



GOVERNOR'S WORKFORCE INVESTMENT BOARD

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MEETING MINUTES

Governor's Workforce Investment Board (GWIB)

Aerospace and Defense Sector Council

Friday, January 9, 2015

10:00 a.m.

Place of Meeting: **Department of Employment, Training & Rehabilitation**
2800 East St. Louis Avenue, Conference Rooms A-C
Las Vegas, NV

Some members of the Council may be attending the meeting and provide testimony through a simultaneous videoconference and teleconference and other persons may observe the meeting conducted at the following locations listed below:

Department of Employment, Training & Rehabilitation
500 East Third Street, 1st Floor Conference Room
Carson City, NV

Nevada JobConnect
Reno Town Mall Conference Room
4001 South Virginia Street
Reno, NV 89502

Council Members Present: Dr. Kenneth Witcher, James Callahan, Michael Bradshaw, Kenneth Thompson, Dr. Lila Glaser, Tim McAllister, Commissioner Clifford Cichowlaz, Russell Carlson, Edvin Mirzakhanian, Greg Stanley, Reza Karamooz

Council Members Absent: Nancy Wong, Jim New, Thomas Wilczek, Dr. Bobby McMasters, Dr. James Kuzman, Shelley Hartmann, Keith Hansen, Dr. Jeff Thompson, Morgan Bunker

Ex-officio Members Present: Ardell Galbreth, Lisa Myers, Will Lockheart

Ex-officio Members Absent: Christopher Robison (excused), Tonya Schlattmann.

DETR WSU Staff Present: Coralie Peterson.

Others Present: Doreen Owens, Director, U.S. Department of Labor (USDOL), Nevada Veterans' Employment and Training Service (VETS) and Myles Judd (USDOL VETS), Lisa Nordman (AIM), and Michael Frechette (Bowhead Technical Solutions).

**Please note that all attendees may not be listed above.*

I. Welcome, Introductions and New Members.....Dr. Kenneth Witcher, Chair
Governor’s Workforce Investment Board, Aerospace and Defense Sector Council

The Chair of this Council, Dr. Kenneth Witcher, called the meeting to order at 10:37 a.m. and welcomed everyone and thanked them for attending this meeting. He then asked Coralie Peterson, Administrative Assistant for DETR’s Workforce Solutions Unit, to call roll.

II. Roll Call and Establishment of a QuorumCoralie Peterson, Administrative Assistant II
Workforce Solutions Unit, Department of Employment, Training and Rehabilitation (DETR)

Coralie Peterson called roll and informed the Chair that a quorum was present.

III. Verification of Posting.....Coralie Peterson

Dr. Kenneth Witcher asked Coralie Peterson to verify that the agenda for this meeting was posted according to Nevada statute. Mrs. Peterson verified that the agenda was posted according to NRS 241.020.

IV. **First Public Comment Session**Dr. Kenneth Witcher

Members of the public will be invited to speak before; however, no action may be taken on a matter during public comment until the matter itself has been included on an agenda as an item for possible action. Public comment may be limited to three minutes per person at the discretion of the chairperson.

Dr. Kenneth Witcher announced the First Public Comment Session and invited members of the public to speak. No comments were made. Hearing none, he moved to the next agenda item.

V. **For Possible Action** – Approval of the August 15, 2014 Meeting Minutes.....Dr. Kenneth Witcher

The Chair asked for approval of the August 15, 2014 Meeting Minutes. A motion was made by Kenneth Thompson and was seconded by Michael Bradshaw. All were in favor and the motion carried unanimously.

VI. **For Possible Action** – Approval of the November 21, 2014 Meeting Minutes.....Dr. Kenneth Witcher

The Chair asked for approval of the November 21, 2014 Meeting Minutes. A motion was made by Kenneth Thompson and was seconded by Reza Karamooz. All were in favor and the motion carried unanimously.

VII. **Discussion/Possible Action** – Approval of the Aerospace and Defense Sector Council Summit.....Dr. Kenneth Witcher

Dr. Witcher asked Reza Karamooz for additional information. Mr. Karamooz gave information about upcoming events in the sector, such as:

- FTI Expo – Los Angeles, CA – (Mr. Karamooz suggests a Nevada Booth for this event)
- February 18, 2015 Aerospace Aviation Day, Reno/Carson City – (still being finalized)
- February 18, 2015 - NVBAA Member Meeting and formal meeting of the ASA Nevada Chapter in Reno, Nevada (Lt. Gov. Hutchison will be guest speaker)
- March 10-11, 2015 – GSE Expo at the Sands Expo Convention Center, Las Vegas (NVBAA will have a booth, meeting rooms and are seeking to have Dina Titus as a keynote speaker)

Mr. Karamooz said he will distribute the finalized information about these events to the sector council members and invited their participation and comments. He stressed that these events give a good opportunity to publicize Nevada’s activities and goals for the industry sector.

Dr. Witcher asked about the local ASA Chapter, and Mr. Karamooz explained that Lt. Governor Mark Hutchinson serves as the Chair of the recently created Nevada Chapter of the ASA (Aerospace States Association) and he acts as the Vice-Chair. Participation in the ASA gives the ability for federal assistance/knowledge/support in bringing aerospace manufacturing to the State of Nevada. Dr. Witcher encouraged sector council members to become involved in the ASA. Mr. Karamooz added that membership is free and will provide members with an informative newsletter.

VIII. **Presentation** – Pathways to Aviation Foundation Initiative.....Pete Parker, Executive Director
Pathways to Aviation Foundation

Greg Stanley, Corporate Director
Engineering Services
Sierra Nevada Corporation

Greg Stanley introduced Pete Parker, who shared a PowerPoint presentation on the Pathways to Aviation Foundation. The foundation created the Pathways to Aviation program with a mission of education and historical preservation of aviation, including the history of air racing.

The ultimate goal of the Foundation is to create a pathway to aviation careers throughout the State of Nevada by encouraging early STEM education, providing scholarships, career mentoring and job opportunities and also promote learning to fly and obtaining a pilot’s license.

The Foundation is working collaboratively with the Washoe County School District to create a curricula to share fundamental information and hands-on experiments with elementary school students on rocketry, aerodynamics, wind tunnel simulations, and even some aviation history. Events, such as the 2014 National Air Races, for example, allowed an opportunity to train 500 students.

Mr. Parker concluded his presentation by saying their ‘downstream’ goal is to create a reproduceable program to augment and enhance the public school system throughout the state, funded solely through the Pathways to Aviation Foundation.

Michael Bradshaw commented on the Jumpstart Nevada program, which is being expanded into middle and high schools throughout northern and southern Nevada, and he said the Pathways to Aviation program provides a perfect extension into elementary schools. He offered the full support of his companies, ArrowData and Bowhead Systems and Technology, in seeking a statewide program in working in cooperation with Jumpstart Nevada.

Mr. Parker then was asked and answered questions from sector council members. Upon concluding his comments, Dr. Witcher thanked him for his efforts and his presentation.

IX. **Discussion** – Overview of SB 385 – Economic Impact Study
Results.....Reza Karamooz, President
Nevada Business Aviation Association

By way of a PowerPoint presentation, Reza Karamooz shared information about the background and activities of the NVBAA, which is a non-profit organization supporting STEM education and economic development opportunities for aviation within the state.

STEM education: The NVBAA’s after school programs help build a STEM curriculum involving aviation design, robotics, propulsion/rocketry, programming, assembly and manufacturing.

To view recent NVBAA after-school program events, go to website: www.nvbba.com

Economic Development in Aviation Industry: NVBAA is actively promoting the passage of SB 93 (formerly presented as SB 385 – modified and then represented as SB 93).

Mr. Karamooz said that the effects of the passage of SB 93 can be predicted by looking at the example of how a similar bill benefited the State of Maine by growing their economy and creating jobs. Maine eliminated sales tax on aircraft parts in 2011 and has since extended the exemption by 20 years, which stated was as a result of its success to their economy.

He added that SB 93 is an abatement (not a tax exemption), and applies to the personal property taxes in the purchase, manufacture, and service to fixed-wing, rotary-wing or unmanned aerial vehicles, but that it does include commercial airlines. Mr. Karamooz added that the abatement will provide more competitive opportunities to the state and is estimated to produce a net gain from between \$290,000.00 to 3 million dollars in new tax revenue. He concluded his presentation by requesting letters of support from the sector council members as well as asking for possible in-person testimony from aviation business owners to explain how the passage of SB 93 will help their business.

Dr. Witcher stated that although the sector council is unable to support a given bill, members were welcomed to forward individual letters of support as Mr. Karamooz had requested.

X. **Discussion/Possible Action** – Nevada DME.....Dr. Kenneth Witcher

The Chair stated that he this item is being tabled for this meeting, but added related comments:

Dr. Witcher stated that although AIM is shortly graduating 8 students from their maintenance program, there is no DME (Designated Mechanic Examiner) or FAA examiner than can certify those mechanics. He said he would entertain a motion for the GWIB Aerospace and Defense Sector Council to support the approval of obtaining an FAA DME for the State of Nevada in Las Vegas. Kenneth Thompson raised the motion and Reza Karamooz seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion carried unanimously.

XI. **Discussion** – Update on the Pilot Program.....Earl McDowell, Deputy Administrator
Workforce Solutions Unit, DETR

Dr. Witcher tabled this agenda item.

XII. The next meeting will be held on Friday, March 20, 2015 at 10:00 a.m.Dr. Kenneth Witcher

Suggestions for new business and future agenda items mentioned in this meeting included:

- Update on the Jumpstart Nevada Program – Michael Bradshaw
- Update on the Pilot Program – Dr. Kenneth Witcher

XIII. **Second Public Comment Session**Dr. Kenneth Witcher
Members of the public may now comment on any matter or topic, which is relevant to or within the authority or jurisdiction of the Board. You may comment now even if you commented earlier; however, please do not simply repeat the same comment you previously made. Please clearly state and spell your name. Public Comment may be limited to three minutes per person at the discretion of the chairperson.

Dr. Witcher announced the Second Public Comment Session and invited members of the public to speak.

Lisa Nordman, Career Services, Aviation Institute of Maintenance asked where letters to support the passage of SB 385 could be sent, and Mr. Karamooz confirmed that they could be forwarded to him.

Doreen Owens, Director for the Department of Labor, Veterans' Employment and Training Service, stated that they encourage the support of in-demand occupations and the Department of Labor will provide the supportive services that are necessary to fill those positions.

Ardell Galbreth, Executive Director, Southern Nevada Workforce Investment Board (Workforce Connections), commented that funds are still available for training, which is critical, particularly for veterans. He said that in excess of one million dollars in funding from the U.S. Department of Labor will expire unless a training use has been identified by June 30, 2015. Mr. Galbreth said he is working with Nellis Air Force Base to identify possible training programs for veterans. Dr. Witcher mentioned the composite training being conducted at ABARIS in northern Nevada may well meet the criteria for this funding, as well.

Dr. Witcher commented on the presence of the Chair of the GWIB Information Technology Sector Council, Michael Frechette in his effort to reach out and support the Aerospace and Defense Sector Council.

XIV. AdjournmentDr. Kenneth Witcher

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 11:35 a.m.

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AEROSPACE AND DEFENSE SECTOR COUNCIL

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