

# STATE OF COLORADO

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### EXECUTIVE ORDER

#### **Amending Executive Order B 2015-004 regarding the Business Experiential-Learning Commission**

Pursuant to the authority vested in the Governor of the State of Colorado and, in particular, pursuant to Article IV, Section 2 of the Colorado Constitution, I, John W. Hickenlooper, Governor of the State of Colorado, hereby issue this Executive Order amending Executive Order B 2015-004 regarding the Business Experiential-Learning Commission.

#### **I. Background, Need, and Purpose**

Although much of Colorado has recovered from the Great Recession, many individuals continue to be unemployed or under-employed. At the same time, businesses are struggling to find the skilled workforce they need, especially in occupations that require a combination of education and on-the-job training (experiential-learning). Colorado must address this issue to establish an environment where our economy can continue to grow. The Colorado Workforce Development Council coordinates the engagement of business, state agencies, and local system partners to align the needs of Colorado's economy with the efforts of state and local authorities in building Colorado's talent pipeline. These efforts include continuous improvement of programs, process, and infrastructure in Colorado to provide information that will connect people with careers and match employers with skilled talent. Business-led public-private partnerships, including the Key Industry Networks that resulted from the Colorado Blueprint Process and Regional Sector Partnerships, conduct this work through their respective networks. Over the last four years, through a variety of industry engagement, several businesses have identified the most common obstacle to thriving and expanding is finding skilled workers with work experience.

Executive Order B 2015-004 created the Business Experiential-Learning Commission (the "Commission") to address these challenges. The Commission will leverage the strength of public-private partnerships to develop, evaluate, and implement a systemic solution for integrated work-based education and training to meet the needs of Colorado's economy.

Following the initial meetings of the Commission, it was determined that Executive Order B 2015-004 required amendments to allow for broader participation on the Commission.

Executive Order B 2015-004 shall be amended as set forth below, but otherwise remains in full force and effect.

## II. Directives and Declarations

At present, the Commission consists of 14 members, appointed by the Governor. The first paragraph of Section II (D) is hereby amended, and shall read as follows:

The Commission members shall be appointed and serve at the pleasure of the Governor. Initial appointments to the Commission shall be for two-year or three-year terms, and, thereafter, members shall serve two-year terms. The Commissions shall be composed of the following:

- i. The Chairperson of the Commission who shall have experience in the business community and will assist in recruiting the remaining business members;
- ii. A business member of the Colorado Workforce Development Council Executive Committee;
- iii. The executive director of the Colorado Department of Labor and Employment;
- iv. The executive director of the Office of Economic Development and International Trade;
- v. The executive director of the Colorado Department of Higher Education;
- vi. The Commissioner of Education or his/her designee from the Colorado Department of Education;
- vii. The director of the Colorado Workforce Development Council;
- viii. No fewer than eight members representing the business or industrial communities; and
- ix. One member representing the Colorado AFL-CIO.

## III. Duration

This Executive Order shall continue in existence unless modified or terminated by further Executive Order.



GIVEN under my hand and the  
Executive Seal of the State of  
Colorado this thirty-first day of  
March, 2016.

  
John W. Hickenlooper  
Governor