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Workforce Development Policy Committee
Meeting Minutes – November 18, 2025

Committee Members: Hope Morrow, Lori Barber, Tom Kealey, Daniel Puga, Jani Revier, John Smith, ~~Lt. Governor Scott Bedke, Jeff Greene, Representative Sonia Galaviz~~, Colby Mattila, Kenny Huston

Staff: Sherawn Reberry, Denise Hill, Wendi Secrist, Dee Mooney, Amanda Ames, Tina Polishchuk, Stacy James, Jenny Hay

Guests:

Call to Order at 2:34 P.M.
Welcome **Hope Morrow, Chair**

- *Roll Call, Introductions*
- *Review Agenda*
- ***Review September 16, 2025 Meeting Minutes***

Motion by Ms. Barber to approve the September 16, 2025 Meeting Minutes. Second by Ms. Revier. Motion carried.

Childcare Grant** **Amanda Ames

- Policy change request
- Some projects have not spent funds received completely or will not be utilizing their award
- Repayment in process, reallocating available dollars
- Projects have been identified to receive additional funding
- The Child Care Expansion Grant Committee has been dissolved, allowing for changes to policy by this body
- The Executive Committee is approving the redistribution of recaptured funds
- Current policy approved March 6, 2024 by full Council
- Changes requested
    - Additional language in purpose statement "Pursuant to S1408…"
    - Additional bullet under fund availability
        - If funding is available, Council may award additional funds above the application request amount, within the maximum of $15,000.00 per child served.
- If additional funds are awarded, the match would still have to meet the 50%
- Process for choosing recipients based on
    - More seats than planned are created
    - Performance

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  - Award less than original ask
  - Prioritization given to infant care
  - Regional considerations
- Insurance that original premise is met
- Only option for ARPA funds is to reallocate, no new awards can be given after December 31, 2024
- Original SOW is used, no changes are made

Motion by Ms. Revier to recommend approval to the full Council of the requested changes to the Child Care Expansion Grant Policy. Second by Ms. Barber. Motion carried.

LAUNCH Updates — Sherawn Reberry

- JFAC presentation by Ms. Secrist went very well on November 5th
- Annual report due December 14
- 5764 2026 Student LAUNCH applications received, 1800 more than last year at this time
- IBE meeting feedback, marketing seems to have been reduced after year 1
  - Yes, that is correct
  - Reduced budget
- 75% of 2024 applicants that submitted were awarded
- Currently at 75% in October for Class of 2025 versus 75% in December for Class of 2024
- 2024, 18% college enrollment increase, less the next year naturally
- New marketing materials for 2026

Motion by Ms. Revier to adjourn. Second by Mr. Mattila. Motion carried.

Adjourned 3:11 P.M