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Governor

Jaime Link
Education and Labor Cabinet Secretary

Employment First Full Council Special Meeting **Minutes**

May 31st, 2023
12:00pm – 12:30pm
Zoom
Meeting ID: 895 6539 1394

Members Present: Chair, Katie Wolf Whaley, Frank Huffman, Lori Norton, Jeff White, Staci Cain, Todd Coffey, Diana Merzweiler, Tal Curry, Amanda Owen, Jeff Edwards, Merry Reid Sheffer, Rebecca Wilson, Zach Morgan, David Allgood, Dawn Gardner, Morgan Turner, Larry Taylor, Jessica Beaven. Cora McNabb and Gretta Hylton were not present for roll call but attended later in the meeting.

Members Absent: Annette Jett, Dina Klimkina, Amanda Friend, Leslie Hoffman, designee for Michael Rimer, Ramone Blair.

Staff Present: Kentucky Office of Vocational Rehabilitation (KYOVR) Administrator, Nanci Howard, KYOVR Administrative Specialist, Pepper Caudill.

Staff Absent: KYOVR Assistant Director, Jonathan White, KYOVR Manager, Veronica Dale, KYOVR Assistant Director, Kristen Beach, KYOVR Manager, Deana Wilson-Kimble, KYOVR Manager, Michelle Cobb, KYOVR Manager, Ron O'Hair, KYOVR Staff Assistant, Betty Whittaker, KYOVR Manager, Veronica Dale, KYOVR Division Director, Holly Hendricks

Guest(s) Present: Johnny Callebs attended on behalf of Patricia Seybold however he was not present for roll call and attended later in the meeting.

Welcome, Introductions and Agenda Review:

Chair, Katie Wolf Whaley welcomed all attendees to the meeting and called for a motion for the meeting to be brought to order. **Member, Larry Taylor made the motion to call the meeting to order. A second was provided by member, Jessica Beaven. A vote was taken, and the motion passed unanimously.** A roll call was taken to determine a quorum and it was established. . Katie explained the purpose of the meeting is to nominate and vote to fill two open positions within the council for Vice Chair and Legislative Liaison. Before moving on, she called for any questions and member, Jeff Edwards inquired which council members formerly held the roles. Katie explained that Frank Huffman had been the Vice-Chair and Annette Jett had been the Legislative Liaison. She further explained that both members were still council members, however, they no longer wished to server under the roles as Vice-Chair and Legislative Liaison.

Voting for Vacant Positions:

Chair, Katie Wolf Whaley began by presenting the open Vice-Chair position for nominations. Member, Jeff Edwards nominated member, Morgan Turner for the Vice-Chair position. Chair, Katie asked member, Morgan Turner if he was interested in accepting the nomination. Member, Morgan Turner answered "yes". Katie called for any other nominations for open Vice-Chair position. Member, Frank Huffman nominated member, Jeff Edwards for Vice-Chair position. Katie asked Jeff if he was interested in accepting the nomination. Member, Jeff Edwards thanked member, Frank Huffman for the nomination and declined interest in accepting the nomination. Hearing no other nominations, **Chair, Katie called for all in favor of member, Morgan Turner for the Vice-Chair position and a vote was taken. All were in favor and there was no opposition, so the Vice-Chair position was given to Morgan Turner.** Chair, Katie then presented the open Legislative Liaison position for nominations. Member, Diana Merzweiler expressed interest and nominated herself for the position of Legislative Liaison.

Katie called for any other nominations to come forward and hearing none she called for all in favor of member, Diana Merzweiler for the Legislative Liaison position and a vote was taken. All were in favor and there was no opposition, so the Legislative Liaison position was given to Diana Merzweiler. Katie called for any additional comments or statements. Member, Frank Huffman offered his apologies for resigning his position and asked which meetings he would now be responsible to attend. Administrator, Nanci Howard replied that Frank would be responsible to attend the Transition Committee meetings and Katie reminded him that he would also be responsible to attend the full council meetings as well.

Action Items:

- **Chair, Katie called for all in favor of member, Morgan Turner for the Vice-Chair position and a vote was taken. All were in favor and there was no opposition, so the Vice-Chair position was given to Morgan Turner.**
- **Katie called for any other nominations to come forward and hearing none she called for all in favor of member, Diana Merzweiler for the Legislative Liaison position and a vote was taken. All were in favor and there was no opposition, so the Legislative Liaison position was given to Diana Merzweiler.**

Public Comment:

None

Adjournment:

Chair, Katie Wolf Whaley thanked all members for their attendance to the special called meeting and called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. **Member, Todd Coffey made the motion to adjourn. Member, David Allgood provided a second to the motion. A vote was taken, and all were in favor. The motion passed and the meeting was adjourned.**

Next Meeting Date:

Friday, July 14th, 2022
1:00pm – 3:00pm
Hybrid Format
Location: TBD