 rhe meeting to order at 10:02 a.m. and introduced the Executive Director of the Centennial Airport, Robert Olislagers, who welcomed the Council to the airport. Toya then invited Council members and guests to introduce themselves and give updates on what has happened since the May meeting. (See “Council Business July 2014” slides.)

Approval of the Agenda and Old Business
Toya asked for approval of the agenda. Jim Neubecker made the motion, and Kathy Worthington seconded. The agenda was approved without further discussion. Toya then asked for an approval of the May meeting minutes. Buzz
Moore made the motion, and Dennis Hisey seconded. Without further discussion, the May meeting minutes were approved.

**New Business**
Toya went over the goals of the meeting:

1. **Updates**
   - PY 14 Local Plan Approvals
   - STEM Roadmap
   - Colorado Opportunity Scholarship Initiative
   - H-1B Grant

2. **Learn, Discuss, Set Direction**
   - Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act
   - Sector Partnerships & Career Pathways
   - Business Services Standardization
   - Tackling Poverty Together

3. **Action:**
   - Select October meeting location
   - Strategy for approval of the budget

4. **Great Experience**
   - Learn about the local community and the collaboration between workforce, economic development, and education

Toya announced that the PY14 Local Plans and LWIB Recertifications have been approved by the Executive Committee and that a summary was included in the Council’s meeting packet.

Julie Charneskie gave a summary of the proposed Summit County locations for the October meeting. Jim Neubecker made a motion to approve Summit County as the October meeting location, and Ryan Keiffer seconded. The vote was taken via clicker technology, and the proposed location for the October meeting was approved.

Toya explained the proposed strategy for approving the budget. The CWDC has received 3.75% of what was the 10% Discretionary Fund and we need to implement a strategy for the best use of these funds. Toya proposed that the Executive Committee, along with any other members who are passionate about the budget, to form a task group to develop this strategy, led by Treasurer Kyle Sickman. Ryan Keiffer made the motion, and Peggy Gair seconded. The vote was taken via clicker technology, and the proposed strategy for formulating the budget was approved.

**Centennial Airport Tour**
The group went on a bus tour of the Centennial Airport, led by Mike Fronapfel.

**Strategic Plan Updates**
Stephanie Steffens gave an update on the progress of both the STEM Roadmap and the Colorado Opportunity Scholarship Initiative. She then asked Fred Franko and Kristie LaRose to give an update on the H-1B Grant. Fred and Kristie provided information on how the grant is progressing and made an ask of the Council: they need help with identifying more people who fit the program’s criteria. They asked the Council to think about people they know who might benefit from the program and stated that they will be releasing a white paper to the Council.

**Workforce Innovation & Opportunity Act (WIOA)**
(See the “NGA Summary of WIOA”, “WIOA Key Topics for CWDC”, and “WIOA Highlights” slides.)
Stephanie gave an update on the Workforce Innovation & Opportunity Act. This update included some of the key impacts to the Council, including State Workforce Board functions, focus on Sector Partnerships and Career Pathways, Regional Designation and Regional Planning, the role of the State Youth Council, and the membership
structure of the board. Stephanie led a discussion on the pros and cons of grandfathering in the current board and other considerations for Council membership structure. She also led discussion about the Governor’s 15% Set-Aside (Discretionary Fund) and Performance Measures. WIOA requires the development of one or more national indicators, but allows states to have more. Colorado has started to measure the engagement of businesses in the workforce system, and will begin work on indicators that reflect the job seekers that are engaged. The goal is to identify five key dashboard measures that can roll up into a single indicator. At the time of the meeting, the President had not yet signed WIOA, but was expected to. USDOL has six months for rulemaking, and there will be time for public comment and input.

Sector Partnerships – Carrying the Momentum Forward
(See “Sector Partnerships - Carrying the Momentum Forward” slides and “Business Leader Roles in Sector Partnerships”.)
Emily Templin Lesh facilitated the Sector Partnerships conversation. The goal of this presentation was to identify specific action steps that Colorado Workforce Development Council business members can take to help move sector partnerships forward across Colorado. Emily first led a discussion about why sector partnerships matter. She then facilitated a work session answering the question: “What can you do?” Council Members were able to walk away with a visual plan of the people they are tied to and can reach out to about sector partnerships in their region. Council members asked for the staff to send Dr. Fuller’s presentation from the Sectors Summit II. Please see Dr. Fuller’s presentation here. The Council also asked for a one pager about sector partnerships and a short video that demonstrates their value; here is a great video from the Greater Metro Denver Healthcare Partnership. Finally, the Council asked for information on how to convene a sector partnership.

Business Services Standardization
(See “Business Services July 2014 Update” slides.)
Dave Griffin and Tony Anderson presented information about Program Year 2013 Business Services outcomes, the impact of the LEAN event, accessing business services through the workforce centers, and staff professional development, as well as the results of several Business Services performance measures that have been implemented. The Council members were impressed with the information provided and asked for a Business Services dashboard to be added to the CWDC meetings.

Stephanie provided a wrap-up to retouch on each item the Council had discussed during the day.

Dinner
The Council traveled to the Madden Museum of Art for dinner and a presentation from Mike Fitzgerald, CEO of the Denver South Economic Development Partnership. Mike discussed how the Denver South EDP collaborates with its education and workforce partners to address the needs of business in South Denver.

Friday, July 18, 2014 – The Wildlife Experience

During breakfast, Toya and Stephanie thanked four members whose terms will expire in September, presented them with certificates in appreciation of their service, and asked them to address the Council. These members were Don McClure, Jim Neubecker, Jessie Ruiz, and Kathy Worthington. Thank you for all you have done for the CWDC and Colorado!

CU South Denver at The Wildlife Experience
(See “CU South Denver Overview” slides and “CU South Denver One Sheet”.)
Tony Smith, Executive Director of CU South Denver, welcomed the Council and provided an overview of the CU South Denver program. He answered questions and then gave the group a tour of the CU South Denver space within The Wildlife Experience.
A Picture of Poverty in Colorado
(See “Tackling Poverty in Colorado” slides.)
Toya introduced Elizabeth Garner, State Demographer for the Colorado Department of Local Affairs, to present data around poverty in Colorado. Elizabeth presented provided data and pointed out areas where the CWDC could truly make a difference. She recommended the Council focus on the underemployed and unemployed populations.

Tackling Poverty Discussion
Staff from the Colorado Department of Human Services and the Colorado Department of Labor & Employment facilitated a work session with the end goal being to develop two or three action items that the CWDC can achieve on the subject of poverty within the next 60 days. The Council members broke into small groups and answered the following questions:

1. Is there a role for the CWDC to address the issue of poverty?
2. If yes, how do you see the role of the CWDC in addressing this very broad and complex issue?
3. How do you see the CWDC integrating and addressing poverty into existing CWDC initiatives?
4. What overall goal and/or specific issues would you most like to see the CWDC address when it comes to poverty?
5. Please put together one or two specific action items that the local regions and state agencies could achieve within the next 60 days.

Wrap Up
Stephanie wrapped up the meeting by asking spokespeople for the three focus areas of the Council to provide their takeaways and action items from the meeting: Education & Training, Industry Partnerships, and Advocacy. Dean McCall spoke for the Industry Committee, Don McClure spoke for the Advocacy Committee, and Josh Davies spoke for the Education & Training Committee.

Toya adjourned the meeting at 12:22pm. Attendees had the option to tour The Wildlife Experience after the meeting.