

Northwest Workforce Council

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Full Council Meeting Agenda

Wednesday, September 14, 2022 @ 1:30 – 4:00 pm

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Meeting ID: 854 5205 7084 // Password: 044721

Optional Call-in: (253) 215 - 8782

- I. Call to Order
- II. Consent Agenda
 - A. Minutes of June 22, 2022 Full Council Meeting (*enclosed*)
- III. Chair's/Executive Committee Report
 - A. [2020 - 2024 NWC Regional Workforce Plan \(posted to NWBoard.org\)](#) – Approved by Workforce Training Board
The WIOA law and regulations require that every four years each Local Workforce Development Board (LWDB) develop and submit to the state, in partnership with the chief local elected officials, a comprehensive plan of the current and projected needs for the local area's one-stop delivery system. The law emphasizes the importance of collaboration with all one-stop partners in the development and submission of the Plan. The Local Plan is an action plan to develop, align, and integrate service delivery strategies and resources across the one-stop delivery system. The Local Plan must support the state Plan [Talent and Prosperity for All](#), referred to as "TAP."
- IV. Chief Executive Officer Report
 - o Action by Workforce Training Board (WTB) and Governor on NWC's ATTACHMENT C Request for Approval to Provide WIOA Basic and/or Individualized Career Services as per Washington WorkSource System Policy Number 5404, Revision 1
 - o Rebranding: WorkSource Island formerly known as WorkSource Whidbey
 - o Workforce Impact Fund
- V. System Planning/Programs
 - A. Business Impacts from the November 2021 Whatcom Flood: Work to date and lessons learned - CJ Seitz, Director, Small Business Development Center, WWU.
 - B. Building Economic Resilience – Facing Current Realities & Forecasting Our Future - Hart Hodges, PhD, Director, Western Washington University Center for Economic and Business Research
 - C. Governor's Initiative: Economic Recovery for All (EcSA): Update – EcSA is an initiative for building and testing locally developed approaches for streamlining access to existing services and benefits, helping families move out of poverty. EcSA looks to "reinvent local poverty reduction systems." NWC has received an additional \$75,000 state general funds for this program starting July 1, 2022. State funds provide greater flexibility than WIOA. This enables NWC to provide incentives for participants achieving their financial stability goals (financial literacy and working through "benefit cliffs" are program focus areas of this program) *

- D. **Dept. of Labor (DOL) Request for Applications: Quality Jobs, Equity, Strategy, and Training (QUEST)**; NWC's application (part of state-wide initiative) to DOL. State applying for \$15 million of behalf of eleven (11) WDCs. If funded, NWC share would be \$1,051,390. *
"Required grant activities, in addition to serving participants impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic including its social and economic inequities, include (a) Community and Potential Participant Outreach, (b) Business Engagement, and (c) Developing Strategic Partnerships."

VI. **Oversight of System Quality**

- A. **WIOA Northwest Workforce Performance Reports / Quality Assurance Committee Reports.**
As the operator for WIOA IB Programs: Youth, Adult, Dislocated Worker, the NWC provides quarterly data on performance as part of system oversight.
- *WIOA IB Program Performance Report: PY 21 Final – July 1, 2021 - June 30, 2022: (enclosed)*
 - *WIOA System Performance Report PY21 Q4 (enclosed)*

VII. **2023 Council & Committees Meeting Schedule (enclosed)**

Old Business

New Business

Public Comment

Adjournment

Meeting Minutes:

Q3 NWC Committee Meetings

- Quality Assurance Committee: May 18, 2022 (enclosed)
- Regional Access Advisory Committee: May 18, 2022 (canceled)
- Planning Committee: May 18, 2022 (enclosed)
- Executive Committee: June 8, 2022 (enclosed)

Next Full Council Meeting
Wednesday December 7, 2022
1:30 – 4:00 PM