

JEFFERSON/FRANKLIN CONSORTIUM
WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD (WDB) MEETING
January 22, 2026

Jefferson/Franklin Consortium Workforce Development Board held a virtual meeting on January 26, 2026, at 1:30 p.m.

Attendance was taken and a quorum was present. The following CLEO's were in attendance: Dave Schatz. The following WDB members were in attendance: Board Vice-Chair Dave Crump, Nicole Hillemeier, Annette Kendrick, Chris DeGeare, Scott Pagel, Donna Litton, Mark Arens, Julie Johns, , Julie Scannell, Joel Doepker, Debbie Durham, Chris Vansickle, and Jerrie Bowles. Other interested parties in attendance: Aaron Griesheimer, Mary Brown, Alice Whalen, Maggie Peetz, Trish Davids, Stephanie Hemby, Lora Warner, Christina Holmes, Megan McEwen, and Leanna Eckhoff.

Debbie Durham made the motion, seconded by Chris DeGeare to approve the minutes of October 30, 2025, Workforce Development Board (WDB) meeting (Agenda Item II.) Motion carried.

Leanna Eckhoff presented the annual review of Board By-laws (Agenda Item III.). Attestations were sent to Board members via DocuSign for electronic signatures.

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

Office of Workforce Development (OWD) Update – Jerri Bowles replaced Valerie Moore. Megan McEwen provided an update on the Arnold and Washington Job Centers; she stated that traffic in the job centers seems to be picking up. WorkKeys/NCRC testing is now available a couple times a month and they are working
Trish Davids discussed WIOA Adult, Dislocated Worker, and Youth program updates and a WIOA success story presented by Stephanie Hemby.
Leanna Eckhoff discussed the Business Services Team (BST) recent activity, including discussing the upcoming second annual employer survey. The next BST meeting will be March 3, 2026, virtual.

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

- a. Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) Program Year (PY) 2024 Performance to Date (7/01/2025 – 12/31/2025)
- b. PY'25 Q1 Quarterly Performance Review
- c. c. Equal Opportunity Monitoring Report

Mary Brown discussed the upcoming Jefferson/Franklin One-Stop Certification Process and team requirements outlined in OWD Policy 06-2025. The certification of both Job Centers is due to OWD by May 30, 2026.

Nicole Hillemeier made the motion, seconded by Debbie Durham to approve Certification Review Team, as presented, for Arnold and Washington Job Center Offices and proceed with certification process as outlined in state policy OWD Policy, 06-2025, One-Stop Certification. (Agenda Item VI.) Motion carried.

Mary Brown discussed the upcoming PY'24-PY'27 Jefferson/Franklin Consortium WIOA Local Plan Required Two-Year Modification (7/1/24-6/30/28). (Agenda Item VII.) The modification will include updating policies based on State updates, updating MOU/IFA, and will be due April 30, 2026.

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

- East Central College – Joel Doecker
- Jefferson College – Chris DeGeare
- Adult Basic Education and Literacy – Alice Whalen
- Adult Basic Education and Literacy – Julie Johns
- Economic Development Corporation of Jefferson County – Donna Litton
- Franklin County Economic Development – Aaron Griesheimer

Civilian Labor Force Data was reviewed by David Crump. (Agenda Item IX.)

Next Workforce Development Board Meeting – April 23rd

Upcoming meetings/conferences:

- One-Stop Partner meeting – February 26th
- b. Business Services Team – March 3rd
- Youth Committee meeting – April 13th
- MAWD Conference – April 28th-May 1st (Springfield)