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Work-Based Learning Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: Thursday, May 5, 2026

Time: 1:00 PM – 1:30 PM

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

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

Guests: Jacque Deahl, Idaho Department of Education; Jessica Barkley, Department of Education, Briana Morrison, BSU

Call to Order at 1:01 p.m.

Marie Price, Chair

Welcome

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- Roll Call
- Review Agenda
- ***Review February 3, 2026 Meeting Minutes**

Motion by Mr. Russ to approve the February 3, 2026 Meeting Minutes as written. Second by Mr. Hough. Motion carried.

- ***Review March 5, 2026 Meeting Minutes**

Motion by Mr. Matney to approve the March 5, 2026 Meeting Minutes as written. Second by Mr. Russ. Motion carried.

LAUNCH Update

Dr. Sherawn Reberry

- Final award offers sent April 23rd, response due by May 31st
 - Confirmation documents must be uploaded – identification, residency, etc.
 - 6-month delay prohibits using state data per statute guidelines
- Graduation Verification due June 30, 2026
- Waitlist offers to be made July 2026
- Communicating opportunities to ICJC through work group

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Apprenticeship Idaho Annual Report and NAW Debrief Chad Lahti

- National Apprenticeship Week was last week across the US
 - Formerly in the fall, moved to the spring
 - Great community engagement
 - Governor Little did a proclamation signing at Northwest Lineman College
 - His goal is to double Registered Apprenticeships in Idaho by 2029 from 4000 to 8000
 - Apprenticeship Idaho Coalition Career Fair
 - Chinden campus April 29th
 - Sharing information about apprenticeships and engaging with employers
 - 2 apprentices shared their stories
 - Idaho Veterans Chamber of Commerce shared their work
 - Approximately 60 participants this should increase next year
 - Last minute plan this year
 - Same week next year, posted on the apprenticeship website
- Idaho Annual Report
 - [Apprenticeship Idaho Coalition - Idaho Workforce Development Council](#)
 - Released late February/early march
 - No physical book this year, booklet next year again
 - Idaho has the highest completion rate in the nation
- Comments
 - Speaks highly to the standards and program in Idaho

March 5th recommendation to Council to approve funding for IBE

- Council approved \$500K set aside for Youth Apprenticeship
 - Fund 1 year, return with data and additional years will be considered
 - Funding Sept 1, 2026
 - Looking at outside funding as well

Educator Externship Update

Jan Whiting

- 81 Externs for this year
- Stipend agreements out today for signature
- Timeframe May 18th – Sept 4th
- 200 hours
- Halle Fultz has moved on, replacement hiring in process

Update: Standards for High Quality Work-Based Learning

Jan Whiting

- Working on current document to align and be consistent
- Will continue to communicate as work is done

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Idaho College and Career Competencies

Jacque Deahl and Jessica Barkley, IDOL

- ID Career Readiness Competencies
 - Proposed changes to create a common language for skills across K-12, post-secondary, and workforce systems
 - Not a new idea, but a localized, Idaho-specific framework that creates consistency across education and workforce systems.
 - 92% of employers say (competencies) are as important as technical skills — America Succeeds, 2022
 - 10 Competencies
 - Curiosity and Learning Transfer
 - Critical Thinking and Creative Problem Solving
 - Oral and Written Communication
 - Teamwork and Collaboration
 - Digital Literacy
 - Leadership
 - Professionalism and Work Ethic
 - Career Exploration and Development
 - Citizenship
 - Financial Literacy
 - Competencies are layered and embedded into instruction, not taught separately.
 - New package in process – will be at waypoint this year
 - Presentation will be sent out to committee
- Discussion
 - Great work
 - As simple as using the same words
 - Learn & adopt

Motion by Mr. Russ to adjourn. Second by Ms. Simila. Motion carried.

Adjourn 2:00 PM