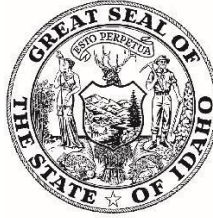


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Executive Director



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WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL

514 W. Jefferson St. Boise, ID 83702

Quarterly Council Meeting Minutes

Date: Wednesday, March 12, 2025, 2024
Time: 8:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. (Mountain Time)
Location: Galaxy Event Center
400 W Overland Rd
Meridian, ID 83642

Council Member Attendees: Amanda Logan, ~~Anna Almerico~~, Raine Simplot - proxy for Anna Almerico, ~~Ben Davidson~~, Bill Reagan, Senator Carrie Semmelroth, Daniel Puga, ~~Debbie Critchfield~~, Allison Duman proxy for Debbie Critchfield, Deni Hoehne, ~~Donna Butler~~, Hope Morrow, James Smith, ~~Jared Wise~~, Jani Revier, Jeff Greene, Jeff Hough, ~~Jody Hendrickx~~, Joe Maloney, ~~Joshua Whitworth~~, Tia Davis proxy for Joshua Whitworth, ~~Judy Taylor~~, Kelly Kolb, Linda Clark, Lori Barber, Marie Price, Russell Barron, Sarah Griffin, ~~Lt. Governor Scott Bedke~~, Sean Coletti, Sergio Mendoza, Stephanie Pfeifer, Todd Putren, Tom Kealey

Staff: Wendi Secrist, Amanda Ames, Matthew Thomsen, Denise Hill, Sherawn Reberry

Call to order at 8:35 a.m.

Sarah Griffin, Vice Chair

Roll Call/Introductions – Quorum met.

****Review/Approve Agenda***

A unanimous consent motion was made by Ms. Revier to approve the agenda as presented. Second by Ms. Price. There were no objections.

****Approve Minutes of December 11, 2024 Meeting***

A unanimous consent motion was made by Ms. Logan to approve the September 11, 2024 Meeting Minutes as presented. Second by Mr. Hough. There were no objections.

Budget Updates

Wendi Secrist, Executive Director

WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL Fiscal Year 2025 Budget For the Period July 1, 2024 - January 31, 2025

WDTF				
State Expenditure Category	Budget	Actual	Under/(Over)	Actual %
Salary & Benefits	\$ 518,300	\$ 250,634	\$ 267,666	48%
Personnel	\$ 518,300	\$ 250,634	\$ 267,666	48%
Administrative Services & Supplies	\$ 10,000	\$ 3,120	\$ 6,880	31%
Communication Costs	8,000	3,437	4,563	43%
Computer Services & Supplies	20,000	16,120	3,880	81%
Contracts, Events & Other Council Activities	331,564	148,305	183,259	45%
Employee Development, Memberships & Subscriptions	6,400	2,626	3,774	41%
Employee Travel Costs	25,000	19,185	5,815	77%
Government Overhead & Insurance	11,138	9,924	1,214	89%
Rentals & Operating Leases	27,500	11,254	16,246	41%
Operating Budget	\$ 439,602	\$ 213,970	\$ 225,632	49%
Grand Total	\$ 957,902	\$ 464,604	\$ 493,298	49%

Trustee and Benefits	
Grant Reimbursement Spending Authority	\$ 16,283,500
Innovation	1,477,645
Launch	377,265
Outreach	4,504
Employer	249,946
Industry Sector	1,787,643
TPM	208,581
Ending Balance	\$ 12,177,916

WDTF Financial Summary	
WDTF Cash Balance 1/1/2025	\$ 28,952,626
Revenue	437,712
Interest	106,018
Payments	657,113
WDTF Cash Balance 1/31/2025	\$ 28,839,243
Obligated Employer Grants	540,604
Obligated Industry Sector Grants	4,081,873
Obligated Innovation Grants	1,057,415
STEM-Focused Grants	11,122,735
Obligated Outreach Projects & Allocated Budget	250,000
Preceptorship	127,000
*LAUNCH	4,693,601
FY25 WDTF Admin Costs	493,298
Obligated Balance	\$ 22,366,525
Unobligated Balance	\$ 6,472,718
Proposals Under Review	1,993,377
Unobligated Balance if all funded	\$ 4,479,341

*Includes all Launch funding made available for FY22 - FY25.

WDTF Revenue			
Month	Transfer In	Interest	Collection Cost
July	\$ 552,299	\$ 103,477	\$ -
August	1,178,340	106,637	26,479
September	23,371	113,923	-
October	589,035	109,736	16,057
November	862,460	108,184	28,789
December	17,436	106,385	12,491
January	437,712	106,018	9,796
February	-	-	-
March	-	-	-
June	-	-	-
May	-	-	-
June	-	-	-
FY25 Totals	\$ 3,660,653	\$ 754,360	\$ 93,613

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WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL
Fiscal Year 2025 Budget
For the Period July 1, 2024 - January 31, 2025

WIOA				
State Expenditure Category	Budget	Actual	Under/(Over)	Actual %
Salary & Benefits	\$ 124,700	\$ 95,087	\$ 29,613	76%
Personnel	\$ 124,700	\$ 95,087	\$ 29,613	76%
Administrative Services & Supplies	\$ 1,000	\$ 224	\$ 776	22%
Communication Costs	-	-	-	0%
Computer Services & Supplies	-	-	-	0%
Contracts, Events & Other Council Activities	31,425	10,412	21,013	33%
Employee Development, Memberships & Subscriptions	17,575	16,450	1,126	94%
Employee Travel Costs	-	-	-	0%
Government Overhead & Insurance	-	-	-	0%
Rentals & Operating Leases	-	-	-	0%
Operating Budget	\$ 50,000	\$ 27,086	\$ 22,914	54%
Grand Total	\$ 174,700	\$ 122,173	\$ 52,527	70%

YARG				
State Expenditure Category	Budget	Actual	Under/(Over)	Actual %
Salary & Benefits	\$ 11,100	\$ 10,256	\$ 844	92%
Personnel	\$ 11,100	\$ 10,256	\$ 844	92%
Administrative Services & Supplies	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	0%
Communication Costs	30	-	30	0%
Computer Services & Supplies	-	-	-	0%
Contracts, Events & Other Council Activities	10,000	9,946	54	99%
Employee Development, Memberships & Subscriptions	-	-	-	0%
Employee Travel Costs	-	-	-	0%
Government Overhead & Insurance	-	-	-	0%
Rentals & Operating Leases	-	-	-	0%
Operating Budget	\$ 10,030	\$ 9,946	\$ 84	99%
Grand Total	\$ 21,130	\$ 20,202	\$ 928	96%

Trustee and Benefits	Beg Balance	Apprentice Disbursements	Third-party Disbursements	End Balance
Grant Reimbursement(s) Spending Authority	\$ 636,500	\$ 10,496	\$ 90,032	\$ 535,973

WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVE

Fiscal Year 2023 - 2025 Budget

For the Period July 1, 2024 - January 31, 2025

ARIPAWFDT			
Category & Grantee	Budget	Obligated	Disbursements
Idaho Launch	\$ 20,333,761	\$ 20,671,257	\$ 18,757,339
Idaho Pipeline Management - Regional Coordinators	\$ 2,165,881		
1. Penetration Consulting		\$ 297,580	\$ 290,138
Center for Advanced Energy Studies		300,000	300,000
Clearwater Economic Development Association		288,314	195,404
Coeur d'Alene Area Economic Development Corp		302,000	198,528
College of the Siskiyew		216,042	247,106
Idaho Associated General Contractors		299,465	286,156
Idaho Manufacturing Alliance		237,731	141,171
TPM Training & Upliftcast Licenses		172,750	112,750
Revised for GHPS Act Projects	\$ 26,000,000		
Boise School District - DTFC Welding fSG		\$ 325,972	\$ -
BSV Semiconductors Cleanroom fSG		1,759,972	-
Civil Meritronics fSG		499,999	192,548
CSF Mechatronics/Engineering fSG		1,414,605	-
CW/ Mechatronics (AMET) fSG		4,194,931	993,404
fSU Semiconductor Technician fSG		994,472	-
Micron Employer Grant		13,498,100	-
NIC Mechatronics fSG		734,896	159,632
WASAI fSG		1,039,557	-
UI Semiconductors Cleanroom fSG		1,100,000	-
Next Steps Idaho Initiative	\$ 110,758	\$ 110,758	\$ 110,758
Idaho Launch Website & Marketing	\$ 350,000	\$ 450,000	\$ 382,357
Safety	\$ 691,600	\$ 691,600	\$ 265,506
Operating	\$ 348,000	\$ 348,000	\$ 81,569
Grand Total	\$ 50,000,000	\$ 50,000,000	\$ 21,714,366

*ISG= Industry Sector Grant

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Fiscal Year 2023-2025 Budget

For the Period July 1, 2024 - January 31, 2025

ARPA Child Care			
Category & Description	Budget	Obligated	Disbursements
Child Care Grants with Disbursement Open	\$ 18,257,552		
A8C Above and Beyond the Classroom		\$ 72,318	\$ -
Aware/aware LLC		120,000	-
Apples and Onions		90,000	37,600
Armbruster Kids UC		138,547	51,434
Ashley's Daycare & Montessori		152,665	60,793
Baroka Childcare		60,000	25,005
Bilingual Adventures Academy		180,000	11,879
Boise State Child Care Center		393,705	144,583
Boys & Girls Club of the Valley (Rupert)		318,000	222,217
Castleford School District Wolf Pup Preschool		270,000	215,262
City of New Meadows		600,000	-
Creative Corner Learning Center LLC		180,000	-
Ducks in a Row Daycare		180,000	70,608
First Steps Academy 2 LLC		238,619	
Gem Kids Infant and Toddler Center LLC		180,000	-
Gelless Joint School District #282		284,962	-
Giraffe Laugh		1,823,947	771,825
Huckleberry Montessori		176,635	-
Idaho Falls Family YMCA		204,500	89,045
Ignite Idaho Family Resource Center		96,449	19,710
Jabbers LLC		180,000	56,423
Jellybean's Play Center		179,957	13,500
Kreative Kids Academy LLC		744,000	484,250
Kulla Joint School District #003		75,000	42,652
Lily Pad Childcare LLC		160,000	-
Unoln County		450,000	-
Lollipop Land		1,002,456	850,472
Lily's Daycare LLC		400,000	10,000
Magic Stars Play Preschool		180,000	-
Mayra's Play Preschool		195,000	-
Micron		100,000	-
Mounroin Sky Daycare		126,725	-
Nampa School District		390,542	52,401
National Children's Foundation		2,962,475	30,000
Our Future Society LLC		177,100	70,287
TCJ Mountain Resort		166,724	-
Teton Regional Economic Coalition		1,170,000	1,037,315
The Advocates		455,000	303,786
Tiny Tots Learning Center		235,620	150,081
Tiny Town		616,950	586,614
Treasure Valley Waldorf LLC DBA Wildflowers		180,000	11,521
United Way of South Central Idaho (F-Street)		900,000	386,674
Whole Child		378,455	199,983
YMCA Treasure Valley		1,051,200	-

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Category & Grantee	Budget	Obligated	Disbursements
Child Care Grants with Disbursements Closed	\$ 11,037,544		
<i>Baby Bee Daycare</i>		\$ 360,000.00	\$ 360,000.00
<i>Boys & Girls Club Ada County (Kuna)</i>		1,404,000	1,404,000
<i>Boys & Girls Club Lewis Clark Valley</i>		1,680,000	1,680,000
<i>Bright Stars Childcare</i>		150,000	150,000
<i>Bruneau-Grand View School District</i>		165,000	165,000
<i>Care House Learning Center</i>		88,860	88,860
<i>Chita's Kids Preschool</i>		94,756	94,756
<i>Cookies N Milk Daycare</i>		351,500	351,500
<i>Kaniksu Community Health Clinic</i>		375,000	375,000
<i>Little Me with Daycare</i>		67,090	67,090
<i>Lost Rivers Medical Center</i>		270,000	270,000
<i>Lucky Duck Preschool</i>		2,198,900	2,198,900
<i>McCall-Donnelly Joint School District</i>		452,000	452,000
<i>Saggy Britches dba the Barnyard Daycare & Learning</i>		179,068	179,068
<i>Storybook Adventure</i>		2,250,000	2,250,000
<i>The Little Red Roost Child Care</i>		101,671	101,671
<i>Wonderschool</i>		849,700	849,700
Salary*	\$ 644,904	\$ 644,904	\$ 476,336
Operating Budget	\$ 60,000	\$ 60,000	\$ 48,257
Grand Total	\$ 30,000,000	\$ 30,000,000	\$ 17,568,086

* Includes expenditures FY22

WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL

Fiscal Year 2025 Budget

For the Period July 1, 2024 - January 31, 2025

In Demand Careers				
State Expenditure Category	Budget	Actual	Under/(Over)	Actual %
Salary & Benefits	\$ 1,238,300	\$ 297,332	\$ 940,968	24%
Personnel	\$ 1,238,300	\$ 297,332	\$ 940,968	24%
Administrative Services & Supplies	\$ 6,000	\$ 670	\$ 5,330	11%
Communication Costs	15,317	16,128	(811)	105%
Computer Services & Supplies	22,500	10,702	11,798	48%
Contracts, Events & Other Council Activities	1,295,760	1,034,542	261,218	80%
Employee Development, Memberships & Subscriptions	7,500	439	7,061	6%
Employee Travel Costs	20,000	5,741	14,259	29%
Government Overhead & Insurance	11,138	8,993	2,145	81%
Rentals & Operating Leases	22,500	13,504	8,996	60%
Operating Budget	\$ 1,400,715	\$ 1,090,718	\$ 309,997	78%
Grand Total	\$ 2,639,015	\$ 1,388,051	\$ 1,250,964	53%

Trustee and Benefits			
Grant Reimbursement Spending Authority	\$72,360,985		Expenditures \$ 11,199,216

Other Transactions			
Month	Transfer In	Interest	Collection Cost
July	\$ 20,000,000	\$ 50,600	\$ -
August	-	70,647	-
September	(5,000,000)	128,102	-
October	20,000,000	107,904	-
November	-	122,184	-
December	-	147,997	-
January	20,000,000	137,900	-
February	-	-	-
March	-	-	-
June	-	-	-
May	-	-	-
June	-	-	-
FY25 Totals	\$ 55,000,000	\$ 765,334	\$ -

- Monthly, July 1, 2024-January 31, 2025
 - WDTF at 49% of operating budget
 - Trustee and benefit balance \$12,177,916
 - Interest is being received monthly
 - Cash balance \$28,839,243
 - Obligations \$22,366,525, leaving an unobligated balance of \$6,472,718
 - Proposals under review \$1,993,377
 - \$10M transferred into Adult Launch November 2024

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- WIOA at 70% of budget
 - Salaries reflected are Wendi and Denise, WIOA covers roughly 50% & the remainder comes from WDTF
 - Youth Apprenticeship Readiness is a carryover and in FY26 will disappear
- ARPA WDTF
 - Obligated \$10M to Adult LAUNCH this FY
 - TPM is mostly closed under ARPA, projects continuing under WDTF
 - STEM investments for CHIPS Act Projects, just started billing
 - Disburse by December 31, 2026
- ARPA Child Care
 - 1 grantee will not be utilizing their grant, the Executive Committee will address return of funds and reallocation
- LAUNCH – In Demand Careers
 - Personnel and OPEX \$4M, will not utilize the full amount; personnel will have approximately \$.5M balance
 - FY27 will true up the numbers
 - Trustee and Benefits, \$11M in expenditures
 - \$20M transfer received quarterly
 - \$5M CTE transfer out September 2024
- FY25 Budget
 - No line items, maintenance only currently in House for approval
 - New bill being introduced regarding LAUNCH
 - Creating an oversight body for in-demand careers of 3 House, 3 Senate, and 3 appointments by the Governor
 - Bachelor's degrees removed
 - Potential financial means test

Idaho LAUNCH Updates

Sherawn Reberry, LAUNCH Program Manager

- Class of 2024
 - Numbers reported to JFAC
 - \$55M obligated to date
 - 6,498 students awarded as of December 28, 2024
 - 268 extensions approved, religious service and waitlist top 2 reasons
 - All types of High Schools represented, GED lowest with 28, homeschool at 86
 - Top 12 program types remain constant throughout the process, Biology and Biological Sciences remain top followed by nursing
 - All legislative districts are represented in the number with only region 1 being under 100 at 98
- Class of 2025
 - 12,382 applications as of March 11, 2025
 - All High School types are represented
 - Applications from Region 4 currently out number Region 3
 - 2- and 4-year institutions remain the highest in choice of providers

- Healthcare is 1 and 2 of the top 10 programs followed by business
- No legislative district is below 100 applicants, with districts 10 and 24 leading the count
- Question?
 - Compare the two years
 - 24K graduates in 2025, 50% are currently applying
 - Choice of Opportunity Scholarship or LAUNCH does not seem to be affecting the response
- 8,023 contingent offers made
 - Accept to get final award offer
 - 3 rounds made, 4th on Friday
 - April 15 cutoff for applications
 - Final offers late April
 - Accepting will require 2 steps, one at time of offer and follow-up after graduation
 - Training for counselors coming to assist with the final offer process
 - Ambassadors will be available in each region to assist students, receiving a small stipend over the summer
 - Colleges are also doing popups to assist students
- Adult LAUNCH
 - Award pays 80% up to \$3,500
 - From the agreement signature, recipients have 6 months to begin training
 - \$28.5M obligated from inception in 2020 to December 15, 2024
 - 8,825 served, \$3,200 average cost per participant
 - Transportation, construction, and medical top 3 programs
 - 18-24 and 25-34 represent the 57% of participants
 - 65% of participants are men
 - Q3 2023 participants showed an annual wage increase of 23.5%
 - Average wage increase without LAUNCH is 2.3%
 - Participation is across the state
- \$100K Outreach Grant – Building Futures, showcasing careers & non-traditional pathways
- Comments regarding Adult LAUNCH
 - Impressed by the results, fulfilling to be a part of the Council
 - Kudos on the jobs explained and building futures programs
- Success Stories from the regions
 - Personal letter of thanks from Kuna High School
 - Region 1 – Bill Reagan
 - NIC enrollment up 15% fall 2024
 - U of I
 - Up 3.7%
 - Largest freshman class in history
 - Undergrad up 5.2%
 - Boundary and Bonner County numbers are up incredibly
 - Shoshone County numbers up

- Awareness task is huge
- Region 2 – Kelly Kolb
 - Lewiston High School Success
 - Personal letter of thanks
 - Was homeless, autistic
 - Never imagined going on
 - Fall semester, grades improved
 - Attending U of I
 - Allows me to sleep knowing a large portion of the cost is covered
- Region 3 – Linda Clark
 - State board meeting included a student panel
 - BSU freshman
 - LAUNCH participant
 - Without it I would not be here
 - I have a great future
- Region 4 – Joe Maloney
 - Filer school board huge supporters of the program
- Region 5 – Wendi Secrist
 - Legislative representatives are supportive per Donna Butler
- Region 6 – Amanda Logan
 - CEI 34% first time fall registration
 - Student comment – LAUNCH changed my life
 - Local businesses are working on a way to cover the 20% not covered by LAUNCH by partnering with providers
- Additional Comments:
- Business announcing expansion next week, priority for community investment is how to partner with LAUNCH
- Better communication ideas
 - In-demand career list
 - Communicate that it is data-driven
 - Can not be data driven if someone picks and chooses occupations
 - Social media, need more success stories
 - Marketing campaign
 - Need to show the impact side
 - Kids talking to kids
 - Twitch, young boys video gaming and sharing
 - Explore “association” of employers to hire LAUNCH completers
 - All industries have said LAUNCH is top priority
 - Hoover Institute at Stanford asked to do a research project (at their own cost) showing the economic impact, tie to in-demand careers
 - A culture shift is happening away from 4-year programs, will require effort to communicate alternate pathways

- LAUNCH talking points for stakeholders

Break

Motion by Ms. Clark to adjust the agenda to move the WDTF Grant item prior to the Committee Updates/ Actions agenda item. Second by Ms. Morrow. Motion carried.

WDTF Grants Update

Matthew Thomsen, Business Partnership Manager

- WDTF
 - Data from 2018 to present
 - 3% set-aside Idaho unemployment tax
 - 94 grants awarded since 2018
 - WDTF & ARPA funded grants
- Industry Sector Grant
 - 3-year performance period
 - 41 awards since 2018 with 20 unique applicants
 - 26,000 served
 - No cap on fund amount
- Innovation Grant
 - 1-year, \$25K maximum award or;
 - \$25K per region up to 1-year maximum or;
 - If work-based learning such as pre-apprenticeship, apprenticeship, or internship; may be 24 months and exceed \$25K
 - 27 awards since 2018, 24 unique applicants
 - 9,200 served
- Employer Grant
 - Amount determined by quantitative funding model
 - 26 awards since 2018
 - Almost 4,500 served
- 2018 – 2024
 - 2018 Council vision was to award more grants to serve industry versus individual employers
 - \$62M awarded
 - 40,000
- Annual report in packet

TPM

***Talent Pipeline Management Initiative**

- Recommendation to approve an additional \$550K WDTF set aside to continue funding 5 host organizations for FY26
- Began in 2020, trained 30 individuals
- Summary is in packet
- Capacity was an issue

- ARPA funds 2022, 7 host organizations to fund FY23/24
- Last March \$550K in WDTF approved to fund; 5 host organizations
- Report is based on Q1 & Q2 FY25
- Regions 5&6, Center for Advanced Energy Studies (CAES)
 - CAES is sunsetting
 - CEI is requesting to have project shifted to them

Motion by Mr. Coletti to approve the recommendation approving an additional \$550K WDTF set-aside to continue funding 5 host organizations for FY26, allowing CEI to submit a host organization funding request. Second by Ms. Price. Ms. Barber abstained. Motion carried.

Policy Committee

Hope Morrow, Policy Committee Chair

- ***Student LAUNCH Framework**
 - Recommend changes to Prioritization of Grant Awards
 - Added to description “as verified by the Idaho State Tax Commission”
 - Remove statement “For eligible students, prioritization shall be done based on pursuit of in-demand careers.” Add “for prioritization based on in-demand careers”
 - Item 3, replace “the application date/time shall be used to develop the order of award” with “the process for prioritization based on financial need shall be used”
 - Add the following:
 1. The following process shall be used for prioritization based on financial need:
 1. The Idaho State Tax Commission shall provide the Idaho Taxable Income and number of dependents for the tax return filed by the applicant, or the tax return the applicant is listed as a dependent on. The Idaho Taxable Income shall be reduced by the number of dependents childcare tax credit amount found on IRS Schedule 8812, line 5 for the current tax year.
 2. Applicants will be prioritized based on the lowest to highest Idaho Taxable Income.

Motion by Ms. Revier to accept the proposed changes to the Student LAUNCH Framework document, including the suggested formatting change. Second by Mr. Kealey. Motion carried.

- ***Adult LAUNCH Framework**
 - Recommending the following changes:
 - Added verbiage to Eligible Coursework “along with basic technical certificates (i.e. 9-month certificates) through the technical colleges”
 - Adjusting verbiage to Prioritization of Grant Awards
 1. Replacing “shall allocate” with “may further prioritize”
 2. Add “within the following categories”

- Remove the following from category list
 1. Number of available grant slots
 2. Date of complete application

Motion by Ms. Clark to accept the proposed changes to the Adult LAUNCH Framework document as presented. Second by Ms. Revier. Motion carried.

One-Stop Committee

Kristyn Carr, One-Stop Committee Acting Chair

- ***WIOA Integrated Eligibility and Priority of Service Policy**
 - Potential policy change was presented at the December 2024 Council meeting
 - Changes are to capture In-school Youth and align with Health and Welfare priority on Foster Youth and Youth with Disabilities
 - Changes
 - Additional language defining In-school Youth
 - Outlines barriers that must be met
 - Basic skills deficient
 - English language learner
 - Offender
 - Homeless or runaway
 - Foster care or age out of foster care
 - Pregnant or parenting
 - Disabled
 - Requires educational assistance
 - Chronic unemployment
 - Culturally displaced
 - Redefining OSYs
 - 75% of funding
 - Defining Priority of Service for ISY
 - 25% of funding

Motion by Ms. Morrow to approve the requested changes to the WIOA Integrated Eligibility and Priority of Service Policy to address In-school Youth. Second by Ms. Barber. Motion carried. Ms. Revier abstained from the motion.

STEM Action Center Integration

Wendi Secrist and Dee Mooney, STEM Action Center Administrator

- STEM AC began reporting to WDC August 5, 2024
- Mission and visions are very similar
- Combining strengthens the bridge between Education and Workforce
- After combining, 3 Divisions will exist under WDC
 - Strategy and Operations

- Focused on big picture strategy, efficient financials and operations, grants and using data-driven insights that address the future of work for the state of Idaho
 - Education and Careers
 - Bringing innovative education resources, including STEM, to equip students with the skills and knowledge needed to access post-secondary pathways and thrive in tomorrow's careers
 - Employer
 - Bridge the gap between talent and opportunity by building mutually beneficial partnerships with employers ensuring they have the workforce they need to succeed
- What's changing what is not
 - STEM AC Board may transition to a formal committee of the WDC in July 2027
 - Some roles changing or being eliminated
 - Separate budget during FY26, will propose a combined budget for FY27
- Communication plan feedback
 - STEM Advisory Board is meeting on the 18th and will be asked for feedback on the same document
 - Situation & Recommended approach
 - Well stated, the question would be operational how they are coming together; how are they working together
 - FY27 budget, reducing some of \$3.2M STEM budget, and reducing personnel
 - Will physically move to the WDC space; current STEM office space is leased
 - Intent is captured
 - Meets DOGE objectives
 - Reducing government,
 - Increasing efficiencies
 - Reducing budget
 - Legislature must approve, we will prioritize changes in statute and budget
 - Co-chairs of JFAC briefed on the change
 - Representative Horman is the only one still there from when the STEM AC started
 - Foundation Board not mentioned, currently looking at it and its future
 - Funds received currently flow to the Center; work being done on the future of these funds
 - Foundation is Independent 501C3 and is a separate entity
 - "Strengthening connection" to be review by Governor's office
 - What are we missing?
 - STEM actions/activities in my community examples
 - Show why this benefits industries

Lunch

The Impact of the Idaho LAUNCH Grant on College Enrollment Dr. Cathleen McHugh, Office of the State Board of Education

- Enrollment
 - Increased for all institutions in state
 - Story map
 - All data is preliminary, finalized within the next week
 - The story won't change; numbers will
 - 9% increase in enrollment, will likely be 13% final
 - Hispanic enrollment increase of 16%
 - Economic disadvantaged, 13% increase
 - 23% increase for those with GPA less than 2.7
 - Greatest impact on the community colleges
 - Impact of LAUNCH
 - What would enrollment have been without LAUNCH?
 - Unemployment increased a little bit but not enough to have an impact on enrollment
 - FAFSA had issues, Idaho had higher FAFSA completion rate due to summer work by school counselors
 - Opportunity Scholarship, 2024 class could receive both it and LAUNCH, 7,500 students applied for both
 - 5% difference in male to female for 2024

Energy Industry Deep Dive

Facilitated by Deni Hoehne, Chair

- **Megan Ronk, Idaho Power**
 - Idaho Power serve 650K customers
 - Prioritize reliability and affordability
 - Real time business trying to balance demand and supply
 - US demand shows 10% annual growth until 2030
 - Global construction spends \$49B by 2030
 - 2025 Integrated Resource Plan
 - Performed every 2 years
 - 20-year look at future generation resource needs
 - 2025 IRP to be filed with Idaho Public Utilities Commission in June 2025
 - Will likely show the need for new baseload generation resources – like natural gas
 - Forecast 8.3% growth over the next 5 years, fueled by Meta data center in Kuna, Micron fab project, and Perpetua Resources in Yellow Pine
- **Marty Blair, Idaho State University**
 - Idaho is growing, looking at ways to ensure we are meeting the needs
 - 13K students enrolled
 - Health services are the most popular, followed by Energy
 - 100 or so graduate students
 - 580 students involved in certificate programs
 - Nuclear Engineering, 150 students going into INL and private industry
 - Could double but need educators and space

- 23 robotics graduates
- 85 Civil Engineering Students
- Computer Engineering & computer science, 400 students
- Engaging students in apprenticeship and research opportunities before graduation
- 200 Drone Technology students
- Collaborations between ISU and INL
 - Super agreement with INL with a strategic set of activities
 - BSU, ISU, and U of I
 - Nuclear is just one aspect of clean energy
 - Stargate, 5 states met to discuss how we are engaging universities and how to leverage resources
 - How do we compete with bigger states and universities
 - Huge needs for workforce coming across all industries
 - Interested in making strategic partnerships
 - LAUNCH is very helpful in meeting needs
- **Hope Morrow, Idaho National Lab**
 - From 2022 to 2050, global power generating capacity is expected to increase between 55% and 108%
 - Electricity generation demand expected to increase between 30% to 76%
 - Energy increase will continue as population grows and climate changes
 - INL role is to get clean resources to market
 - The amount of space needed for new reactors is less as footprints are smaller
 - Nuclear market potential
 - Total Addressable Market: More than \$5B annually
 - Expected growth in nuclear energy market to \$108.74B by 2031
 - DOE estimates domestic nuclear capacity has the potential to scale from ~100GW in 2023 to ~300 GW by 2050
 - Favorable political and social environment for nuclear power
 - Impacts
 - ~90 – \$100B added to the economy by 2030
 - ~140K direct jobs by 2030
 - ~60K indirect jobs
 - ~\$114K average income
 - Currently there are 94 reactors in the US, providing 20% of the electricity produced for our power grid and more than half of our carbon-free electricity
 - 1MW of energy generation powers 650 American homes
 - Private Industry
 - Microsoft Power Purchase Agreement enables the launch of Crane Clean Energy Center
 - Oracle plans to use 3 SMRs to power a gigawatt-scale data center
 - Partnership between Google and Kairos will enable up to 500 MW of SMRs
 - X-Energy Secures \$500M in financing from Amazon Climate Pledge Fund and other key investors

- 17 DOE National Laboratories in US
- INL's FY24 economic impact on the State of Idaho
 - \$4.29B, 13.8% increase from FY23
 - Idaho's 5th largest public and private employer
 - \$326M in subcontracts to Idahoan companies, \$448M with small business
 - For every one INL job, another 2 jobs are created in other industries
 - More than 12,600 other Idaho jobs depend on INL operations
 - Average salary is \$125K

Break

Executive Director's Report

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- JFAC approved the CTE Enhancement budget line item of \$15M
 - CTE will not manage distribution
 - Amount divided by 6
 - Tied to LAUNCH for expansion
- Externship, 115 spaces, 250 applications, 64 employers will absorb all 115 spaces
- Working with NY and state apprenticeships, those coming to work on Micron will get on-the-job training credit so they can come to work in Idaho and possibly stay in the state
- Funding has not started flowing, waiting for CHIPS Office to complete the process for grants
- How do we define a credential of value – Burning Glass Institute Project
 - Pathway to a career with 15% wage differential from High School graduation
- Questions on Legislative Session:
 - Status of de-regulation bill for childcare
 - Pulls all local control no local licensing
 - Small increase in ratios
 - Allow Community Colleges to increase funding cap
 - Allow for expansion, increasing local tax levies
 - State agencies can contract with universities on project using mini procurement
 - New structure for data center bill, helping reduce attractiveness of state
 - Graduation requirements to House

Chair's Report

Deni Hoehne

- Committee Reports
- June Council meeting in Boise at the State West Campus

Unanimous consent motion by Ms. Revier to adjourn. No objections.

Adjourned 3:02 PM