for Representative Larry Clark, James Cole, Shirie Hawkins, Dr. Dale Winkler for Dr. Terry Holliday, Ed Holmes, Reecie Stagnolia for Dr. Robert King, Larry Ferguson for Dr. Michael McCall, James Neihof, Kelly Nuckols, Scott Pierce, Secretary Larry Roberts, Lindy Casebier for Secretary Bob Stewart, Stacy Shane for Colonel David Thompson and Secretary Tom Zawacki.

**STAFF PRESENT:** Beth Kuhn, Joanna Neubert, Robert Curry, Shawn Rogers, Melissa A. Aguilar, Lori Collins, Buddy Hoskinson, Allison Flanagan, Tommy Wheatley, Karen Dueker, Jennifer Miller, Bob Carter, Palvena Pace, Connie Schnell, Holly Neal, Terry Bradshaw, Melissa Quillen and Kelly Thomas.

#### **CALL TO ORDER**

Ed Holmes, Chair, called the meeting to order at 1:35 p.m.

#### **Minutes of May 2014 KWIB Meeting**

**ACTION:** A motion was made by Kelly Nuckols and a second by Sec. Larry Roberts to approve the May 15, 2014 minutes. Motion carried.

#### **CERTIFICATION ACTION ITEMS**

##### **Work Ready Community Certifications**

Dr. Dale Winkler, Member, Work Ready Review Panel, reported that the panel met on July 15, 2014 to review five Work Ready Communities' applications. The panel is recommending the certification of two counties as Work Ready and three counties as Work Ready in Progress.

**ACTION:** A Resolution in the form of a motion was presented by Dr. Dale Winkler and seconded by Daryl Smith to certify Nelson and Pulaski counties as Kentucky Work Ready Communities and Floyd, Gallatin and Marion counties as Work Ready in Progress Communities. Motion carried.

Representatives from the five counties were welcomed forward to receive their certificate and signage and be photographed.

#### **STRATEGIC PLAN ITEMS**

##### **Entrepreneurship**

Shawn Rogers reported on entrepreneurship and elements already in place to promote it. She mentioned that the KY Innovation Network and Office of Entrepreneurship are working to align their programs. The steering committee will meet on Aug. 27<sup>th</sup>. Next action steps will be presented at a future KWIB meeting.

##### **High School Outreach**

Superintendent Neihof, Dr. Herlihy and Shawna Hall reported on Unbridled Careers which is a program to provide mentoring and workforce experience for students who are in the 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade. The program will launch in October. Currently between thirty-five and forty-five school districts have signed on for a two-year commitment. The goal is to have two hundred to three hundred businesses active and participating on the website across the state.

## **Kentucky Career Center Certification**

**ACTION:** A motion was made by Reecie Stagnolia with a second by Scott Pierce to approve the amended application process for career center certification. The motion carried.

## **OTHER ITEMS FOR ACTION / DISCUSSION**

### **Executive Committee Appointee**

Kenny Allen of Armstrong Coal was selected to fill the position on the Executive Committee which was vacated by Crystal Gibson.

### **Grant Update**

Beth Kuhn presented a grant update. On July 1, 2014 Kentucky was awarded the Job-Driven National Emergency Grant for \$6.175 million. We are waiting to hear on applications for the Workforce Innovation Grant and two disability grants.

### **Board Training Discussion**

**ACTION:** A motion was made by Secretary Lassiter with a second from Mr. Kenny Allen to move forward with providing training and technical assistance for local boards.

### **The FEDERAL Ready to Work Initiative**

Lori Collins presented a summary of the Vice President Biden's report which led to the passage of the Workforce Innovation Opportunity Act.

### **Workforce Innovation Opportunity Act (WIOA) Overview**

David Beach, Buddy Hoskinson, Allison Flanagan and Reecie Stagnolia reported on the Workforce Innovation Opportunity Act which is the new federal legislation replacing the Workforce Investment Act.

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

### **Legislative Updates**

Secretary Zawacki didn't have specific legislative updates at this time. He talked about Kentucky being a benchmark state in terms of workforce development. He stated Kentucky already has many of the elements of WIOA in place; however, it is important that we continue to raise the bar to the next level and act with continuous improvement in mind as we implement the new act and work towards an even more progressive workforce development system.

### **2014 NGA Conference Summary**

Beth Kuhn reported on the NGA conference, including local sites and businesses which attendees visited. Many who attended have continued to receive very positive feedback about the site selection of visiting Kentucky and Indiana. The location for the next conference has not yet been selected.

**ADJOURNMENT:** With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:15 PM.