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WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL

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

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

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- 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