

## West Virginia Workforce Development Board

Meeting Minutes	June 25, 2024
Approved Date:	August 28, 2024

**Member Attendees:** Scott Adkins, Jason Asbury, Ben Ashley, Sarah Bolyard, Pisnu Bua-Iam, Anne Cavalier, Steve Cox, Deborah Harris, Nickolas Lambruno, Mendy Marshall, Cynthia Persily, Abby Reale, Jeffrey Scott Rowe, Diane Strong, Josh Sword, Dr. Christopher Treadway, Heather Vanater, Jason Wilburn

**Member Attendees Online:** Stephanie Ahart, Cassandra Hensley, Pedro Machado, Jennifer Smith, Chandler Swope, Ann Urling, Alex Weld

**Partner Attendees:** Melissa Bias, Jonathan Compton, Barbara Dawes, Criss McCauley, Maureen Persons

**Partner Attendees Online:** Rosemary Guida, David Rogers, Carrie Sizemore

### Call to Order

Meeting was called to order by Diane Strong at 10:04 am.

### Introductions

Diane Strong and Lorrie Smith

### Welcome by Marshall Health

Abby Reale, MHA, Director of Government and External Affairs, Marshall Health Network, Inc.  
Dr. Kevin Yingling, RPh, MD, FACP, Marshall Health Network President & CEO

### Approval of Minutes

Approval was asked for March 20, 2024, meeting minutes. Motion to approve March 20, 2024 minutes was made by Anne Cavelier; seconded by Cynthia Persily; motion passed.

### Partner Updates

- Unemployment Compensation Updates, Commissioner Scott Adkins, WFWV
- Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) Funding Updates, Scott Adkins, WFWV
- WV Nursing Workforce Expansion Program, Kent Wilson
- WIN Academy at BridgeValley CTC, Kent Wilson

### Committee Updates

The Operations Committee has been meeting regularly to discuss and update policies, ensuring alignment with federal government findings. Lorrie and Mason have been particularly proactive in making sure policies are current and accessible to the public. Recommendations are being reviewed by the full board and will undergo public comment and vetting by the Governor's office.

The Career Pathways initiative is currently on hold as efforts are focused on holding apprenticeship job fairs across the state. A recent fair held during Partnership Week in May was notably successful.

Other committees have been working behind the scenes to better understand the process and goals of the WIOA (Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act) plan for the upcoming four years. Now that the plan has been approved, committees will ramp up their activities.

We offer an open invitation to anyone interested in participating in committees to reach out, emphasizing the importance of diverse input to address the needs of communities across the state. With advisory roles open, there is an opportunity for a broader range of participation.

### **Unfinished Business**

No unfinished business.

### **New Business**

- Policy 100-03 Policy Process for the WV State Workforce Development Board— Approval was asked for Policy 100-03. Motion to approve was made by Anne Cavalier; seconded by Dr. Chris Treadway, motion passed.
- Addendum to Compensation Policy 100-04 - Motion to approve was made by Ben Ashley; seconded by Anne Cavelier, motion passed.
- Policy 200-02 Establishment and Membership of Local Workforce Development Boards Motion to approve the was made by Anne Cavalier; seconded by Cynthia Persily; motion passed.
- Policy 200-03 Duties of Local Workforce Development Boards Motion to approve was made by Anne Cavalier; seconded by Dr. Chris Treadway; motion passed.

### **Public Comment**

No public comments were made.

Adjournment –adjourned at 12:55 pm