



Coordinating Workforce Development for Northern Nevada

Local Elected Officials Meeting

Friday, February 9, 2018

Truckee Meadows Community College, 7000 Dandini Boulevard

Red Mountain Building, Room 223

Reno, Nevada 89512-3999

Minutes

1. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by Austin Osborne at 12:08pm
Local Elected Officials present: Karen Abowd, Bob Hastings (for Bob Alt), Carl Erquiaga, Jim French, Kitty Jung, Heidi Lusby-Avgvick, Austin Osborne, Barry Penzel, Mike Sharkozy
Local Elected Officials absent: Art Clark, Cliff Eklund, Richard Howe, Garth Price
Staff Present: John Thurman, Beth Wicks
Guests: Samantha Cruz-Hill (DETR), Lisa Torres (JOIN)
A quorum was determined present.
2. **Public Comment:** None
3. **Matters of the Board:** There was general discussion of common workforce problems that include healthcare benefits, drug issues in the workplace, infrastructure and lack of qualified workers.
4. **Approval of Minutes from October 13, 2017 Meeting:** *Motion to approve the minutes of the October 13, 2017 meeting was made by Jim French. The second was by Mike Sharkozy. The motion was unanimously approved.*
5. **Election of Nevadaworks Local Elected Officials, Chair and Vice-Chair:** *Austin Osborne asked for a motion to nominate a new Chair. Motion was made by Barry Penzel to elect Jim French as the Nevadaworks Local Elected Officials Chair. The second was by Kitty Jung. The motion was unanimously approved. Mike Sharkozy made the motion to elect Carl Erquiaga as the Nevadaworks Local Elected Officials Vice-Chair. The second was by Kitty Jung. The motion was unanimously approved.*
6. **Follow up to conversation with Education from last meeting:** John Thurman provided information from a conversation he had with the Chancellor of the Nevada System of Higher Education, Thom Reilly. Discussion followed regarding the lack of various trades being offered in the state high schools and how to reverse this.
7. **Workforce Discussion:** The general topic was lack of housing in the rural areas and lack of trade schools.
8. **Public Comment:** None
9. **Next Meeting:** Friday, June 8, 2018
10. **Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 1:04pm

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