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Board Meeting Summary March 17-18, 2016

Council Members Present:

Andrea Anderson, Annie Davis, Bob Nogueira, Dave Csintyan, Dennis Hisey, Ellen Golombek, Fiona Arnold, Jay Hardy, Jeannie Larsen, Joe Anzures, Joel Buchanan, John Fleck, Josh Davies, Julie Zinn, Karla Grazier, Kelly Causey, Kristie LaRose, Kyle Sickman, Liddy Romero, Paula Swenson, Peggy Gair, Ryan Keiffer, Susan Rogers, Toya Painter, Trish Sullivan, William Tammone, Noel Ginsburg

Others Present:

State Agency Representatives: Tricia Johnson, Chantal Unfug, Susan White
Staff Members: Abby Hull, Alba Duque, Emily Lesh, Mary Probst, Lauren Victor, Stephanie Veck, Lee Wheeler-Berliner, Thomas Hartman, ShaJuana Williams, Renise Walker, Kat Nay
Guests: Bill Dowling, Clarke Becker, David Griffin, Elise Lowe-Vaughn, Erin Jones, Gretchen Morgan, Inta Morris, John Martinez, Kelly Folks, Joni Friedman, Judy Emery, Kate Anderson, Meredith Marshall, Michelle Mettler

Approval of Agenda and Old Business:

March board [MEETING AGENDA](#) approved.
October [MEETING MINUTES](#) approved.

Goals of the Meeting:

1. Learn about work based learning apprenticeship opportunities
2. Lay the foundation for the future of our talent development system
3. Get to know your fellow Council members and have fun!

BEL Commission Report ([Please see BEL Commission slides](#))

Jay introduced Noel Ginsburg, CEO of Intertech Plastics, Chair of BEL Commission, and a Council Member. Noel talked about BASIC, the BEL Commission, and the challenges his company faced while trying to find qualified employees. Noel shared the BEL Commission's experience in Switzerland, learning about the Swiss Apprenticeship Model, and how we can learn and adopt this model in Colorado. Noel explained how the work the BEL Commission is focused on leading connects with the Businesses and Schools in Collaboration organization

Council Member Spotlight ([Please see slides](#)):

Jay introduced Josh Davies, CEO of The Center for Work Ethic Development, Council member, and Chair of Education and Training Committee. Josh presented the CWDC's first Council Member Spotlight. Josh spoke about the work of the Center for Work Ethic Development, a research based organization. Josh explained the importance of work ethic to employers when hiring new employees, and how his company has created resources to train work ethic in an effective manner.

Legislative Update ([Please see Legislative Update Spreadsheet](#)):

Stephanie Veck reviewed the Legislation spreadsheet with the Council Members. Please review the linked spreadsheet to see what was discussed.

WIOA Required Infrastructure Funding ([Please see PGL](#))

Jay introduced Lee Wheeler-Berliner. Lee presented the information and PGL on WIOA Required Infrastructure Funding. Lee explained that local workforce areas are first asked to work out infrastructure funding on their own, but if they are unable to do this, the money will need to flow to the State and then back out to the partners based on the requirements of the PGL.

How We Might Support Local Boards?

Lee asked attendees to split into small groups and participate in a discussion answering the question, "How might we best support our local boards?"

Connections between Denver Metro Chamber of Commerce and CWDC ([Please see Connections between Denver Metro Chamber of Commerce and CWDC](#))

Jay introduced Lorena Zimmer, Director Pipeline, Denver Metro Chamber of Commerce. Lorena spoke about how the Denver Metro Chamber of Commerce supports initiatives that can help create a talent pipeline, and the important role that partners such as the CWDC have to achieve this goal.

Advocacy Committee Update ([Please see Advocacy Committee slides](#)):

Jay introduced Advocacy Committee Chair, Ryan Keiffer. Ryan presented the updates on the Council's communication initiative, Talent Found. Talent Found will serve as the umbrella brand and platform to drive all customers to Colorado's Talent Development System.

More information:

[Click here to view the full Mach 2016 meeting minutes.](#)