

## Workforce Development Board Meeting

Thursday – June 3, 2021

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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- Peter Hancock- We have 7 new board members: Eric Dunker, Janel Highfill, Kirk Jordan, Shelbi Davis, Tina Castro, Sergio Cordova, and Tanya Jones.
- Heidi McDonald- the new Veteran Rapid Retraining Assistance Program (VRRAP) through the VA offers education and training for high-demand jobs to Veterans who are unemployed because of the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Bill Downing- HB21-1264 will be getting amended; it concerns the allocation of state money for workforce development activities to increase the skills of Colorado workers. ARPA will bring another \$35mil into the system. The apprenticeship bill is in the final stages as well.
- Stephanie Mufic- I'd like to recognize Katie Anthony as a new CSU graduate; she's our new apprentice with the Aurora Chamber.
- Eric Dunker- Dr. Stephanie J. Fujii was named the new president of ACC; she will assume the presidency on July 12, 2021. Dr. Fujii comes from Scottsdale Community College within the Maricopa (Arizona) Community College District. ACC is receiving a \$250k DOL grant to help co-create more teach apprenticeships within the industry. We are a sub-grantee on the Energy Sector Pathways bill and we will be creating a new renewable energy pathway. We received \$8.5 mil from the State to build a new health building.
- Janel Highfill- Dr. Mordecai Brownlee was selected as the next president of CCA. Dr. Brownlee comes from St. Philip's College in Texas; he will assume the presidency on July 15, 2021. CCA was approved for \$6.2mil from the State for capital funds for a new building on the CentreTech campus; it's tentatively called the Center for Engineering and Applied Technology and we would need to raise about the same amount of money. CCA is joining a consortium of colleges involved in a cyber-security apprenticeship program. We are also a sub-grantee on the Energy Sector Pathways bill and will be creating a solar pathway.
- Lacey Golonka- Xcel Energy has our electric vehicle vision here: [https://www.xcelenergy.com/company/media\\_room/news\\_releases/xcel\\_energy%E2%80%99s\\_new\\_electric\\_vehicle\\_vision\\_to\\_save\\_customers\\_billions\\_while\\_delivering\\_cleaner\\_air](https://www.xcelenergy.com/company/media_room/news_releases/xcel_energy%E2%80%99s_new_electric_vehicle_vision_to_save_customers_billions_while_delivering_cleaner_air).
- Shelbi Davis- we are doing a ton of hiring at Charles Schwab, <https://www.aboutschwab.com/careers>.
- Jennifer Jasinowski- I have been in communication with several state agencies, including CDOT and others at the Office of Energy. I anticipate several plans (statewide, regional, and in specific communities) to roll out this summer and early fall regarding the various aspects of transportation-related occupations and developing or expanding pathways.
- Cheryl Ternes- We are working on innovative ways to help our youth get connected with not only mental health professionals but others in the community. Youth need to have healthy relationships and places in which to connect with others and join activities and social groups.
- Sergio Cordova- Denver Pipefitters Local 208 would be honored to host a future board meeting at our location.

11:15 a.m. **Presentation: Economic Update**

Patrick Holwell & Stephanie Mufic, **ADW!**

11:30 a.m. **County Updates**

Arapahoe-Commissioner Warren-Gully

We've been learning really great ways of how to improve our service. As a County we are moving away from talking about COVID restrictions and moving into a how we can use ARPA funds. Kudos to Stephanie for working on the grants. The County Fair is on this year; it'll be Thursday, July 22, 2021 – Sunday, July 25, 2021. We're doing a series of trail runs in our open space across the county; the next one is June 12, 2021 at the 17-Mile House. More information can be found at <https://www.arapahoecountyfair.com/p/events/5ktrailseries>.

Douglas-Commissioner Laydon

Douglas County is focusing on Economic Recovery and Mental Health Recovery; we are pairing a member of law enforcement with a mental health clinician to respond in the community.

11:45 a.m. **Director's Report**

Kelly Folks, **A/D Works!**

Informational Item: Workforce Development Board Strategic Plan  
Informational Item: Workforce Development Board Bylaws and Operating Procedures  
Informational Item: Arapahoe/Douglas Works! Local Plan  
Informational Item: Grievance Complaint Procedures  
Informational Item: ADA Title II Requirements

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

Peter Hancock, **PEG**

**Next WDB Meeting: August 5, 2021 • 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.**  
**Arapahoe Board Room 6954 S. Lima Street, Centennial, CO 80112**

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