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Workforce Development Policy Committee Meeting Minutes – May 19, 2026

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, Pete Risse

Staff: Sherawn Reberry, Denise Hill, Wendi Secrist, Stacy James, Meliah Anchustegui, Amanda Ames, Jan Whiting, Tina Polishchuk, Kimberly Gardner

Guests: Ryan Suppe, Id Ed News

**Call to Order at
P.M.**

Welcome

Jani Revier, Acting Chair

- *Roll Call*
- *Review Agenda*
- **Review February 17 & April 21, 2026 Meeting Minutes*

Motion by Ms. Barber to approve the February 17 & April 21, 2026 Meeting Minutes as written. Second by Mr. Mattila. Motion carried.

****Class of 2027 In-Demand Career Matrix Recommendation***

Sherawn Reberry

- Additional analysis, see-saw
- 107 programs 2024 -2027 effected, low percentage of students affected
- Do we want to address these or create a threshold or methodology for these
- Perhaps revisit after next session
- Not sufficient data now, perhaps 3 years
- May help prevent saturation, natural progression
- Each year has a specific list of approved programs; 3 or above, adjusted each year based on data
- STEM, no specificity is reason listed
- Projections from IDOL are part of the methodology addressing known growth in job market, i.e. Micron expansion
- 2027 In-Demand Career List available to institutions after the September 2026 Council Meeting, uploaded to Next Steps Idaho

Motion by Mr. Puga to recommend moving forward with the existing methodology for the Class of 2027 In-Demand Career Matrix. Second by Mr. Huston. Motion carried.

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***Workforce PELL Policy**

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- Sub-committee created by the Governor for recommendation for implementation
- WDC Council be responsible party
- Policy recommendation to be presented to the Council in June
- Start with a couple programs
- Idaho can't currently support data infrastructure needed.
- For now, mirror the federal performance measures
- Workforce Pell final rule published today
- The Press has mentioned alignment to registered apprenticeships, but rules seem to counteract that
- IBEW program credits are recognized nationally, but not in Idaho, more flexibility given in final rules
- Need to work on defining things and comparing data
- Program Impact & Evaluation Committee is working on Credentials of Value definition
- Every state being pushed to raise the bar
- Performance measures, earning ROI, formula would have caused some to be counted against us, but now if they go on to add education it will not
- By 2030 USDOE will take over
- Students who go on to the next level are excluded
- Idaho is one of the few that can roll it at in a phased approach
- Data systems at the federal level are not adequate to cover what is needed
- Current IDOL data is not robust enough
- 4 years to make progress
- Reporting against unemployment records is preferred
- Proxy will be used to utilize the current wage and assumption
- Proxies determined by committee
- Use of unemployment data until we have enhanced wage data
- Perhaps we run test data for the past year
- WDC role
 - Workforce PELL Coordinating Committee
 - Governor approves and sends formal recommendation program by program and institution by institution
 - Private sector also eligible
 - Online programs and out-of-state students, governor must agree
 - Reciprocity
- Goal to accept applications June 1
- June 10 review with WDC Council

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Motion by Mr. Huston to recommend approval to the full Council of the presented Workforce Pell Policy as presented. Second by Mr. Mattila. Motion carried.

Motion to adjourn by Mr. Puga. Second by Ms. Barber. Motion carried.

Adjourned 3:38 P.M