



**ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF LABOR  
& WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT**

***Alaska Department of Labor and Workforce Development  
Alaska Workforce Investment Board***

February 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2011

Centennial Hall

Sheffield Ballroom Three

Juneau, Alaska

**Minutes**

**February 22, 2011**

**Introduction**

**Call to Order (Chair Lynch)**

Chair Lynch called the meeting to order at 8:15 a.m.

**Roll Call (Executive Director Cashen)**

There was a quorum of 15 members present for roll call.

**Board members in attendance**

Clark Bishop, Commissioner DOLWD

Tom Nelson, DOLWD Designee

Helen Mehrkens, DEED Designee

Kathryn Craft, DHSS Designee

Wanetta Ayers, DCED Designee

Fred Villa, University of Alaska

Ken Peltier, Post Secondary Education/Vocational Education

Martin Anderson, Secondary Vocational Education

Mike Woods, Public Education

John Cannon, Professional Development Disabilities

Tony Delia, Private Sector

Pearl Stub, Business and Industry

Jim Lynch, Business/Industry

Michelle Zenger, Business/Industry

John MacKinnon, Private Sector

Dave Rees, Private Sector

Linda Hulbert, Private Sector

Doug Ward, Private Sector

Joey Merrick, Organized Labor

Larry Bell, Organized Labor

Jim Laiti, Organized Labor

Christopher Gregg, Organized Labor

**Distinguished Guests**

Mead Treadwell, Lt. Governor

**Guests and others in attendance**

Paul Dick, DOLWD/ESD  
Cheryl Walsh, DOLWD/DVR  
Corinne Geldhof, DOLWD/DBP  
Mike Shiffer, DOLWD/DBP  
Stephanie Butler, DEED/ACPE  
Kris Cole, DEED/ACPE  
James Harvey, DOLWD/ESD  
Nikki Kreatschman, DOLWD/ESD  
Wade Rogers, DOLWD/ESD  
Brynn Keith, DOLWD/R&A  
Jeff Hadland, DOLWD/R&A  
Caroline Schultz, DOLWD/R&A  
Paloma Harbour, DOLWD/ASD  
Adam Bryan, DOLWD/ASD  
Fred Esposito, DOLWD/AVTEC  
Beth Leschper, DOLWD/Commissioner's Office  
Rich Sanders, Governor's Council on Disabilities  
Rick Rios, Anchorage School District  
Delisa Culpepper, The Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority  
Ruth Schoenleben, Nine Star  
Todd Bergman, Alaska Process Industry Career Consortium (APICC)  
Mary Hakala, Springboard/JEDC

**AWIB Staff in attendance**

Greg Cashen, Executive Director; Jeff Selvey, CTE Coordinator; Gerry Andrews, Pipeline Training Program Administrator, Bejean Page, Administrative Assistant; Colette Smith, Administrative Assistant

**Opening Remarks and Agenda Approval – Chair Lynch**

Chair Lynch welcomed board and audience members. He asked board for any agenda modification requests. Dave Rees requested permission to add a presentation on engineering academies from APICC to the agenda. Legislative update from Paula Scavera moved to Wednesday, 02/23, at 10:30a.m.; rescheduled since new information will be available at that time.

MOTION to approve modified agenda by Dave Rees

Seconded by Pearl Strub

Vote taken

MOTION carries

MOTION to approve next AWIB meeting dates and location, May 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>, 2011 at

AVTEC in Seward, by Marty Anderson

Seconded by John Cannon

Vote taken  
MOTION carries

### **Welcome – Commissioner Bishop**

Commissioner Bishop welcomed committee members and guests. He introduced Tom Nelson, newly appointed Department of Labor and Workforce Development Deputy Commissioner, and Paul Dick, newly appointed Employment Security Division Director. He recognized Jeff Selvey, Helen Merhkens, and Fred Villa for their tremendous effort creating an outstanding CTE plan. It has been well received and embraced by school districts. He expressed the importance of the resolutions presented to the board and asked for consideration and support. Louise Dean was recognized for her five years of service with a pin and appreciation of service certificate.

### **Activities Pertinent to AWIB**

Chair Lynch expressed his gratitude to have the opportunity to participate in the National Association of Workforce Boards conference in Washington D.C.; also attended by Greg Cashen and Chris Gregg. He presented an overview of topics and information obtained from conference; there was a lot of great dialogue and identification of useful tools. He reported that the National Governor's Association consisted of a lot of new and employer focused members and Alaska excels in partnership in comparison to other states. He stressed that engagement of the employers needs to be a primary focus for long-term success.

Executive Director Greg Cashen provided an overview of topics of discussion on agenda and action items and thanked members for their time and effort. He relayed key information ascertained from the NAWB conference in Washington DC. Many issues and topics relevant to Alaska were discussed at the conference; e.g. the Workforce Investment Act, and grants. Congress has been working on legislation that may impact WIA efforts and funding. Greg discussed a potential collaborative approach; i.e. Senator Murkowski and Senator Begich are both concerned with non-resident hiring. The AWIB team in Washington was able to meet with both senators and explain the essential role of employers in addressing this concern

Chair Lynch welcomed Deputy Commissioner Tom Nelson to the AWIB and his new position with DOLWD. Tom discussed DOLWD's recent achievements and shed light onto all of the hard work behind the scenes to the board; especially assisting more unemployed Alaskans. The Job Center network assisted over 250,000 walk-in clients last year; there were approximately 12,000 more unemployed Alaskans last year, in addition to the 15,000 that lost their jobs in 2009. The Job Center employees worked to connect about 36,000 Alaskans to employment opportunities. Deputy Commissioner Nelson requested a discussion or presentation on One Stop Services at the next AWIB meeting. He welcomed new ESD Director, Paul Dick, and assured the board that he will be a great asset to the DOLWD.

### **Distinguished Guest**

Lt. Governor Mead Treadwell thanked the board for their hard work.

## **Reports and Updates to the AWIB**

### Alaska Gas Pipeline Training Plan

Gerry Andrews provided an update on the Gas Pipeline Training Plan and the Apprenticeship program. He discussed the highlights of the October 27<sup>th</sup> meeting in Fairbanks. He reminded the board that this is a long-term project and the importance of employer involvement. He announced the implementation of a new heating and air conditioning apprenticeship program. Gerry is actively working with film industry to identify apprenticeship opportunities in Alaska.

### State Career and Technical Education Plan and Implementation

Jeff Selvey gave an update on the CTE Plan and Implementation Schedule. He acknowledged Helen Mehrkens and Fred Villa for their valuable contributions and time. Validation is actively being sought around the state to ensure proper priorities are identified.

### Health Workforce Development Plan Update

Greg Cashen provided an update on HRSA and the Healthcare Workforce Development Plan. The Healthcare Coalition and several board members have provided their assistance to this cause. There is room for improvement; e.g. establish a better working relationship between USDOL and the Department of Health and Human Services. Brynn Keith discussed how medical licensing data/files at the state level that will serve to help identify and understand the current labor atmosphere; data provided by the Division of Occupational Licensing.

### Disability Employment Initiative Grant Update

Louise Dean and Rich Sanders gave an update on the DEI training grant and schedule. Louise Dean is the project lead for the State of Alaska and Rich Sanders serves the Governor's Council on Disabilities and Special Education. First quarter report was recently submitted to the federal government. Rich discussed best practices learned in the past decade and future projected goals; especially fostering more customized partnerships and growth of One Stop services. He talked about great uses of grants; e.g. funding for providers such as The Alaska Mental Health Trust. Benefit and progress will be better measured and the AWIB will receive an update in May.

### Alaska State Energy Sector Partnership Grant Update

Executive Director Greg Cashen provided an update on the ASESP and Training Grant, Renewable Energy / Energy Efficiency Workforce Development Plan, and committee activity. In October of 2010, the Grant Process Committee reviewed and approved agreements from AVTEC, Alaska Energy Authority, and the Alaska Apprenticeship Training Coordinators Association. In January, a Project Operator Agreement for weatherization training was submitted by Alaska Works Partnership and Alaska Housing Finance Corporation. He also discussed legislation applicable to the AWIB and DOLWD employment training and education. Mike Shiffer discussed proposals, alternative energy strategies, and elaborated further on the Project Operator Agreement.

### Budget Update

Guy Bell provided an update on workforce development budget and Dashboard; illustrating data with charts and graphs. Primary aspects of discussion covered workforce development

training providers and their customers, fund source programs, and projected FY12 budget. He summarized the Alaska Career and Technical Education Plan strategies and expects positive results; ultimately the goal is to have all districts adopt CTE strategies. One million dollars has been requested to further promote CTE and AVTEC programs; unfortunately these are amongst several great programs at risk of having their funding cut. Board members expressed their concerns and suggested that a resolution should be sought out for protection. Guy advocated for community model to help stimulate funding. His staff is designing a Dashboard based on data extracted from the survey of Alaska training providers and workforce development funds. Undesignated funds can be utilized in any form, but designated funds are limited to expenditures such as tuition and fees. Further funding discussion will resume in a side-bar at a later time.

#### State Training Employment Program Report

Corine Geldhof provided an update on the STEP program budget and allocations; data spanned fiscal years 2009 through present date. This program has produced high-wage earning workers; average annual wage is \$41,668. She explained that participants must be an Alaskan resident; over 90% of participants in FY09 are still residing in Alaska. The Division of Business Partnerships ensured that the Department of Corrections followed program provisions when they used STEP funds. By May, they will have a more comprehensive financial review and a reporting system in place. Corine informed the board that they are currently working on an allocation strategy.

#### **Engineering Academies Presentation**

Todd Bergman with Alaska Process Industry Career Consortium has asked for the board's endorsement for the STEM plan; Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math are essential for the priority occupations. APICC is partnering with DOLWD Commissioner Click Bishop and EED Commissioner Mike Hanley to create an MOU that will help broaden and give more students preparation and access to STEM based careers. They expect this three tiered plan to expand not only engineering positions, but affect STEM all together.

#### **Regional Training Centers / Regional Advisory Councils Report**

Jeff Selvey provided an update on recent RTC meetings and Doug Ward discussed the RAC outreach plan. Corine Geldhof addressed the board about the RAC response; not necessary but suggested. Doug Ward discussed the RAC requests from Kodiak and Bethel. He asked the board not to discourage or deter their efforts, but instead collaborate to get a plan in place. The board needs to establish expectations or guidelines when reviewing and/or approving for RAC status. Doug inquired if there were any available WIA funds that could be used for discretionary purposes; i.e. to develop capacity into the system or reinstitute RAC status. Guy indicated that discretionary funds are a challenge and that within WIA a limited amount of those funds can be used by the AWIB; it is better to fund training directly from WIA. If the board wants to establish funds for RAC purposes, then exact needs must be determined; e.g. staffing. Marty stated that it is also important to comprehend funding within the school districts.

MOTION to approve the AWIB staff to Identify if there are any discretionary funds available in WIA to use for AWIB board development of a method or model for receiving information from regions in Alaska. If there are discretionary funds for this purpose, identify what they are currently

being used for (Michelle's friendly amendment), and if approved by the AWIB reallocate to this purpose by Doug Ward

Seconded by Linda Hulbert

Discussion: Michelle asked that more information brought before the board prior to putting this to a vote; i.e. if there are funds available, find out how they obtain them. Chair Lynch explained the RAC role and purpose. Linda provided historical data about RAC and stated that there hasn't been a strong link or funding to the workforce board; i.e. it has always been difficult to obtain community input and/or involvement. Chair affirmed that this is a national issue, not just a problem on the state level. Doug would like a solid plan in place before casting expectations on those communities seeking RAC certification.

Vote taken

MOTION carries

This motion spurred conversation about the RAC requests from Bethel and Kodiak. It is agreed that the board's intention is to encourage, not suppress these valuable resources.

MOTION to recognize Bethel and Kodiak RAC application requests existing structure by Mike Woods.

Seconded by Marty Anderson

Discussion: Dave Rees believes that the board should grant approval to these two groups and avoid barriers that may distort the positive purpose.

Vote taken

MOTION carries (one nay)

### **Nonresidents Working in Alaska 2009 Report**

Jeff Hadland and Caroline Schultz presented information to the board from the Nonresidents Working in Alaska 2009 Report. Various Alaskan databases were utilized to ascertain this information. This report identifies industries that Alaska still has a high non-resident hire rate although the number has been decreasing since 2006. It is estimated that millions of dollars earned in Alaska are spent elsewhere. Almost 20 percent of unemployment insurance is collected by individuals living outside of Alaska; the UI trust paid out \$35 million in 2010. A couple factors for nonresident hiring are the need for seasonal employment, and low-paying positions. The oil industry has a large impact on numbers because those jobs tend to be high-paying positions; 20% of oil industry employees are non-residents. Construction industry does have a large number of nonresident employees; mostly lower-paying positions. Amongst the long-term nonresident workers, 57.6% have been working in Alaska for four or more years. Ultimately there are many variables that factor into the large amount of money earned by nonresidents. Brynn Keith fielded the board's questions with Jeff and they further explained how data was compiled and interpreted.

Dave Rees informed board that British Petroleum once required residency for employment and suggested that the board focus on the data to seek a solution. In 2006, Marty worked on the slope and approximately 80% of the crew consisted of nonresidents and/or Canadians. Chair Lynch reiterated that these concerns were shared with our congress representatives and recognizes the challenge for a solution. Chris Gregg suggested that pressure or incentive be directed at employers. Marty wants the board to be proactive, not reactive.

MOTION to develop nonresident resolution by Joey Merrick  
Seconded by Jim Laiti  
Vote taken  
MOTION carries

### **Alaska Performance Scholarship**

Stephanie Butler, Kris Cole, and Jeff Selvey briefed the board on the Alaska Performance Scholarship (APS); including a review of necessary criteria to qualify. The primary goal is to encourage students to participate in a rigorous curriculum and earning a grade point average that clearly indicates that they are prepared for higher-learning. Governor Parnell has designated \$8.2 million for the APS program. The Department of Education has mechanisms in place to accommodate individuals with special needs and prevent any discrimination. The APS may help to promote CTE and it was suggested to explore opportunities to merge CTE and APS. Dave Rees supports this scholarship and hopes that it can help combat the low number of students seeking and/or completing a postsecondary education or training. Mike Woods shared concerns and challenges he has witnessed. He would like to ensure statewide equality. One step would be making sure all schools have adequate tools and equipment available for use; i.e. level the playing board. He recommended that a standardized system of grading be implemented; i.e. an “A” earned in one area of Alaska translates into an “A” in another. Jeff assured Mike and the board that such concerns are actively being addressed and resolutions are being examined.

### **Wrap-Up and Adjourn**

Executive Director Cashen reminded the board and guests about the reception at the Goldbelt Hotel restaurant, 5:30p.m.-7:30p.m. Chair Lynch asked board for closing remarks. Pearl Strub stated that the RAC discussion was invigorating and she has some concerns about the Alaska Performance Scholarship. Tony Delia recognizes the benefits of RACs and believes that the board will be able to provide adequate support. Fred Villa thanked Greg for his support to the seafood maritime industry’s recent grant funding opportunity. Kathy Craft extended an invitation to the board to attend the Health Workforce Coalition presentation to Senator Begich tomorrow afternoon at 1:30p.m.

Mike Woods supports the nonresident resolution and believes that the board needs to address nonresident hire in Alaska. Marty Anderson pointed out that the USDOL audit reveals that there is still more work to be done, but he feels the board is zoning in to resolve issues. Linda Hulbert would like the board to figure out how best to fit within and serve the system. Dave Rees believes that the board should provide the pathways and identify economic development. Chris Gregg would like to focus on solutions to increase resident hiring. Greg Cashen noted critical programs that are in danger of losing funds; e.g. CTE. Ken Peltier recommended that the board attempt to identify why employers are hiring nonresidents and help find resolutions. Wanetta Ayers is looking at tourism to develop an assessment that will help to develop a proactive approach. John MacKinnon appreciates the efforts to develop the dashboard and nonresident data. Helen Mehrkens appreciates CTE questions and support from board. Larry Bell is looking forward to providing input that may lead to solutions.

RECESS at 4:20p.m.

**February 23, 2011**

**Introduction**

**Call to Order (Chair Lynch)**

Chair Lynch called the meeting back to order at 8:40 a.m.

**Roll Call (Executive Director Cashen)**

There was a quorum of 19 members present for roll call.

**Board members in attendance**

Clark Bishop, Commissioner DOLWD  
Tom Nelson, DOLWD Designee  
Helen Mehrkens, DEED Designee  
Kathryn Craft, DHSS Designee  
Wanetta Ayers, DCED Designee  
Fred Villa, University of Alaska  
Ken Peltier, Post Secondary Education/Vocational Education  
Martin Anderson, Secondary Vocational Education  
John Cannon, Professional Development Disabilities  
Tony Delia, Private Sector  
Pearl Stub, Business/Industry  
Jim Lynch, Business/Industry  
Michelle Zenger, Business/Industry  
Dave Rees, Private Sector  
Linda Hulbert, Private Sector  
Doug Ward, Private Sector  
Joey Merrick, Organized Labor  
Larry Bell, Organized Labor  
Jim Laiti, Organized Labor  
Christopher Gregg, Organized Labor

**Distinguished Guests**

Senator Linda Menard

**Guests and others in attendance**

Paul Dick, DOLWD/ESD  
Guy Bell, DOLWD/Commissioner's Office  
Beth Leschper, DOLWD/Commissioner's Office  
James Harvey, DOLWD/ESD  
Nikki Kreatschman, DOLWD/ESD  
Corinne Geldhof, DOLWD/DBP  
Jeff Hadland, DOLWD  
Mike Shiffer, DOLWD/DBP  
Wade Rogers, DOLWD  
Fred Esposito, DOLWD/AVTEC  
Brynn Keith, DOLWD/R&A

Gayle Thornton  
Paula Scavera, DOLWD/Commissioner's Office  
Les Morse, Deputy Commissioner DEED  
Rich Sanders, Governor's Council on Disabilities  
Rick Rios, Anchorage School District  
Delisa Culpepper, Alaska Mental Health Trust  
Ruth Schoenleben, Nine Star  
Kathy Andrews, Alaska Association for Career and Technical Education  
Eddie Genes, DEED  
Lynn Hohl, Private Sector  
Gail Sorenson, Bristol Bay Native Association Workforce Development

AWIB Staff in attendance

Greg Cashen, Executive Director; Coordinator; Jeff Selvey, CTE Coordinator; Gerry Andrews, Gasline Training Program Administrator, Bejean Page, Administrative Assistant; Colette Smith, Administrative Assistant

**Opening Remarks and Agenda Approval**

MOTION to approve agenda by Joey Merrick

Seconded by John Cannon

Discussion: Modification of agenda requested to allow DVR to share the report with board.

Chair requested a discussion about priority industries.

Vote taken

MOTION carries

Chair Lynch recapped previous day. Deputy Commissioner Nelson extended an invitation for board members attend the Gas Pipeline meeting on Thursday, 02/24/11.

**Public Testimony**

Rick Rios with the Anchorage School District thanked board and Commissioner Bishop for CTE support; also acknowledged Commissioner Hanley's contribution. He encouraged state readiness for CTE. He stressed the need to restore and instill the value and contribution of work in our youth. The ASD piloted the first construction academy four years ago and are actively doing the same for medical training. He has urged representatives to support Senate Bill 84 for CTE funding; he believes that legislators want to support CTE. He asked representatives to find and set aside funding for CTE; such support may enable or facilitate this program extending into middle school.

Ruth Schoenleben with Nine Star reminded the board that there are seven locations in Anchorage and also offer a high school completion program in Nenana. They are partnered with AmeriCorps and are working with the Department of Corrections with a re-entry program. Their Youth program served over 400 students which many went on to further education opportunities. More than 1200 participants no longer need public assistance. Ruth appreciates

the board and pointed out that Linda Hulbert is a founding member of Nine Star. They also partner with Job Center Network and support the STEP program.

Diane Maples and Cathy LeCompe presented Alaska Tech Prep stats and strategies. They have been in business since 2004 and have assisted over 1800 Alaskan students. They span 43 school districts and their program is largely embraced thanks to teachers informing their students of opportunities; approximately 5700 credits earned over all. Many of their students go on to a post-secondary education program or further training. Alaska Tech Prep has made good use of their limited resources and has identified three Alaska School to Career strategies: increase and strengthen partnerships; promote robust curriculum alignment to prepare students; and promote accountability through standardized data collection. Alaska Tech Prep offers the foundation for a seamless transition into the education and workforce system that saves students both time and money. Their research shows that graduation rates increase and dropout rates decrease as a result of options for transition into postsecondary course work and careers. Tech Prep lost their funding and may be shut down July 01, 2011 if funding is not found; they will prepare a business plan by April. An update on Alaska Tech Prep will be given at the next AWIB meeting.

### **CTE Instructor/Administrator of the Year Awards**

Senator Menard presented the Secondary CTE Instructor of the Year Award to Wasilla High School's drafting teacher Ray Jensen. He thanked the board for their support and recognition. Commissioner Bishop presented the post-secondary CTE Instructor of the Year Award to AVTEC's Roger Hohl; he has been a teacher for more than 20 years. Fred Esposito thanked Roger for his contribution and dedication.

Chair Lynch handed over meeting control to Vice Chair Michelle Zenger.

### **Division of Vocational Rehabilitation Report**

Cheryl Walsh advised the board on DVR's role in the community; e.g. various aid for individuals with disabilities. Focus this year has been on transition services to help identify needs of students in transition; establishing strategies to have in place. DVR is working with Mat-Su and Providence on project SEARCH, offering internships to students with disabilities; now operating in over 30 states. Their success is measured by amount of employment retention; i.e. 90 days. DVR is collaborating with the Juneau Job Center which offers support to help promote retention. DVR is able to serve rural communities through tribal groups or Job Centers. A survey is completed by all participants, on a monthly basis, and will help gauge DVR services.

Chair Lynch resumed chair responsibility and clarified for the board the potential resolution approval/denial.

### **Legislative Update**

Paula Scavera introduced Eddy Jeans to the board. He explained that the scholarship is a high priority for the DOL and the primary issue this year is putting together a long-term, sustainable funding mechanism. He has a comprehensive understanding of the Alaska Performance Scholarship resolution and offered guidance to help the board prepare a resolution of support and answer questions of concern. There are various options to prevail and thwart challenges. He praised how Mike Woods has integrated courses at King Career Center. He also shared that the

EED is working to aligning statewide grade point average and/or grades. EED Deputy Commissioner Les Morse joined the presentation.

Open Floor – Dave Rees stated that Mike Woods would be able to provide valuable insight as an educator; Mike was not present. Dave reiterated some of the concerns Mike voiced the previous day; e.g. opportunity equality concerns for smaller schools and standardization of grades.

**Resolution 11-01 – To Adopt and Recommend the Alaska Performance Scholarship Draft**

MOTION to support Resolution Number 11-01 by Jim Laiti

Seconded by Tom Nelson

Discussion: The Executive Committee provided amended draft for board to review. The board discussed rewording the resolution to relay more precise and effective language; e.g. Kathy inquired if the use of the word “implementation” was adequate enough to express support; Paula Scavera stated that “implementation” may prove favorable for board; and Dave understood that “endorsement” would be sufficient.

MOTION to support amended Resolution Number 11-01 by Jim Laiti

Seconded by Tom Nelson

Vote taken

MOTION carries

**Resolution 11-04 – In Support of the Alaska Engineering Academies**

MOTION to support Resolution Number 11-04 by Marty Anderson

Seconded by Joey Merrick

Discussion: Dave discussed the resolution; i.e. support from AWIB for the Alaska Engineering Academies’ initiative and plan. He also explained that this resolution may end up competing for funding; estimated to cost between six and eight million dollars. Rick Rios verified that the board had a copy of the plan and the initiative, as outlined in the MOU. The resolution was collectively revised by board members.

MOTION to support amended Resolution Number 11-04 by Marty Anderson

Seconded by Joey Merrick

Vote taken

MOTION carries

**Resolution 11-03 – To Non-Resident Hire (draft)**

MOTION to support Resolution Number 11-03 by Linda Hulbert

Seconded by Chris Gregg

Discussion: The board collectively edited draft to ensure the concept of the resolution was apparent. Fred made a recommendation to clarify that the board supports increased Alaskan hires. Marty suggested words for emphasis; e.g. replace “believe” with the word “convinced”. He also supported the inclusion of the percentage of non-resident workers. Wanetta stated that the resolution must be written in positive tense; i.e. write about what it aims to do. Chris, Ken, Michelle, and Tom also participated in wordsmith session.

MOTION to support amended Resolution Number 11-03 by Chris Gregg

Seconded by Wanetta Ayers

Vote taken

MOTION carries

**Resolution 11-02 – Resolution to Continue States’ Ongoing Participation in the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) Current Employment Statistics (CES) Program.** Due to timelines at the federal level Resolution Number 11-02 was tabled.

**Legislative Update**

Paula Scavera presented a legislative update informing the board that the House Finance Committee did remove \$1 million for CTE out of the budget; takes effect on March 8, 2011. It is thought that Rep. Newman denied because he viewed CTE as a new program. Fund for the Registered Nurse program at AVTEC was also cut. Paula will try again to obtain the CTE funding. She provided legislative contact information and reiterated her availability to the board for assistance.

**Wrap Up and Adjourn**

Chair Lynch invited board to attend the next Executive Committee meeting; regulation revisions will be reviewed. Executive Director Cashen also encouraged participation in the revision process. They both thanked audience members and AWIB members for their efforts and contributions.

MOTION to adjourn by Dave Rees

Second by Chris Gregg

Vote taken

MOTION carries

Meeting adjourned at 12:40 p.m.

Next meeting – May 22-23, 2011, at AVTEC in Seward, Alaska

**February 22 – 23, 2011 AWIB Meeting**

**ACTION TRACKER**

WHO	WHAT	DUE BY	STATUS
Board	Ideas or suggestions for RAC expectations	05/11	Discuss at May meeting?

**Handouts**

- Alaska Workforce Investment Board Newsletter, Issue No. 7
- Anchorage School District Legislative Program
- Alaska Training Program Performance 2009 – DOLWD Research and Analysis Section
- Findings of Non-Compliance - DOLWD Division of Business Partnerships
- Juneau Empire’s Guide to The Alaska Legislature 2011
- Nine Star Education & Employment Services Summary of Programs Offered
- Taking Alaska Tech Prep to the Next Step

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