



Executive Committee Agenda
October 2, 2023 from 1pm-2pm
Virtual Meeting Via Zoom or Phone

Meeting called to order at: 1:02 pm

1:00pm: Consent Agenda – K'Lynn Lane, Chair

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- Minutes from September Executive Committee Meeting – *vote required*
 - *Dave made a motion to approve the minutes as presented, Laurie seconded. Motion passed unanimously to approve the minutes as presented.*

1:05pm: WorkSource Oregon Reentry Program Updates – Heather Ficht, staff

ECW was awarded a contract to manage the US Department of Labor Pathways Home 4 grant (\$3.8M) on behalf of the Oregon Workforce Partnership (OWP). OWP also received a \$1M Future Ready Oregon Grant to supplement the staffing costs shortfalls from the Pathways Home 4 grant. This project is based on the program ECW implemented at the two prisons in our region.

1:20pm: Strategic Plan Update – Heather Ficht, staff

The Corraggio Group prevailed in our RFP support our strategic plan process. The Ad Hoc committee decided to extend the timeline for completion to April 2024 to bring the draft strategic plan to the full Board for vote. After hearing the committee's feedback about their proposal, the Corraggio group agreed to resubmit an updated plan by next week.

1:30pm Review October Board meeting agenda – Heather Ficht, staff

We have several new board members so it was decided to do a more robust introduction to all of us. K'Lynn will also do an icebreaker question. We'd like to ask each board member to submit a short biography for our website. Teresa will be presenting on WIOA performance, success stories, and investments. Jaime Eder will present on the Strategic Plan. Teresa and Heather will give an update on the WSO State Reentry Program. K'Lynn suggested that we have a 1 page leave behind of the WSO Reentry program for the Conference. This could be just a press release or QR code in the presentation as well.

1:45pm Updates – all

- WORKingTogether Board Member reception will be at 10 Barrell East. ECW staff and board members will get ECW Hoodies to wear at the conference.
- Fish: Audit is underway. We have given them all they have requested and are awaiting any additional questions they have.
- Jessica: State monitoring will be rescheduled. We are not sure when yet. We are all prepped and ready to go when they're ready.



- Dave: Construction in our region is booming. Met Klamath County Commissioner and KCEDA representative while at the conference last week. Swan Lake energy storage project needs heavy equipment operators and will be providing about 1200 jobs throughout the 4 years of construction. They are worried about housing for all the construction workers so they are looking into unique solutions like possibly building neighborhoods for the workers that would transition into housing for the permanent project staff after the building process is complete. Redrock Biofuels is revived in Lake County under new leadership. ECW had funded some initial training a few years back for them. They produce jet fuel and will be creating purple hydrogen now as well.
- Teresa: Shared about the Reentry program and getting Youth Career Connect off the ground. We would love to expand community wide youth internship programs to our other subregions when we have concrete data to share with potential funders in those other regions from this year.
- K'Lynn: Had dinner with the Governor and about 10 other people to talk about workforce, housing, and rural priorities. Early childhood plan is ongoing in Gilliam county and the group will be meeting again on October 19th.
- Heather: Will be meeting with the Governor's workforce liaison today.

Meeting adjourned at 1:54pm