

## Workforce Development Board Meeting

**Thursday – August 4, 2022**

**In-Person Meeting: Community College of Aurora, Rotunda Room, 16000 E. Centretch Pkwy., Aurora, CO 80011**

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

Peter Hancock, **PEG**

11:05 a.m. **WDB Member Announcements**

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- Bill Gillmore- excited about upcoming industry/education partnerships.
- Shelbi Davis- we are graduating our first class of interns and plan to hire 70% of them.
- Kelsi Little- excited about the Bank of the West acquisition.
- James Newby- CDLE applied for the QUEST: Disaster Recovery National Dislocated Worker Grant. If awarded, we hope to serve 575 Coloradans with the funding.
- Thomas Hartman- excited about all of the industry partnerships we have in agriculture, construction, aerospace, etc.
- Tina Castro- excited for the expansion of DEN.
- Mame Fuhrman- we have been helping the counties build up their health departments and helping our current employees find new employment.
- Jennifer Jasinowski- APS is launching P-TECHs in construction and healthcare through CCA. P-TECH is an innovative partnership between a school district, a community college(s), and one or more local high growth industry employer(s).
  - We received a \$250,000 innovation grant to expand the healthcare pathway.
- Don Kesinger- excited about upcoming groundbreaking ceremonies.
- CCA is breaking ground on a brand new STEM building in September. CCA attained Achieving the Dream school notarization. Achieving the Dream is a national reform network whose mission is to promote student success in community colleges, with a focus on low-income students and students of color. The main goal is to promote degree and credential completion.
- Deborah Kerrigan- all of our manufacturers are in desperate need of workers.
- Tracy Rushing- the disability program navigator pilot project has already exceeded their outcomes and it will be rolled out statewide. I was elected to the PERA Board.
- Jonathan Woodward- excited about emerging partnerships.
- Yuriy Gorlov- excited about getting the 8 new companies we have worked with this year up and running.
- Kathy Smith- looking forward to wrapping up ARPA funding.
- Dr. Julie Stewart- in a new role with CCA, creating pipelines.
- Kim Wisneski- excited about developing partnerships to help get students to work.
- Carrie Warren-Gully- it has been exciting reading about all of the amazing awards ADW! has been receiving.
- Sasha Easton- we have more funding coming into A/D Works! than ever before and I am excited to continue to develop opportunities to serve our customers.

- Peter Hancock- excited to be collaborating with other workforce development boards. Professional Employment Group is 8(a) certification pending. Receiving certification under the SBA 8(a) Program gives companies a great opportunity to continue to develop their business, as well as, strengthen their teaming relationships.
  - We need assistance finding meeting locations with at least 50-person minimum capacity for the Arapahoe/Douglas Workforce Development Board.
- Dr. Stephanie Fuji- excited about the opportunities that exist for us. We will be breaking ground on our Healthcare Annex building.
- Kim Tranter- we received a trade association grant from CWDC and had 4 training classes in July. We will be expanding in the Front Range and along the I-70 corridor.
  - Denver Rescue mission has 2 classes for those who are experiencing homelessness.
- Stephanie Mufic- the aerospace sector partnership has been very active. We have representation from small, medium, and large-scale employers.
  - The Business Boost Program is designed to enhance the operations and scalability of small/micro-businesses to thrive in a digital world. Eight 45-minute session recordings will be released in September.
  - We recently worked with the American Institute for Research (AIR) to become an intermediary for five Registered Apprenticeships in technology. As an intermediary, we would be able to support recruiting efforts, subsidize training costs for eligible new hires, work with the Department of Labor and submit any required paperwork. We are hoping this will entice employers to build more apprenticeships.

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

Industry Partnership

**Aurora Economic Development Council**

- We have seen a few companies downsize their space, but not a lot of our primary companies are shutting down completely. We speak with site selectors and brokers for companies interested in relocating to Colorado; we market through word of mouth.

12:00 p.m. **Lunch Break** (food provided for working lunch)

12:10 p.m. **County Updates**

Arapahoe - Commissioner Warren-Gully

- Arapahoe County Fair was last week; more than 27,000 people were reported to have attended. It was the second largest attendance on record. We now have a new signature beer from Launch Pad Brewery called "Windmill Wheat."
- We have restarted a committee to help those experiencing homelessness.
- A lot of our ARPA funding went towards helping vulnerable populations.
- We will start receiving money from the [Opioid settlement](#) soon.
- We now have a Board of Health for the Arapahoe County Health Department.
- We have been conducting a lot of space studies and that information will be presented to our team next month.
- We have signed an MOU with the Northern Arapahoe Tribe and we'll be working with them on the Sand Creek Massacre run.
- We have a partnership with Xcel Energy; they are following our fossil fuel vehicles for 6 months and then will follow our new electric vehicles.



Douglas - CJ Gates

- The first ARPA allocation was approved for over \$3 million.
- We are creating a Douglas County Economic Development Collaborative to be a united front for businesses looking to move to Douglas County.

12:30 p.m. **Director's Report**

Sasha Easton, **A/D Works!**

- Congratulations to Andrew Bercich on being reelected to NAWB.
- The Future of Work: Talent Pipelines Reimagined event, recently hosted by the Colorado Business Roundtable, was recorded and can be viewed at [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oKZ1Mz\\_IYrM](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oKZ1Mz_IYrM). Additional information can be found at <https://www.cobrt.com/events/>. Congratulations to Dr. Mordecai Brownlee for being selected as a panelist at the event!

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

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**Next WDB Meeting: October 6, 2022 • 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.**  
Location to be determined.

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