Governor's Workforce Investment Board Green and Renewable Energy Sector Jobs Council Video Conference and Telephone Conference Call

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Item I. – Welcome

Andriola:

I want to make sure, I know that there is a lot of folks, my understanding that are participating in the call and I'd certainly appreciate everyone's opportunity to call in and I just everyone to know that I appreciate everyone's time, especially in this turnaround for this very important meeting. I do want to, before we take role call just quickly again welcome everyone and just let everyone know because of the various media, the activity that we are using we're going to go ahead and abide by the opportunity where the council members know who's all here. As soon as we establish a quorum, then we'll move forward and public comment can be made during the public comment portion are certainly welcome. So I just wanted to share with everyone on the call kind of the procedural process for that, because when you are on a phone call sometimes that leads itself a little differently than all being in a room together, which I wish we all were. So having said that I would like to go ahead and move to number two which is the role call please.

Item II. - Roll Call and Confirmation of Quorum

Nash:

Clara Andriola (here), Maggie Carlton (here), James Ohrenschall (here), Randolph Townsend (Absent), Geoffrey Wilson (Absent), Frank Woodbeck (here), Gary Cottino (Absent), Dr. Mike Richards (here), Terry Page (here) and Paul McKenzie (here). Madam Chair you have a quorum.

Andriola:

I just want to make sure so it is, Senator Maggie Carlton, Assemblyman James Ohrenschall, Frank Woodbeck, Dr. Mike Richards, Terry Page and Paul McKenzie, is that correct Tami?

Nash:

That's correct Madam Chair.

Item III. - Introduction of new council members

Andriola:

Okay. Thank you, so we have a quorum. What I would like to do now is move to item three which is the introduction of new council members that were appointed and we would like to take a moment, or if you just wanted to identify those new council members, I believe if I have this correct that the new council members appointed are Frank Woodbeck, Mike Richards and Paul McKenzie and if you want, in the spirit of

time I don't want to have anyone not feel that there is not an opportunity to introduce themselves so you're welcome to do that at this time, I'd like to welcome all of you.

Mosley: Madam Chair I believe that Mendy Elliot has another person.

Andriola: Yeah my understanding is that Greg Kern who works with Nevada Energy that serves in

the capacity of energy efficiency and customer renewable department, the appointment letter, actually that information wasn't given to Tami on time so that would be on our next appointment letter that goes out so we'll have Greg joining us the next meeting. Is

that correct Tami?

Nash: That is correct Madam Chair.

Andriola: So is anyone in terms of the introduction as our new council members we certainly

welcome having a very experienced group and with the addition of Greg I think this council is going to be not only important but having a lot of wonderful contributors as we

move forward, so thank you everyone.

Nash: One more comment just to make sure that everyone identifies themselves when they

speak.

Andriola: You know I missed something that happened all I heard was one more comment and then

laughing, I missed something fun, that's the story of my life. Okay, is there anything else on item number three? Hearing nothing or no response I'm going to move to item four.

Item IV - *Discussion/Possible Action – Department of Business & Industry (B&I), Housing Division's Weatherization Standardized Topical Examination Areas

Andriola: Obviously this is the reason that we are meeting in just a quick turnaround time and one

thought that I thought might be important and certainly there is an opportunity for Craig Davis and Nevada Division of Housing to talk. I thought it might be applicable based on our last meeting with Director Mosley tasking Mendy Elliot with a follow up that it would only be appropriate for Mendy to give us a briefing prior to speaking or allowing

Craig to share information so Mendy would you be so kind to share the update with us?

Elliott: Thank you Madam Chair, basically what I know from the portion of last meeting with the

housing division trying to understand how we have a right today. I went through a rhetorical perspective and tried to understand the process how things happen, how things progress and I wanted to give the committee just an overview of how what transplanted through the beginning of the year, in orange the Housing Division submitted a letter of intent to create a comprehensive plan for the apprenticeship program. Upon the receipt of that letter of intent DOE gave 3.7 million dollars to the Division of Housing upon the submission of the application, which was submitted May 12th, and it was approved in early June, in the Department of Energy letter, we received a notification that the comprehensive plan was approved with the Department of Energy. This comprehensive plan was approved prior to the approval of SB152 in June, and I think that's important for everybody to understand, the comprehensive application which was the Division of

Housing with Craig detail that your vision of the funds the providers, the trainers, etc the

funding string which is going forth on Monday is approximately 50% of the total brand of 37.1 million and you get there by the 3.7 million that was originally advanced partly, and then the ten million dollars, the ten million dollars that's coming in at 1.75 of those ten million is for training, so you can see the reversal differential of the 3.7 is actual for the application and actual weatherization fund. The department says the Division of Housing sent out RFPs throughout the state asking applicants to submit their letters of intent to the Housing Division as it relates to this plan, there were five grantees that were selected, one was Southern Nevada, Community Service in Washoe, City of Henderson, Rural Nevada Job Incorporation and the Nevada Rural Housing Authority under the first faction of funding. Those five entities are currently the sub-grantees, now there might be some discussion about that later but I wanted to let you know that at this point in time, those five entities applied for the grant and are subject to the terms and conditions of the grant and we want to work with the Housing Division to weatherize homes. Based on the comprehensive plan that was approved by the Department of Energy, back in May, we are talking about May, the minutes in May that were approved in June, the Division of Housing has the authority and the responsibility for these funds as it relates for the first faction of funding. I think it's important that in the application it specifically states that the active preference through activities that could be started and completed using at least 50% percent of the funds made available for activities that can be initiated not later than And I think that, Madam Chair I want to make sure that I give that historical perspective. The next 50% of the funds that the application will be going out in November, they'll go back out and request RFPs for new grantees or same grantees or whoever the next set of sub-grantees may be, and those funds should be in compliance with the Department of Energy as well as SB152. We're here today I think Madam Chairman talked about the spirit of SB152 and how we are trying to be, how we can work together with the state throughout the end of the day people put to work and their homes get weatherized. Madam Chairman I think that that concludes my report.

Andriola:

Alright I just have one question in terms of clarification, DETR's role in the process that you just outlined, how does that connect, in terms of the DETR role with the explanation, historical explanation that you have given?

Elliott:

DETR's role in the original application, I think from our stand point was in the spirit of SB152. It is the Housing Division's responsibility to make sure that there is training and that people are being placed in work. As far as the original application, unless I'm wrong it is tied into the task that there is an actual partnership with DETR and I want to make sure that that's part of the, in the time of the original application there is not a role to the specifically (Inaudible).

Davis: This is Craig Davis with the Housing Division. The intervention of....

Craig is that you talking? Andriola:

Davis: Craig Davis with the Housing Division.

Andriola: You're fading Craig in terms of not being able to hear you; I'm sorry I apologize for

interrupting but if you could speak up it's greatly appreciated.

Davis:

Okay. Somebody mentioned the role of Department of Employment, Training and Rehabilitation stated about our comprehensive application in regards to the training and how the training (*Inaudible*). We are going to work in partnership with the Department of (*Inaudible*). I'm not aware of any mention in our application beyond that.

Andriola:

I don't know if everyone was able to hear the information that we shared, did everyone hear the information? I'm hoping.

(Not Indentified): It's very hard to hear.

Andriola:

So basically what we are here today to do is to understand. Thank you Mendy and Craig for the information and I think it's helpful because my understanding is the sector council again as I said when we first met, there's a bigger piece to the sector council and certainly there are wonderful opportunities that are going to present themselves. But today, in terms of reaching out, my understanding is the Division of Housing was looking at the sector council in terms of a spirit of cooperation with DETR because certainly there's an opportunity for a lot of training as we move forward, but in this particular aspect it's really taking all of the considerations of the spirit of 152 but the ultimate authority is with the Nevada Division of Housing especially in terms of the regulatory requirements that fall under the DOE. So that's kind of my understanding of item number IV, so in terms of action I think it's important that we all work together to make sure that all of Nevadans can get back to work as quickly as possible and I think everyone agrees with that. So having said that I don't know if anyone has any questions for Mendy or the Division of Housing, but I think it's probably important to open up that discussion.

Carlton:

Madam Chair I do have a number of questions after our last meeting that, because I know this really jumps the tracks on Monday was on the curriculum and I'll take part responsibility on that because I had not received that information since then I've had time to look at the curriculum and I now have a few more questions if I may of how this curriculum works. The curriculum now is tied with the Housing Division, is that correct?

Andriola:

Craig are you? I don't want to answer for housing, Craig are you there?

Davis:

Yes, can you hear me? Okay, the curriculum that we outlined in the Nevada RFP, basically mirrors the curriculum that we teach within the Housing Division.

Carlton:

Did the Housing Division develop this curriculum or was it purchased?

Davis:

Yes, we developed it.

Carlton:

You developed the curriculum. Do you have any idea what the cost of the development was?

Davis:

It was started internally in conjunction with these sub-grantees in our contract who worked together, we designed the train to mirror the type of work that we were doing out in the fields, and we have this issue seeing that our classroom component as well as the proficiency field components.

Carlton: Okay, I was under the impression that the Housing Division had purchased this

curriculum from another entity.

Davis: No, that's not true.

Carlton: So how long did it take you to develop it?

Davis: It's been in the making for a number of years and we've revised it each year that we

make changes.

Carlton: Mr. Davis is the Housing Division still in control of the curriculum or have you sold it?

Davis: We're still in control of it. To my knowledge; yes.

Carlton: To your knowledge?

Davis: Well I don't know if anyone else has adapted it.

Carlton: Anyone who would adopt this would be able to hear this so it wouldn't be exclusionary in

any form?

Davis: I'm sorry could you repeat the question?

Carlton: So anyone who would adopt this curriculum in this RFP, if they adopt this format, it

would not be exclusionary, we're not going to say this group can this but this group can't,

I'm trying to be open.

Davis: It's available to whomever.

Carlton: Okay.

Davis: It's not proprietary.

Carlton: It's not proprietary and there would be no cause?

Davis: No.

Carlton: You're answering a lot of great questions, thank you. I think we are going to be able to

get through this a lot quicker. If I could ask Ms. Elliot, the work that's been done through the week with the other council member Mr. McKenzie on changes to the RFP,

where do we stand on that?

Elliot: We have submitted these recommendations to the Housing Division, they are under

consideration to make, to add or change the RFP and that not is only with the Housing Division although they have agreed to work with DETR to make sure that there is

collaboration as it relates to Mr. McKenzie's recommendations.

Carlton: Mr. McKenzie anything? I'm sorry Madam Chair I've taken over your meeting it's just

bad habit.

Andriola: No, you're doing a fine job.

McKenzie: We talked about the curriculum or the recommendations that we sent for the way that we

would see the RFP coming out as appropriate, I still question, sending out a request for proposals for training where you try to write a curriculum in Nevada request. I believe that what the proposal says, request a standard be reached which they haven't done in any part of the RFP they sent out, other than maybe training by standard resources, material for guidance, standard resources have a set curriculum to train their information and it's not, it's separate from the Housing Division. The RFP originally came out, it's got some hours requirements in it and some stuff that they say that they want train to, and they call it a curriculum and it's not a, this existing curriculum to train every piece of the ???(25.3) standard that existing apprenticeship program and if we're going to train people ???(25.5) in the apprenticeship program because that would be the appropriate place to train them, and that's where we try to get to in the proposal we gave them, they've been very

resistant to the idea to this form.

Carlton: So Mr. McKenzie if I could boil this down, very quickly, your concerns are in the first

RFP that was put out, it was limiting people from participating because of the way that it

was drafted.

McKenzie: The point in the original RFP that made it hard to answer the RFP was, they were

following their standards and they were saying what they were outlining in the RFP they were calling it the curriculum, and the apprenticeship programs have their own curriculum. They don't teach somebody else's and this curriculum that they were presenting it is what they want to train, after it's gone through the Apprenticeship Council to be approved before it could be taught in the apprenticeship. They created an obstacle to apprenticeship participating and of course 152 requires it to go through the

apprenticeship.

Carlton: If I could just finish this one I think I'll have it from A to Z in this issue. With the RFP

that has been discussed since our last meeting on Monday, would it exclude anyone from participating in this program in training anyone--union, non-union, non-profit? Would

anyone be excluded in the proposal that's been discussed since Monday?

McKenzie: There was an attempt to reach out to Saturn Resources for the curriculum to be their

instructional material that was included as a reference. (Call was dropped)

McKenzie: Not excluded anyone from participating in this.

McKenzie: Okay, Madam Chair I'll stop now, thank you and the committee for allowing me. I

believe Mr. Woodbeck has a statement.

Woodbeck: We understand the fact that the use of the word curriculum, presents a problem for us.

McKenzie: As using the term outline was more appropriate first of all.

Woodbeck:

That the course outline has to be generic so that it is inclusive to all parties that would be willing to apply, so we would have to take any elements out that would reference it to any specific existing apprenticeship programs and would have to be somewhat generic so that others could apply for the different training so the components that have been supplied by Mr. McKenzie would be actually part of the training RFP in my understanding and that we could release that RFP very shortly.

Andriola:

Thank you Mr. Woodbeck. Director Mosley did you have something?

Mosley:

Yeah others include obviously the apprenticeship both union, non, NSHE as well as private education sectors, that would be applying, so when Mr. Woodbeck is speaking of generics, that is the intent of DETR to be able to provide and the intent of Sector Council to be able to provide training that all of these different entities (*Inaudible*).

(Not Identified):

Request proposal for training that is provided under that bill require the elements that are outlined in it in order to have the relationship between the community college and the existing approved apprenticeship programs.

Andriola:

May I just make a comment in terms of the generic piece, in the spirit of SB152 and the balance with the legal requirements that were historically shared with us by Mendy Elliott. The actual bill itself in terms of the training speaks specifically to that a non-profit entity may also enter into a written agreement related to job training and crew development activities with a trait association which has an accredited job skills training program, so this is an opportunity in terms of apprenticeship NSHE and the private relation comes to the intent, also aligning with the legal requirements that DOE has approved already through the Nevada Division of Housing and I think the question that Senator Carlton asked was very important because the actual recommendation by Paul to the Nevada Division of Housing is my understanding are certainly taken into consideration and balancing all of the legal requirements and still sticking with the spirit of again the legislation that was approved by, or interviewed by Senator Horsford is now in law. So I think that the ultimate body is the Nevada Division of Housing in terms specifically the recording and legal requirements that they have to adhere to in compliance and certainly we all have various information that is pertinent to having the successful but I think that if we can take into consideration that moving forward will allow this process to begin I think it's important so if we had an opportunity to include an motion that the scope that allows for the generic spirit that it's in SB152. That includes apprenticeship and the private intent as well as taking into consideration and I'd like to personally thank Paul McKenzie for taking the time to put this information together in terms of the suggestions and recommendations to Nevada Division of Housing, but if we had that we could at least allow this process to move forward so we could get people working. So I don't know if there is any further discussion, but I can certainly appreciate the complexity but at the same time we don't want, and that's what I think Senator Carlton's questions, your questions were really great because what we don't want is to have any exclusionary language and we want to allow for this to have a successful outcome for all parties involved, still with the spirit of the law, still with the requirements of the Nevada Division of Housing ultimately has to be responsible for hearing to.

Woodbeck:

I just want to point out that the original RFP on the cover page had fundamental modification including those items, including the SB152 language regarding the non-profit collaborators and from section 9, 3, 1 and 2 as stated in the bill so they really had the spirit of SB152 in there prior to the intent. And with that I would like, if you would, to entertain a motion for the support of the release of the weatherization training RFP with the Housing Division taking the weatherization training requirements, and McKenzie advisement for inclusion.

Andriola:

Okay. So we do have a motion, do we have a second?

Page:

Yes, this is Terry Page, I second the motion and I echo the comments of Mr. Woodbeck on including the remarks and/or the marks that Paul McKenzie's put in there I think that opening it up to all sectors is in the state's best interest in my opinion.

Andriola:

I just want to make sure everyone knows that we do have a motion and we have a second and I'd like to go ahead and call for discussion, thank you.

Richards:

This is Mike Richards, just a question. Are you satisfied with the non-proprietary nature of the direction of this RFP?

McKenzie:

I believe that if the RFP comes out in the format that it was before, the research for the material which we used for training with the resource material that there is an issue with getting that material accessible to everybody, because that original message applied to an agency within the state, now the there are other entities that teach the same stuff, but it isn't (Inaudible)..resources in the right recommended source of that information would probably be my guess, (Inaudible)..The attempt that Mr. Mosley, the removal to specific reference to existing apprenticeship programs that have a curriculum already in place would put me in a position where I would have to oppose the motion that exists now because that's an important portion of making this RFP work, it's utilizing the existing curriculum that's out there in the apprenticeship programs because we don't have to reinvent the training and we're going to include the apprenticeship into the training they have to be able to separate in order to reach the goal as it means these people train to and they have to keep using existing curriculums so we don't have to go to the apprenticeship council and get the curriculum because that would slow down the process.

Carlton:

Madam Chair if I could clarify something. Mr. McKenzie when I was listening to Mr. Woodbeck earlier, the proposal to make it more generic I believe would have made it more open, so that the terminology would have allowed the different programs in the state, union and non-union, higher at non-profit education components to be able to fit within that generic transcript so that you wouldn't have to jump through the hoop, do you understand it differently?

McKenzie:

Yes, the way I understand the generic thing that they are going after is that first that it doesn't have an existing curriculum would be able to apply on any curriculum in place and thereby it would slow down the process as they would have to go out and seek a rule over their curriculum in order to start the training program.

Andriola:

Alright well let's get Mr. Woodbeck his time in that way he could get things clarified.

Andriola:

If I could, I just want to make a comment, again I think Senator Carlton your drilling down to the real crust of the matter and let me just share a couple points that are factual, I understand Paul McKenzie's comments in terms of the resources and I have been in personal conversations with Saturn Resource, that curriculum is available for folks who want to purchase that, and instead of drilling down let me just go back up to a higher level, the labor commission you may recall in our last meeting, and Paul is absolutely right, I sit on the apprenticeship council, I support apprenticeship training, we too have apprenticeship program and let me just share what we don't want to have happen, and I don't see it happening my interpretation is that apprenticeship programs will be able to continue to use their curriculum as long as it meets the standards that have to be in place in through the DOE in terms of the regulatory requirements that Nevada Housing Division is certainly very familiar with in terms of the curriculum, and doctor Richard's question the curriculum certainly is in the knowledge base that the apprenticeship programs offer no one wants anyone reinventing the wheel and to have it be generic allowed for what Director Mosley spoke to in terms of apprenticeship NSHE and private intent, so you know further as we drilled down to on the apprenticeship there will be exclusionary but at the same time if we keep it generic enough apprenticeship can keep that standard in terms of the program without having to go back because to get the curriculum changed for everyone's knowledge, and this is what the Labor Commissioner had articulated, you have to go through a lengthy process of approval through the state apprenticeship council and in fairness there already is apprenticeship training that accommodates the requirements, so if it's generic enough to allow for everyone not to minimize that threshold of training, but not to make so tight and I think the recommendation that Paul gave to the Nevada Division of Housing, was as Frank put it in his motion is to allow for that consideration, so there isn't any exclusionary, unintended consequences, so I just want to make sure that everyone understands that Saturn curriculum is available, it is available to anyone, there is a process to get it, but at the same time apprenticeship process to get into the apprenticeship program and NSHE certainly has a system that welcomes and has a long standing history of developing training programs in conjunction with whatever the outcomes is, in this case weatherization, so I think we have to keep it generic and we have to content on the Nevada Division of Housing because of the compliance requirement as well, so I just don't want to forget that piece.

Carlton:

So Madam Chair I want to ask you a question, you said there was a process it's called Saturn Resources and in my earlier question that I was trying to drill down to was their cost, the accessibility, you said that there is a process to get this?

Andriola:

Yeah, to get the actual Saturn training materials is like purchasing, you know you have to purchase their curriculum.

Carlton:

Okay, but my concern is in my original set of questions, in the original RFP, I thought we were using the Housing Division template, and now hearing about Saturn Resources so I'm getting a little confused to as what we are actually talking about, so if I could ask Mr. Woodbeck to clarify in his motion what we are really referring to so that we don't have jail break we had last time and everyone really understands what they are voting on.

Davis:

Just for clarification this training curriculum course outline call it what you want as it pertains to the RFP. That is a procedure, a process that we have used in the state program for years, the one that we recently talked about, the state sub-grantees and the contractors, are there any students who want to move forward or to learn more they would have to then be given the opportunity to participate in the (Inaudible)...to performance is a certification process that I would highly recommend, in preparation for taking that test and going through that testing procedure, that's where the Saturn online curriculum comes in and it's 450 dollars, about six or seven week course. It covers a very broad spectrum of residential energy practices (Inaudible).. it's very encompassing (Inaudible).. of the training we require in the states program (Inaudible).. to each of the sub-grantees and at least to qualify to people on that BPI Certification that all of our existing sub-grantees have to take. We have a number of contractors that volunteer and that have been certified through EPR, and we have also subscribed the participants in an online curriculum, Saturn online curriculum prepares them to get a national certification through their daily performances (Inaudible)..

Richards:

Craig, could I ask you a question that follows your presentation?

Andriola:

Is this Dr. Richards? I was just wondering if you could identify yourself.

Richards:

I was wondering from a community college perspective, it's very helpful for us to keep the curriculum issues as generic as possible so that what we are teaching in the program is dropped to a standard outcome. Back in early May, when we had conversations about the curriculum, we had pretty broad agreement that we would teach curriculum to the standards and that's what I understand that was represented in the plan submitted to DOE, in other words, there was opportunity there for us to use apprenticeship curriculum as long as it met the standard and talked to the standard we could use the Housing curriculum as a default as long as it talked to the standards, but I am hearing this morning some conflicting information that Saturn products may be propriety and not generic, and it's owned by somebody in Nevada, is that correct?

Davis:

No Sir, I believe but I am not certain there is a group (*Inaudible*)..and actually agencies if you will can have your own customized training curriculum developed by Saturn in which you pay them for it and (*Inaudible*)..Be the group that has that particular proprietary in Nevada so, but I believe that may be true.

Woodbeck:

I don't remember seeing Saturn as a component of the basic weatherization outline that you have, am I correct, is this Saturn curriculum that we are speaking of an advanced certification program outside of the basic curriculum, is that right?

Davis:

We reference Saturn as one of our, is a training reference if you will, is an excellent application, and if you want to know about residential energy conservation it's there, it's nationally recommended. It's a reference material. So we want to use some guidance to the member of the non-profit collaborate would be we were trying to, we included what was in our curriculum but also used the Saturn online course, that is simply the reference.

Woodbeck:

On the question, I want to define generic in the terms that I meant in this and secondly speak to what I've seen in the draft RFP which is not a reference to Saturn at all. But the

discussions that we had Monday in the meeting were regarding the establishment of lines in the RFP that delivers very specific training areas that are required in the Housing Division to complete a weatherization program or weatherize a home, and the particular elements delivered by any number of entities, as long as they deliver to those specific elements and we had Mr. McKenzie's suggestions we took out references in our discussion of curriculum, and we took out references of number of hours, they were delivered as Dr. Richards stated that we talked about in May to a standard specific area of expertise and that was the intent of my term generic and the outline that Mr. McKenzie gave us that was comparable to the outline that the Housing Division had in the RFP talked about very specific expertise that had to be trained to by whoever applied for the RFP, so hopefully that provides clarification, and once again back to the Saturn, I want to make absolutely sure that we are speaking to the RFP and we're speaking specifics that are in the RFP and Saturn may be a reference guide that may be suggested but it's not a mandated requirement.

Mosley:

Director Mosley, Madam Chair, there are two points through my reading that first initial RRP there was no mention, and I certainly conquer with Dr. Richards, back in May we talked about openness where I asked all of the elements would be able to participate within this, also for the record I want to make it clear that I no time not being able to utilize curriculums that were existing, matter of fact we would strongly encourage people to be able to meet the outline that they are being able to utilize and that they currently have in place.

Lopez:

I just wanted to echo what Frank and Director Mosley are saying that we understood better from our conversation with Mr. McKenzie yesterday, the difficulty of some of the language we put in this original RFP, I think it was always our intent that Dr. Richards mentioned to standard as long as the course topical areas were covered, that you could use methods and those methods may vary depending upon what program it was that was doing the teaching, but we are not against that, we are not resisting to that, and we are taking that into consideration so that we can make appropriate word changes and relieve that concern, so I wanted to put that on the record and I can see in the RFP under training applications it does say the public applications are to be used and it does mention the guide resources and that is also an area of great concern because of the verbiage being used that we are open into considering changing that verbiage so that it's more of a resource side type of thing that can be used at the program, we just need that feedback and then we can move forward.

Andriola:

Okay. Well I certainly didn't expect it to be drilled down to Saturn being a topic that I think that everyone I hope can agree that Dr. Richard's point was right on target in terms that teaching to the standard and I don't think, at least from what I heard anyone is trying to veer from that and you Frank confirmed that in your motion you are in fact new defined generic not veering from teaching in the standards but in terms of how that done can have very different generic opportunities from various different qualified sources.

Andriola:

So we have a motion, we have a second, we had discussion, we've now called through the question, I'd like to go ahead and ask that we vote because we are on the phone it might be easier for us to just vote because it's how we have to do this anyway, so Senator Carlton may I ask for your vote please?

Carlton:

I'd like to make sure that any legal counsel in the room is clear of what's going on in case I have to go back to them later and ask for verification so I'd like to ask our Attorney General representative if he's clear on the motion and the second and the discussion that we had so that if we have to ask for witness verification of the openness and accessibility that he's able to provide that.

Whitney:

Yes.

Carlton:

So I've got affirmative on that, it's just that technicality you all have to check in the room with the lawyer before you take the next step.

Andriola:

I have a lot to learn from you Senator Carlton. Thank you.

Carlton:

I still have some concerns; a lot of them have been alleviated with this openness issue and accessibility issue, I believe I'm going to go ahead and support it now, because I think we got a lot on the record, but I'd like to withhold my light to be able to change my vote just in case something comes up, but I'm going to go ahead and support it for now.

Andriola:

Okay Senator. Assemblyman Ohrenschall?

Ohrenschall:

Madam Chair I also have some concerns about whether it's proprietary or not in terms of the curriculum and the openness so I think along with Senator Carlton, although affirmative, serving my right to change.

Andriola:

Mr. Woodbeck made the motion, so I'm assuming you're sticking with the yes vote?

Woodbeck:

Yes.

Andriola:

Dr. Richards?

Richard:

I'm going to ditto Senator Carlton.

Andriola:

Okay, Mr. Page made the second I'm confirming then that Mr. Page you are voting yes.

Page:

Yes.

Andriola:

O.K. Mr. McKenzie your vote?

McKenzie:

I still have some deep concerns about where the RFP may end up, but I think that if Housing is willing to work with this and move forward and with what the Recovery Act and what 152 have to say about this training and career path and doesn't end up at a dead end job were a guy spends the rest of his life moping around in a mobile home without ventilation, then if that's what the RFP comes out then yes, but without seeing the RFP I have a hard time being able to support it. I want to keep the right to change my mind when the RFP comes out if it doesn't reach the goal of SB152 and Recovery Act.

Andriola:

So is that a yes vote?

McKenzie: I ditto Senator Carlton.

Andriola: Well now that was interesting, so ditto is the new yes. So I'm going to go ahead and

support it as well, I believe that we have a unanimous ditto and the motion has carried, did I miss anyone, is there anyone opposed to it, I think I went down the line for all of the

council members and I show a unanimous yes vote so the motion carries thank you.

Page: This is Terry Page I would like to make a request to the extent that there is a continuing

dialog in the significant staff support for the council from the Division of Housing and DETR, I encourage that dialog, it's very helpful to get to the bottom of it to make sure

that housing and DETR are shaking hands on where this is going.

Andriola: Okay. So thank you guys, item four has been completed, is there any last comments on

item four before we move onto item five?

Carlton: I just wanted to thank everybody that has worked on this, I know this kind of got handed

to the housing division and I understand where the state is as far as staff. And I want to specially thank DETR for stepping up and helping, I mean this is workforce and unemployment this is an issue in Nevada right now the unemployment rate is not going to go down in the near future, we're all afraid of that, and I want to thank them for taking the time to be involved in this because I know that they have many other pressing issues

on their face right now and I want to put this on the record.

Andriola: I guess I want to go ahead and do the ditto on Senator Carlton's comments and I can tell

you that are many people on this call that have participated in lengthy discussions and trying to do everything they can to keep all Nevadans working and get everybody back to work, so I too would like to echo senator Carlton's comments and actually give recognition to Director Mosley in terms of putting this council together so that we can not only tackle this particular topic but also looking into putting Nevada and position it in terms of creating jobs and creating training opportunities and making Nevada competitive for degree marketplace that we know is here to grow, so we appreciate everyone

including the Housing Division for all of their support as well.

Mosley: Thank you Madam Chair Director Mosley here, I'd just like to make note that the

objective of DETR through as provided from the latest legislation that really described state sector additions, and Senator Horsford and Senator Carlton and other were very

clear with the council that has made the appropriate decision that includes curriculum, that includes how we are going to go after funding and more importantly it includes breaking down the silos within the state and also breaking down the silos between education institutions so that we can form the types of curriculums together and I will

assure you that what comes out of DETR form point on will be coming out from you, you're the ones that we're asking to come together and write down the silos and agree on what we can work on, there's a lot of money out there, and if we look at this money from a collaborate perspective, we will be able to win, it will be a win-win, and I will assure

you that DETR will continue to work very closely with DNI and other state agencies, we're very fortunate to have the Deputy of the Workforce Solutions Unit for DETR,

Mendy Elliot that is with us that will be leading the charge with workforce renewables

and also so this council has a working body to work with, so sorry for the long, thank you but I really wanted to make that clear.

Item V. - *Discussion/Possible Action - Green and Renewable Energy Jobs Sector Council Calendar of Meetings

Andriola:

Thank you, any other comments? O.K. Hearing that we are going to go ahead and move to agenda item number five which is discussion about setting a calendar of meetings that we spoke to in the last meeting of having kind of a set date that would reoccur and we'll probably meet on a monthly basis and the course being subject to having a meeting if it's wanted based on whatever the need is at the time in terms of having a regular scheduled calendar meeting, I don't know if, Tami you have a suggestion based on all the meeting that you are juggling, and we all are, but if you had even a recommendation, I think you talked about setting it to be reoccurring, is there anything that you would like to recommend that we should consider?

Nash:

Madam Chair I was actually going to go ahead and set a calendar date for this meeting but we have so many additional and new members I just wanted to find out what day they may prefer, just so that I can try to accommodate a day for the meetings.

Andriola:

Well let me throw out something. I was thinking about a lot of times meetings aren't scheduled on a Friday for obvious reasons and I certainly don't want to impede anyone form their Friday, but I am wondering if a Friday morning in terms of that day of the week and a time would be good, maybe in fact if it's something we agree on we could figure out, would it be the second Friday of every month. And again I appreciate that Fridays are not always a good day but it was just a thought because that usually is a day that is kept clear so any comments on that?

Page:

Yes Madam this is Terry Page, I would encourage that at least quarterly you schedule a meeting in the evenings for those folks that work during the day could participate in the public comment section I think that would be valuable to the council.

Andriola:

Okay.

Carlton:

This is Senator Carlton, I would agree that the evening meetings are excellent I think they should be alternated because the last thing we want to ask is for somebody to take a day off of work to have to do more work into his day, but as far as Fridays go, what I have noticed with the legislative council is, in a lot of times Mondays and Fridays will be chosen and if there is travel time involved so Friday may work for a while but once all of the members of the committee get going it's really hard to tell specially if we have to travel back and forth, so we need to be flexible after some of those committees have been gotten their schedule set.

Andriola:

I see so maybe after they have been established maybe we can look at it. And I am sure.

Carlton:

Well I don't think we'll have a conflict until probably October so.

Andriola: Well is it something that may be palpable maybe for somebody to look at a Friday

morning like say 9 am.

(Not Identified): That sounds fine.

Andriola: Okay so is that going to work for the others on the call.

(Not Identified): Yeah Fridays are good for me.

Andriola: Okay, so if we do Fridays at 9 a.m., let's see, anybody want to, first Friday of the month?

Second Friday of the month? Should we just make it a decision, what do we want to do

here?

Nash: Do you want to leave it to my desk and I'll send everybody a calendar with the date?

Andriola: So yeah maybe if we pick the second Friday of every month at 9 a.m., and then when the

committees schedule gets going we can obviously look at that and then in a quarterly basis or alternating basis is what I heard, we can have evening meetings isn't that what I

just heard too?

Nash: I will schedule one quarterly evening meeting.

Carlton: Madam Chair since we have met twice in the same week and we are now at the end of

July, and we are talking about meeting again in two weeks and I don't know if that would really be productive or not so if you would keep that in mind as far as the workload goes.

Maybe we can push next month's meeting out a week.

Andriola: Yeah I understand and I think that is a good point maybe Tami you can send it out to you

so we can look at it and then working with the direction of DETR staff in terms of what they may know what's coming up that we may have to take into consideration so we'll just look for the second Friday at 9 a.m. and then Tami can send out the notice whether we will be meeting in two weeks based on something that, I mean necessity, or go to the

following month, if that's ok with everyone?

Item VI. - Public Comments

Andriola: Okay. So hearing that item five has been taken care of and also reminding everyone that

Greg will be joining his appointment letter is out or going out so we will have another member, so now we'll move to item number six which is the public comment and I just would like to remind everyone that under the public comment if you can please identify yourselves and that there is a limit max of five minutes per person, so if there is anyone

on the line under public comment that would like to step up to the podium.

Ohrenschall: Madam Chair James Ohrenschall here I know that a Burnadette Riviera from Labor

AGC, she's a curriculum education manager I believe she's on the line and would like to

comment.

Andriola: Okay. if we can let's go ahead and have one person at a time, it sounds like it's

Burnadette, are you on the line?

Riviera: I am, good morning.

Riviera:

Andriola: Hi would you identify yourself for the record and then you know welcome?

Thank you Madam Chair, for the record I am Bernadette Riviera with Labor's AGC Education and Training Fund, and I would like to say thank you for the opportunity to speak to the council on this issue, we would like to maybe just let you know who we are, the labor's AGC, is a non-profit education and training trust fund, it's partnership between the Labor International Union of North America and the Associated General Contractors, we stand a leading provider of industry training products and services for over 20 years and we're the only organization of our kind in the nation to be third party accredited, I would like to speak to some of the concerns that were talked about earlier and echo the position of Mr. McKenzie and Dr. Richards in terms of the RFP and how it's going to be divided and written, we certainly believe in quality training and we definitely would prefer a standard based approach, our concern is that the language does not become confusing and the point of where we are talking about curriculum to be utilized but instead to look to a set of (Inaudible)..the apartment of energy has a set of (Inaudible)..that they had established for training and weatherization workers at three different levels and solar technicians and supervisors and energy auditor, the Labor's International Union has a full created curriculum that is standard based and it's been developed by educators as well as by experts, it not only meets but it exceeds the (Inaudible)..that includes pre-requisites to get people to a point where they can successfully complete the training skills necessary as well as the pathway for career growth so our position is that instead of requiring any type of curriculum that the council considers the language of the proposal carefully, we commend you for your cautious vote and for reserving the right to modify that motion based on what comes out from the Department of Housing, we are more than happy to share our information with you if you have any questions of the quality of the curriculum that was passed, it also meets and exceeds BPI building performances and standard in terms of training (Inaudible)..and building analysts and it's something that we certainly believe in, having standards for training and being able to utilize the curriculum that meets that standard, thank you.

Andriola: Thank you. Is there another person that would like to make a comment under the public

comment section?

Clark: My name is Ron Clark and I'm the Northern Director for the Nevada (*Inaudible*).. Alliance and the reason that I'm in this chair is because I didn't have experience with

BPI, I was probably one of the first certified in the BPI and I worked in New York under the weatherization programs, I was looking at not only weatherization (*Inaudible*)...program and DOE standards and also (*Inaudible*)...as well and not creating a dead end. BPI has become in national standards as part of the personal component of energy star program in the nation which is now a DOE program as well in 23 states so that is the trend in the private factor and I want to have education Saturn resources (*Inaudible*)...I can name probably for or five other companies that teaches that curriculum,

or the end product is really BPI certification as well as resume certification which is

Page 16 of 21 Governor's Workforce Investment Board Green and Renewable Energy Sector Jobs Council July 31, 2009 (*Inaudible*)..umbrella for more energy performance, energy training which is allowing the recipients of those ratings to be more energy efficient (*Inaudible*)..so I would like to say more raise so that the matter is in the national standard BPI so what I would like to see I is a weatherization (*Inaudible*)..

Andriola:

Thank you Mr. Clark, anyone else would like to go ahead and address?

Dickson:

Hi Madam Chairwoman, my name is Andrea Dickson, I'm a consultant for the AFL-CIO, I just have one note and I don't want to be a dead horse but I do want people to take into consideration the fact that this first round of money is going to go to a group of people who are trained into a program that may or may not be the same program that is outlined in the RFP and so you will have two different types of individuals who are trained as we noticed in the very beginning of the discussions about this RFP there wasn't a standard that was set and we seem to be moving towards the consensus that that's a necessary evil yet there is this group of people and 5 non-profit organizations who have trained ready to work people according to the historical report and we don't know what standard those individuals have met, I think the work, the opportunity for both housing and these other organizations just have them resubmit their curriculum through the RFP process just for review just to make sure that it meets the standards prior to actually giving them the money in order for those people to go to work. I think that it's important that we recognize that there should be one standard in the state or in the nation for this type of work and that we are getting that here and we're not putting money behind a substandard process for the sake of time so I just wanted to make that one comment to the housing division and the others of you who are in the position into thinking about exactly what it is that we are doing long term with weatherization, thanks.

Andriola:

Thank you Miss Dickson. Anyone else under the public comment?

Mark:

My name is Mark?, I am the Training Director for labor's local (*Inaudible*)..Nevada Training Trust, and I am pretty excited about this opportunity to train individuals in weatherization, our apprentice program which I am sure you are familiar with today and our staff as well, we have been successful with bringing in hundreds of individuals and providing them a clear path and make them successful and prosperous and contributing them to society, we are looking forward to providing this opportunity to many people here in southern Nevada, we used a curriculum that has been talked about and has been very professional, I have looked it over and it's excellent, as well as all the curriculums that we get from them and I'd like to put a little (*Inaudible*)..because their curriculum is accredited which is not the only curriculum that is taught in apprenticeship that is accredited like a third party of their own jurisdiction so it's very impressive and they're looking forward to offering people this opportunity, thank you.

Andriola:

Thank you Mark. Anyone else under public comment?

Brett:

Madam Chair my name is Monica Brett with the staff of Energy Efficient Project and taking this on the bigger scale I am concerned about long term market transformation and jobs for Nevada and would like to offer that our national organization the American Council for Energy Efficient Economy has released a job calculator, how many jobs can be created with an Energy efficiency and weatherization and energy conservation and it

might be of use for this council to see such a report as well as we did a study in Colorado of how many jobs can be created and that might give us a guiding point to make sure that people are not in a dead-end job that this goes somewhere and if the council would like this report I could send it, thank you.

Andriola: Monica? Miss Brett? Are you there with anyone from DETR.

Brett: Yes.

Andriola: Are you just on the phone?

Brett: No I'm in person at the DETR office.

Andriola: Okay. I would certainly pass that information that sounds very informative thank you.

Brett: Thank you.

Andriola: Any other public comments?

Tanchek: Good Morning Madam Chairman this is Michael Tanchek in Carson City, kind of weird

with both halves at the moment, Apprenticeship Director and Labor Commissioner, we'll be conducting a survey of the different apprenticeship programs to find out which programs are currently offering a specific training and the different items provided, identified by the housing division and it's part of the weatherization process, so I will give you that information. (Inaudible)..Are going to be providing free training on Wednesday and Thursday of August 19th and 20th it's about a day and a half to two day training, on error compliance issues that would be very convenient, and as you know we're going (Inaudible)..a lot of recent information under the Recovery and Reinvestment Act and so this will be in an opportunity to get a sense of the complaint

issues and to get training how to deal with that, thank you.

Andriola: Thank you Mr. Tanchek. Tami would you be so kind, there is a notice based on the

information that Mr. Tanchk just shared with the group and everyone on the call, but it is a wonderful opportunity for anyone who is on the sector council to participate, you do have to register, Tami I can get you that notice or Mr. Tanchek can get you that notice,

and it would be appreciated if you could send it to all the council members.

Nash: Absolutely.

Andriola: And Mr. Tanchek or Brian, I'm sorry I didn't catch your last name, for the public, how

can they find out information about this, what site or something that they can go to, so that they can find out the dates, the dates are August 19th and 20th, but the time and

location and the RSVP information?

Tanchek: Well again I'm going to thank you for this opportunity to be able to observe and be here,

you can find the information through this website it will be www.dol.gov, we also have

some very specific information, I can't remember the address (*Inaudible*)...

Andriola: Thank you, any other public comments? Is anybody walking up to a microphone?

McKenzie: Madam Chairman this is Paul McKenzie. I just wanted to make a clarification as far as the motion really fast, as far as the opening portion as Mendy explained the history lesson on the ten million dollars that is supposed go on the intern finance I think that there is plenty of difference in opinion on the effectiveness of 152 on that money, I mean that's not my place to make that decision but I want to make sure that it's not represented, that

the motion we made has worked.

Andriola: The meeting on Monday I don't think that there, you know I, Mendy I'll let you answer the question on Interim Finance and then the history that you gave and I'm not sure exactly what your questions is Paul but certainly there is an opportunity to get the

clarification you need, I don't know if Mendy you'd want to take that?

Elliott: I think that my perspective, and I'm not an attorney and one of my questions to Housing this morning was have we gone to (*Inaudible*)..office and do we have an opinion from

them, there is not a written opinion yet, however what has happened is the proposal was created prior to FB152 passage and was approved by DOE so based on the timelines we can let LTP, (*Inaudible*)...we're going to let the chief's office review that I based my report on the historical perspective based on the timeline on when the approvals were made and the FB 152, was created as a grant and FB152 was not (*Inaudible*)...so that's the second charge of funding, which is going out in November will be based on FB 152 as well as the Department of Energy's guidelines as well, there is no doubt in my mind that the second charge of funding will be the FB152 guidelines, but backwards on a slant that already get approved by the Department of Energy on a wall that was put up to defend

social plans to approval, I'm not confirming, I can't make an opinion on that, my opinion

is based on the timelines in specific.

Mosley: Madam Director Mosley here, making an opinion on that would be out of the lamb of

authorization of DETR, again I think that its something that should go to the legislature to make that opinion, the only thing that I direct the staff to do is provide this body with history what had occurred prior to along with that, again as I stated earlier, DETR has been on a strategic alliance sector cap well over a year and a half, working with senator Horsdford along with a few other people looking at how do we look at our work place from a sector initiative, we are partnering in, but obviously we are not the drivers and we're not involved in that grant going forth, we are going to be involved in

anything that has to do with how we administer the training funds.

Andriola: Thank you Director Mosley.

Carlton: I apologize Madam Chair, this is Senator Carlton, the request that I would like to make is

that I know the meeting is on Monday and this is a very short turnaround request but I think that having something in writing on what the motion actually was and the intent of this committee and a bullet point summary of the things that we find important would be very beneficial to have ready so that we can have the finance committee on Monday, give everyone a level of comfort that we are all playing nicely in the sandbox with each other

now. Sorry guys that means you have to work on that.

Andriola: Director Mosley, did you have a comment?

Mosley: Madam Chair I was just seeing if Tami was there and heard Senator Carlton's motion that

she'll get a person that will have to do some work during the weekend.

Andriola: Did you hear that Tami? Carlton's request?

Nash: Can she repeat it so that I can have it totally clear?

Carlton: What I would like to have available Tami is when Mr. Woodbeck made the motion if we

can take the tape records, if we could just run the tape until where the motion was, and some of the discussion, and have the motion printed out and then in bullet point form have the concerns that Mr. Richards, Mr. Mosley's, Mr. Mckenzie's, myself and others about the openness and the accessibility, the cost, some of those things have a two page documents ready for Interim Finance so that when the discussion comes up we've got something in writing for them instead of addressing, they're going to have the same

questions that I had, so we can be prepared for them that way.

Nash: Definitely.

Carlton: Thank you very much.

Andriola: Any other public comment at this point?

Octavia: Yes Rue Octavia with Southern Nevada Labor, training director, when do you anticipate

coming out with the next RFP?

Andriola: I don't think that we're going to be dictating that and I certainly know that the Nevada

Division of Housing posts that information on their website so that's the information that

we can share at this point.

Carlton: Is there a timeline that might be available, are we talking a week, are we talking ten days,

just out of curiosity for time frames sake.

Mosley: Madam Chair to the B&I staff, that's a question that would go to you, what would be

your timelines?

Elliott: Madam Chairman this is Mendy Elliot for the record, I had a discussion with the Housing

Division this morning and their intention to have the RFP release in less than two weeks.

Andriola: Okay.

Carlton: Training. (*Inaudible*)..

(**Not Identified**): Correct and just to give clarification on that motion is one of the longest motions that

I have ever heard. Is the RFP going to reflect a generic or broad scope of what you are asking for and then divide standards that we can produce meet that would be

sufficient enough.

Andriola: At a high level, yeah.

Elliott: I'm going to turn the mike over to Housing Division; we had a discussion on that this

morning.

Lopez: This is Hilary Lopez with the Housing Division. I think that the RFP that reflects what

we talked about in terms of topic area and then (*Inaudible*)..to provide within their response how well met are some topic areas and I think that ultimately the evaluation can be that evaluate or be able to determine which ones they think that meets the needs for

the state.

Carlton: And Madam Chair just because you're on the phone I wanted to just put on the record

that there were a number of heads nodding yes including (Inaudible)..so because you aren't in the room and because you can't hear the heads rattling just wanted to let you

know.

Item VII. - Adjournment

Andriola: Thank you for the visual. I appreciate it very much. Okay. Any other public

comments? Alright hearing that I would like to go ahead and entertain a motion for

adjournment under item seven?

Carlton: Moved.

(Not Identified): Second.

Andriola: Got a motion and a second, I believe all in favor say aye.

Board: Aye.

Andriola: And we're calling it a meeting. Thank you everyone for all of your hard work and

participation and making Nevada a better place, the meeting is adjourned.