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## **WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL**

317 West Main Street, Boise, Idaho 83735-0510

### **Workforce Development Policy Committee Meeting Minutes – February 15, 2022**

**Committee Members:** Christi Gilchrist, Clay Long, Hope Morrow, Jani Revier, Jason Hudson, John Smith, Lori Barber, Scott Syme, Sean Coletti, Todd Schwarz, Tom Kealey, Tom Schultz

**Staff:** Caty Solace, Wendi Secrist, Paige Nielebeck, Amanda Ames, Matthew Thomsen

**Guests:** Kylie Turner

**Call to Order at 2:00 p.m.**

**Roll Call:** Quorum met

**Review Agenda:** No changes to Agenda

**Review January 18, 2021 Meeting Minutes**

**Motion by Mr. Schwarz to approve the January 18, 2022 meeting minutes as written. Second by Ms. Revier. Motion carried.**

**Launch Course Approvals**

**The Committee reviewed the Idaho Launch course changes. Please see attached list.**

**The welding program is a registered apprenticeship currently serving Premier Technology. College of Eastern Idaho would like to expand the program to other employers.**

**There are a group of students in the Lewiston area who have done the didactic portion of the CNA program through Idaho Digital Learning Academy, but they are unable to get their clinicals. LCSC has offered a course to assist these students. This approval would be only for this group of students this spring.**

**Commercial Truck Driver School is providing night courses that are currently not available at the other local truck schools in the Twin Falls area. Staff would like to get an MOU in place for them to become a Launch training provider. The courses would still be brought to this committee for approval.**

**Motion by Mr. Schwarz to approve the Launch Course List as presented. Second by Ms. Gilchrist. Ms. Barber abstains. Motion carried.**

**Motion by Ms. Hoehne to approve staff to execute an MOU with CDL Truck School. Second by Mr. Smith. Motion carried.**

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### ***Select Employer Training Programs in Launch***

Certain employers offer specialized training internally, for instance additional training beyond a CDL license to operate a logging truck. In this example, if Idaho Forest Group is providing specialized logging truck training, could this type of cost be Idaho Launch eligible? Historically, it has been cost prohibitive to run specialized training programs out of the workforce training centers, and recruitment has proven difficult as well. Thus, there are gaps in training region to region. Policy could be created and/or adapted to ensure funding is used as intended – specific specialized training for unfilled, in-demand professions within Idaho. Discussion will continue at a later date.

### ***Legislative Priorities Policy Review***

There were difficulties approving the list this year. The consensus of the committee is to start the review process earlier in the year which doesn't require a policy change.

**Motion by Mr. Colletti to adjourn. Second by Mr. Schwarz. Motion carried.  
Adjourned at 3:00 p.m.**