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Work-Based Learning Committee
Meeting Minutes

Date: Tuesday, August 4, 2026
Time: 1:00 PM – 2:30 PM

Committee Members: Marie Price, ~~Elizabeth Hoeper~~, 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, Jan Whiting, Tina Polishchuk, Sherawn Reberry, Meliah Anchustegui

Guests: Jacque Deahl, Idaho Department of Education

Call to Order at 1:12 p.m. — **Marie Price, Chair**

Welcome — **Marie Price, Chair**

- Roll Call
- Review Agenda
- ***Review May 5, 2026 Meeting Minutes***

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

LAUNCH Update — Dr. Sherawn Reberry

- Partial data from class of 2024 & 2025, public institutions only
- 11% increase for in-state enrollment
- 12% decrease for out-of-state enrollment
- 96% of LAUNCH students are on the path to succeed
- Top 5 programs remain constant
- 3.04% increase in non-credit programs
- 16,000 students offered LAUNCH
- As of June 1, 2026, 64% of class of 2026 have accepted LAUNCH grant offers
- Adult LAUNCH participation to date 12,700 participants
- Adult LAUNCH participants show a 39.6% wage increase 1 year after completion
- 10,624 students received final offers for the class of 2026
- 88 students have declined

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- Education Administrator presentation
  - Promote 100% Senior application participation
  - Host College & Career Access nights
  - Build LAUNCH reminders into Senior-Year routine
  - Highlight in-demand careers and local opportunities connected to LAUNCH
  - Share and celebrate student successes to inspire participation
- Idaho Career Readiness Competencies
  - Explain what it means to be prepared after high school
  - Helps document their growth
  - Provides statewide structure for communicating
  - Administrators and educators are excited
- Outreach Grant Opportunities are available
- Next Steps Idaho revived
- Rocket, the Chat Bot now on Idaho LAUNCH website

Waypoint — Dr. Sherawn Reberry

- Oct 5,6,7 Boise Center on the Grove
- Idaho's largest professional development event focused on college and career-related content

Educator Externship Update — Meliah Anchustegui

- Recently made Eastern Idaho Externship visits
- Visited with host sites & participants acquiring feedback for next year
  - Biggest comment was to increase communication
  - Provide goals and mission ahead of program start
- Push to increase number of host sites
- 80 externs this year, 100 next year

Standards for High-Quality Work-Based Learning — Jan Whiting

- Continuum
- Definitions of activities
  - First question is what should be included, where they belong on the continuum
  - Define those activities
  - Goal
    - Everyone speaking the same language
    - Clear expectations on hosting an internship
  - High-Quality Framework
    - Define indicators/ characteristics for success/high quality for each activity
- Committee, please review and provide feedback
- Updates will be made based on feedback and reviewed at the November meeting

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- Ensure appropriate differentiation between definitions
- Questions
  - How will this be used
    - It provides a common language and will be available as reference for meeting guidelines
    - Structured reflection for programs
    - K-12 on ramps acknowledged, getting kids primed
    - Plays a role in alignment with career pathway plan
    - For industry partners, provides a list of expectations

Youth Apprenticeship and Idaho Business for Education — Dr. Megan Similia

- March Council voted to provide funding to continue work
- https://canva.link/q712xnh5kznneiw link for report information provided 2024 - 2026
- 330 enrollees
- 81% complete
  - National average is 40%, state average is 60%
- Apprentice Age
  - 16 – 17 22.9%
  - 18 – 20 43.6%
  - 21-21 33.5%
- Grant Goals
  - New Pathways Built 25, achieved 52
  - Completed apprenticeships 100, achieved 207
  - Supportive services spent $120,000, achieved $200,000+
  - Average exit salary $13.00, achieved $16.76
- Three components of a federally registered apprenticeship
  - Related Technical Instruction
  - On-the-Job Learning Objectives
  - One pay raise
- Highlights
- North Idaho Region 1 & 2 Coeur d'Alene & Lewiston
  - 63 participants, 68% sponsored by the Nex Perce Tribal Office
  - One of the largest in the nation
  - Heavy Equipment Operation Training, simulators brought to North Idaho
  - Partners: NIC, Idaho Forest Group, Boundary County School District
  - Awarded $40K in grants to continue
- Southwest Idaho Region 2 Treasure Valley
  - 91 participants, 25 with ICCU
  - Partners: multiple school districts, Suncore, St. Luke's, Micron
  - Working to link Registered Apprenticeships to CTE programs to enable group sponsors

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- Southcentral Idaho Region 4 Magic & Wood River Valleys
    - 9 participants in healthcare
    - Partners: IDOL, CSI, USDOL, St. Like's, North Canyon Medical
    - Partnering with Hispanic Chamber, school districts, Idaho STEM conference to keep spreading the word
- East Idaho Region 5 & 6 Idaho Falls to Soda Springs
    - 166 participants
    - 50% of total state enrollees
    - First school district to be a group sponsor, 8 community partners
    - Partners: Ririe School District, West Side, ELEVATE Academy, Teton Toyota, HK Contractors, ICCU
- 2/3 of in-demand careers have an apprenticeship program associated
- 2026 - 2027 goals
    - Registered Apprenticeship Pathways 30
    - New Website - $25k grant received
    - $110K funds to be raised for supportive services
    - Participant goal 150
- Questions
    - How many registered apprenticeship programs required STRAP agreements
        - STRAP agreements are required if the industry has high risk
            - If participant is under 18 it is required
            - Limits hands on, but with the signed agreement allows for some participation
            - Maybe 10 statewide
        - Liability is an individual conversation with the participant and provider

Open Discussion

- Mr. Matney will be retiring at the end of August

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

Adjourn 1:57 PM