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WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL

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Work-Based Learning Committee
Meeting Minutes

Date: Thursday, March 5, 2026
Time: 1:00 PM – 1:30 PM

Committee Members: Marie Price, Elizabeth Hoeper, John Russ, Ryan Gravette~~, Sean Kelly,~~ James Smith, Jerry Anhorn, Jeff Hough, Stephanie Pfeifer, ~~Brock Astle~~, Marty Matney~~, Morgan Galway~~, Stephanie Mai, Megan Simila

Staff: Denise Hill, Chad Lahti, Wendi Secrist, Halle Fultz, Jan Whiting, Tina Polishchuk, Sherawn Reberry

Guests:

Call to Order at 12:59 p.m. — **Marie Price, Chair**

Welcome — **Marie Price, Chair**

- Roll Call
- Review Agenda

***Youth Apprenticeship Discussion/Recommendation** — Marie Price & Wendi Secrist

- Requesting funding from Council
- Have an additional opportunity to apply for a small funding source
- IBE is currently running the program
- The program started in July 2020 with a $2.5 M grant
- 14 grantees, Idaho is only one of 4 to meet performance numbers
- Total of 400 apprentices in the 4-year period
- USDOL continues to award competitive funding but has not done so this year, they have shifted funding model to a level state or formula funding
- Idaho now receives $600K a year to maintain all efforts including this program
- $1.2M will carry through Aug of this year
- Asking for a sustainable funding model, both private and public
- Asking WDC Council for funding as bridge while identifying other funding streams
- $1.167 is needed to get to December 2028
- IBE will raise funds to support youth services i.e. boots, gas cards
- If approved, will reassess in 2028, investment should decrease over time

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- Discussion:
    - Funding comes from the Workforce Development Training Fund
        - 3% of unemployment tax paid flows to this fund
        - Fund is used to make grants
        - Current balance of unobligated funds is $3.9M as of January 31, 2026
        - Funding would be over 3 years, $.5M first two and balance the third
        - LAUNCH, not affected
        - Apprenticeships are a much-needed path for youth in the state, opportunities to experience and succeed
        - IBE partnership with Nex Perce Tribe, to have jobs within their community
            - Construction pathway
        - What is plan B?

Motion by Mr. Gravette to approve the request for funding for the Youth Apprenticeship program in the amount of $1.167M over 3 years. Second by Mr. Smith. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Hough to adjourn. Second by Mr. Smith. Motion carried.

Adjourn 1:33 PM