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Workforce Strategies Committee

September 28, 2020

Minutes

Attendance:

Members present on Zoom Conferencing: Chair Mark Fegley, Rosemary Alexander, Lisa Kubiak, David Podell

Staff present: Henry Bryson, Greg Bunn, Cindy Cedrone

Review of Minutes/Notes

May 29, 2019 and September 28, 2020 minutes will be reviewed at the next meeting.

Review of Committee Charge

Greg Bunn welcomed everyone and turned the meeting over to the chair, Mark Fegley. Mark said at the last Executive Committee meeting the committee was had received a good budget perspective and because funding is being cut, he asked the Workforce Strategies Committee to look at the best ways to spend time and energy in order to make the biggest impact. David Podell asked how the committee could best help the board staff. Henry Bryson asked for help in thinking differently and reviewing trends in the workplace. Rosemary Alexander suggested creating a Business Focus Group to engage employers. Greg said he was working with Burning Glass Technology's workforce command center and would see if they were willing to present to the committee.

Mark questioned what labor was going to look like. David said MassBay enrollment was down 10% and that he is concerned about those 10% and job seekers not having access to online services. Greg said it was important to map out where the low employment is located; have career center models to adapt to those most in need; map individual pathways for challenges; look at space at colleges, high schools, libraries, churches, mobile case managers to bring services to people who are not comfortable receiving virtual services.

For the next meeting, Mark asked for data on who the 10% were, where the labor market was evolving, and asked to strive for an end product.