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WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL

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

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Date: Tuesday, August 18, 2026

Time: 2:00 – 3:00 PM

Council Committee Members: Deni Hoehne, Joe Maloney, Kelly Kolb, Sarah Griffin, Scott Bedke, Hope Morrow

Staff: Sherawn Reberry, Denise Hill, Wendi Secrist, Alyssa Williams, Amanda Ames, Stacy James, Jan Whiting, Kimberly Gardner, Chad Lahti

Guests: none

Call to Order at 2:02 PM

Welcome

Deni Hoehne, Chair

- Roll Call
- Review Agenda
- ***Approve July 16, 2026 Meeting Minutes**

Motion by Ms. Griffin to approve July 16, 2026 Meeting Minutes as written. Second by Mr. Maloney. No objections, motion carried.

Budget Review

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- WDTF year-end report
 - Personnel and Operating Expenses at 90%
 - Government Overhead at 134%, overage is covered thru reductions in spending in other categories
 - Ended June 2026 with \$25.6M cash balance
 - \$938K unobligated balance if all proposals are funded
- WIOA no change
- In Demand – LAUNCH
 - \$4M in appropriation for Personnel and Operating – numbers on report reflect a reduced budget that was developed to prepare FY27 budget request – Total Spend at 71%
 - Right sizing the budget for FY27 and beyond
 - \$3.2M in interest earned will help offset the additional \$10M reduction made by legislature
- ARPA
 - Anticipate full drawdown
 - Childcare
 - One provider not meeting terms of contract, working with legal
 - \$22K of \$160K award is at question

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- 8 remaining grants with funds to expend

Strategic Plan – Final Draft Review

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- FY 2027 – 2030 submission to Governor and Legislature
- What we are submitting includes:
 - Overview & Core Functions
 - Idaho Code Reference
 - Appropriations
 - Strategic Plan
 - Mission
 - Vision
 - Goals
 - Objectives and Metrics
- Suggested updates for Council review
 - Mission
 - Considered “careers aligned with Idaho’s workforce needs” or options provided in comment
 - Use comment option 1
 - Vision
 - Change to “creating”
 - Goal 1
 - Remove 1b
 - 1c change “WDC” to “Workforce Ecosystem”
 - Performance Measures
 - Remove “percentage increase of” to just “increase”, add “and visit length” to target
 - Are we pushing quantity over quality? Substitute a metric that encourages non-traditional careers
 - Goal 2
 - 2c change “WDC” to “workforce”
 - Measures
 - Change “increase wages” to Wage growth
 - Change “number of” to “Youth”
 - Goal 3
 - 3a – addressing quarterly seems excessive – remove
 - 3b – add “Regularly”
 - 3d remove “appropriate”

September Council Meeting Agenda Development

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- Tuesday Tour 4 – 5 PM
- Construction Panel 90 min
- FY28 Request Budget 15 min
- Strategic Plan 45 – 60 mins

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- Use the DFM/LSO submission to show the format
- Show what else we measure in dashboard form
- One-Stop Committee 30 min
 - PY25 Performance Report
 - State Plan & Waivers Update
- Policy Committee 15 min
 - In-Demand Career List Provided
- Program Impact & Evaluation Committee 15 – 30 mins
 - In Demand Credentials
- WBL Comm 30 min
 - *** WBL Definitions**
- Workforce Housing

Executive Director's Report

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- BSU received an NSF grant provides additional funding for semiconductor expansion
- Monday event at Micron, opening Boise Training Center
- Working on coverage and plan for Strategy & Operations position, Ms. Polishchuk resigned
- 3 new council members in appointment process
 - Andy Moldenhauer, Idaho AFL-CIO President
 - MiKayla Monaghan, Administrator, Vocational Rehabilitation
 - Rick Ho Chee, Co-owner Omega Services Coordination
- IDOL received a Restart Grant for Justice-Involved Youth
- \$40M in funding for Eastern Idaho Tech Hub
 - One of the TPM positions we funded is with Idaho Advanced Energy Consortium which aligns our efforts with this work
- Wendi has been appointed to the Rural Health Transformation Implementation Board by the Governor
- LAUNCH - Class of 2026, currently 70% acceptance of grants offered

Adjourned 3:00 PM