JEFFERSON/FRANKLIN CONSORTIUM
WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD (WDB) MEETING
August 27, 2026

Jefferson/Franklin Consortium Workforce Development Board held a virtual meeting on August 27, 2026, at 1:30 p.m.

The meeting was called to order by David Crump, Vice-Chair.

Attendance was taken and a quorum was present. In attendance were Franklin County Presiding Commissioner Dave Schatz, Board Vice-Chair, David Crump, Joel Pikey, Joel Deopker, Dr. Chris DeGeare, Scott Pagel, Julie Scannell, Nicole Hillemeyer, and Jerri Bowles. Other interested parties in attendance: Dana Downs, Mary Brown, Maggie Peetz, Jane Kost, Trish Davids, Alice Whalen, Lora Warner, and Leanna Eckhoff.

Nicole Hillemeyer made the motion, seconded by Jerri Bowles to approve the minutes of the April 23, 2026, Workforce Development Board (WDB) meeting (Agenda Item II.) Motion carried.

Workforce Services Reports (Agenda Item III (a-c).) were presented as follows:

Office of Workforce Development (OWD) Update – Megan McEwen presented on Arnold and Washington Job Center Updates.

Trish Davids discussed WIOA Adult, Dislocated Worker, and Youth program updates and presented success stories.

Lora Warner discussed the Business Services Team recent activity, including increasing involvement in upcoming job fairs, employer surveys and hiring events.

Trence James discussed local Rapid Response events.

Mary Brown gave the following Monitoring and Oversight report updates (Agenda Item IV(a-c).):

a. PY'25 Q4 Quarterly Performance Review (07/01/25 – 6/30/26)
b. PY'25 OWD Annual Compliance Report (7/01/2025 – 6/30/2026)
c. PY'25 Jefferson/Franklin Sub-State Compliance Monitoring Report (7/01/2025 – 6/30/2026)

Mary Brown discussed the Jefferson/Franklin Consortium Program Year 2026 (7/01/26-6/30/27) Funding Allocation (Agenda Item V.), which is as follows:

a. WIOA Adult, Dislocated Worker and Youth Formula Funds ($442,862, $149,808, and $426,570 respectively)
b. Department of Social Services SkillUp Funding ($154,000)
c. Business Services ($80,000)

Mary Brown presented the Employment and Training Programs Service Providers and One-Stop Operator contract being awarded to MERS Goodwill, Missouri for Program Year 2026 (7/01/26 – 6/30/27) (Agenda Item VI.) Julie Scannell made the

motion, seconded by Nicole Hillemeyer, to accept the service provider/OSO contact for the dollar amount presented. Motion carried.

Motion made by Julie Scannell, seconded by Nicole Hillemeyer to accept *Mueller Oberkfell & Jones, LLC* bid and move forward with procuring audit services for the audit period of 9/1/26-6/30/27 (Agenda Item VIII.) Motion carried.

Mary Brown presented to the Board that the PY'24-PY'27 Jefferson/Franklin Consortium WIOA Local Plan & One-Stop Certification Updates (7/1/24-6/30/28) (Agenda Item VIII.) The two-year local plan modification was approved. The Arnold and Washington Job Centers are certified through June 30, 2029.

Community Workforce and/or Economic Development (Agenda Item IX.) updates were presented as follows:

a. East Central College – Joel Doepker
b. Jefferson College – Chris DeGeare
d. Adult Basic Education and Literacy – Alice Whalen

Civilian Labor Force Data was reviewed by Robert Francis. (Agenda Item XI.)

The next WDB meeting will be held on October 22, 2026, at 1:30 p.m.

There will be a Youth Committee meeting on September 14, 2026, and the annual Governor's Conference on Economic Development will be held September 9-11, 2026, in Kansas City, MO.