

Workforce Development Board Meeting

Thursday – February 3, 2022

Virtually via Zoom

11:00 a.m. **Welcome/Call to Order**

Peter Hancock, **PEG**

11:05 a.m. **WDB Member Announcements (VIA Mentimeter)** Peter Hancock, **PEG**

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- Bill Gilmore- Spawned from the last virtual board meeting, we had a very fruitful meeting with Lockheed Martin.
- Sergio Cordova- Our members and contractors have been working hard to get the Western States College of Construction up and running and have accreditation with the American Council for Construction Education (ACCE). (<https://www.westernstatescollege.org/>)
- Christine Shapard- Denver South was directly involved in recruiting Jeff Bezos' Blue Origin. They will be hiring up to 500 people.
 - Shape Your Future and the Future of Space - Blue Origin would like to invite you to join us for an Open House event on February 17th in Denver, Colorado! You'll have the opportunity to connect with leaders who share your passion for space, all while exploring how your future aligns with Blue Origin. Slated to open in the first half of the year, our Denver office will support functions across Blue with a focus on program management, systems engineering, avionics, software, integration, and mission design in support of our launch vehicle and space systems programs. Come learn more about our fully-funded programs and the opportunities available to you while enjoying tasty cocktails and appetizers. The Details: February 17th, 4:30 – 7:00 pm, Rock Bottom Brewery, 1505 Park Central Drive, Highlands Ranch, CO, <https://www.blueorigin.com/CareersDenver>. Job openings-<https://blueorigin.wd5.myworkdayjobs.com/BlueOrigin?locations=6e56fa59d13d01c923c575730602f854>.

11:15 a.m. **Presentation: Workforce Issues & Opportunities in Healthcare Employer Perspective**

Patrick Holwell, **A/D Works!**
Suzanne Kelley, **HealthONE**

- From a policy standpoint, with the Colorado Healthy Families & Workplaces Act (HWFA), we were able to be very supportive of handling childcare and schooling.
- For people who have moved away from Colorado, we can look at ways to attract them back to the state.

12:00 p.m. **County Updates**

Arapahoe - Commissioner Warren-Gully

- Last year in the November election, we were able to pass our open space tax in perpetuity. We are continuing conversations on how to spend our ARPA funding.
- We are working on long-term solutions for those experiencing or on the verge of experiencing homelessness.



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- We served about 20,000 more people in human services, helped more than 1200 businesses with funding assistance, and helped over 11,000 jobseekers find employment. We have expanded our diversity and inclusion program.
- We are in the process of starting an individual health department; we have hired a consulting group. We are also starting a new judicial district.
- Our communities will be receiving funding from the opioid settlement.

Douglas - Commissioner Laydon

- Along with Colorado State Representative Kevin Van Winkle, we are looking at how to collocate childcare centers in senior centers.
- Attended first wildfire summit and we're thinking about aerial support, downed power lines, controlled burns.
- We are focusing on homelessness from a 4C perspective: compassion, code enforcement, community service, and communication.
- We are continuing conversations on how to spend our ARPA funding and focusing on our future water initiatives.
- We conducted our 36th live townhall; it was for people in healthcare and A/D Works! did an amazing job.

12:20 p.m. **Director's Report**

Kelly Folks, [A/D Works!](#)

Action Items:

- WIOA Title I Youth Incentive Payments

Informational Items:

- A Comprehensive Approach to Business Services

- Dr. Mordecai Brownlee moved to approve the WIOA Title I Youth Incentives Payment Policy. Vice Chair Lynn Myers seconded. The board voted and the motion was approved.

1:00 p.m. **Meeting Adjournment**

Peter Hancock, [PEG](#)

Next WDB Meeting: April 7, 2022 • 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
Arapahoe Board Room 6954 S. Lima Street, Centennial, CO 80112

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