



**ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF LABOR  
& WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT**

Alaska Workforce Investment Board  
Alaska Department of Labor & Workforce Development  
Youth Council  
Wednesday March 4, 2009 10:00am  
1016 W. 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Suite 304  
Teleconference Number: 1-888-354-0094 Code: 9694688  
Minutes (**Final**)

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- **Roll Call:**  Betty Jo Dibble, Chair;  Mike Woods, Vice-Chair;  John Douglass;  Heidi Frost;  Melissa Hill;  David Kvasager;  Andre Layral;  Helen Mehrkens;  Cynthia Erickson;  Heather Wagner;  Tania Clucas
- **Staff:** Barbara Duval, Louise Dean
- Ex-officios:  Diedre Bailey

#### **Approval of Agenda**

MOTION to approve agenda by Heidi Frost  
Seconded by Mike Woods  
Vote taken  
MOTION passes

#### **Approval of Minutes**

No quorum for meeting held 2/24/09 in Juneau  
December 4, 2008  
MOTION to approve December 2, 2008 minutes by Betty Jo Dibble  
Seconded by Helen Mehrkens  
Vote taken  
MOTION passes

#### **Action Items**

1. Youth Participation Letter, Youth Participation Application – Barbara Duval explained the intent for the letter and the application for a youth to be on the youth council. There was general consensus that this will not be finished with this process prior to the May AWIB meeting.
2. Planning for Youth Council Meeting with AWIB in May 09 (youth one-on-one with AWIB member)(YC priorities & policy recommendations to AWIB) – The discussion began with the idea of postponing this until a later board meeting. Heidi Frost indicated she believed the youth council could be ready for this activity for the May meeting. The idea is to have youth who have participated or are participating in a WIA program meet with AWIB members. There would be pre approved questions for board members to ask youth. This would give the



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board members an idea to see what happens when money is invested in the youth in Alaska.

**Discussion Items**

1. Youth Council Membership – There are several new members on the youth council. The new members for this meeting were; Betty Jo Dibble, chair; Mike Woods, Vice-Chair; Cynthia Erickson, board member, and community members Heather Wagner, Tania Clucas, Gibby Serna, Ruth Schoenleben, Taber Rehbaum, Noelle Hardt, and Barbara Henjum.
2. Expanding the scope of the YC to be prepared to advocate and set priorities for policy recommendations.

**Other Items**

There will be an orientation/training between now and the May 27<sup>th</sup> face to face meeting.

**Next meeting:** Wednesday, May 6, 2009 at 10:00am

**Adjournment:**

MOTION to adjourn by Mike Woods

Seconded by Heather Wagner

Vote take

MOTION passes

**Attachments:**

Youth Application Form

Youth Cover Letter

YC Bylaws

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Youth Council Roster