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## WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL

514 W Jefferson St, Ste 131, Boise, Idaho 83702

**Date:** Thursday, January 22, 2026  
**Time:** 2:00 – 3:00 PM  
**Location:** Zoom/In-Person  
514 W Jefferson St, Boise, ID 83702  
Suite 136  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/4481916675>  
Meeting ID 4481916675

### WIOA Advisory Group Meeting Notes

**Attendees:** Sarah Nash (IDOL), Aarron Tuckett (IDOL), Sharon Kierulff (Easterseals-Goodwill), Kristin Matthews (DHW), Dave Hanchett (IDOL), Deb Matiska (Easterseals Goodwill); Rico Barrera (IDOL), Summer MacDonald (IDOL), Nick Jorgensen (ICBVI), Jacqueline Simpkins (DHW); Lynn Fyanes, (ID Commission on Aging), Christine Hagedorn Reilly, (CTE); Danilo Cabrera, (IDOL); Michaela McElroy, (Job Corps), Mikayla Monaghan, (VR)

**Guests:** Kara Whitehouse (IDVR), Nicole Hohnstein (IDOL), Caleb Tibbetts (ICBVI)

**Staff:** Chad Lahti, Denise Hill, Wendi Secrist, Jan Whiting

#### Welcome, Introductions

#### Chad Lahti

- New WIOA Guidance TEGL 07-25 Discussion as a group
  - Have most of it covered, not identified specifics
  - Can incorporate more if needed
  - Hold off a week to publish
  - New guidance on pg. 3 & 6 – align to American's Talent Strategy
  - 88% of the combined plan is put together
  - Formatting takes the most time
  - TEGL alignment to pillars goes into the combined only
  - Idaho is positively viewed by administration
  - Perkins will come in during next cycle
  - VR & ICBVI and changes, some minimal
  - We have spoken to individuals with barriers correctly

- ICBVI – have strategies that reference Hispanic community, need to address will likely get called out – modify priority and broaden
- If a section is part of statute, it should remain for the program
- Combined has 18 references to Hispanic mostly in Agriculture
- Executive orders do not negate Federal Law
- Agreement to utilize next week to finish and adjust as needed. Public comment is 30 days
- Submit extension request
- Post for public comment on Feb 9, minor tweaks can still be done
  - Comments go to WIOAPlan@labor.idaho.gov
  - Rico notifies those that are appropriate of public comments
  - Will post all individually on WDC website, links to individual sites
- Submit to full Council on March 11th
- Final submission to USDOL on March 16th

**Adjourn at 2:49 PM**

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