

**Vermont State Workforce Development Board  
Full Board Meeting Agenda  
October 7, 2021  
9:00 – 11:00 am  
Virtual**

- 9:00 am**      **Call to order and Chair’s Remarks**
- 9:05 am**      **Old Business**
- 9:10 am**      **New Business**
- 9:20 am**      **Data Analysis**  
*Mathew Barewicz, Economic & Labor Market Information Division*
- 9:40 am**      **Pre-Pandemic Policies and Strategies**  
*Sarah Buxton, Department of Labor*  
*Comm. Joan Goldstein, Agency of Commerce and Community Development*
- 10:00 am**     **The Pandemic Pivot & Future**  
*Sarah Buxton, Department of Labor*  
*Comm. Joan Goldstein, Agency of Commerce and Community Development*  
*Executive Director, Victoria Biondolillo*
- 10:50 am**     **Governor Scott Remarks**
- 10:55 am**     **Wrap Up**

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**Meeting Minutes**  
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**Board/Committee members in attendance:**

Adam Grinold, Steven Dellinger-Pate, Pat Elmer, Comm. Michael Harrington, Ellen Kahler, Sen. Alison Clarkson, Tom Longstreth, Jill Olsen, Governor Phil Scott, Zachariah Hatch, Tim Smith, Monica Greene, Scott Giles, Kiersten Bourgeois, Pat Elmer, Janette Bombardier, Sophie Zdatny, Christopher Loso, Frank Cioffi, Rob Stubbins, William Lucci, Diane Dalmasse ( Proxy. Nat Piper)

**Guests in attendance:**

Sarah Buxton, Mathew Barewicz, Joan Goldstein, Victoria Biondolillo, Tiffany Walker, Dustin Degree, Mary Anne Sheahan, Alexander Beck, Maureen Hebert, Cindy Delgatto, Michael Keogh, Jason Finley, Anna Telensky, Pacifique Nsengiyumva, Cary Brown, Carolyn Weir, Rick Bugbee, Connie Beal, Richard Tulikangas, Jennier Isham, Jay Nichols, Monika Madaras, Missy Mackin, Amanda Moore, Kathi Terami, Laurel Butler, Cheryl Houchens, Robin Castle, Patricia Giavara, David Justice, Ken Ryan, Hillary Bailey, Morgan Wickstrom, Rhoni Basden, Liz Royer, Michael Marcotte, Cara Robeck, Len Schmidts, Alison Lamagna, Pat Ripley, Kathy Terami, Mary Ellen Giglio, Cheryl Houchens, Amanda Moore, Crispin White, Morgan Wickstrom

Chair Adam Grinold called the meeting to order at 10:10 am and give brief remarks outlining the challenges we face as state and the needs of the board to be effective moving forward.

**Old Business**

Chair Adam Grinold filed a motion to approve July 9, 2020 minutes and hearing no corrections moved to accept the minutes as written. Motion was unanimously approved.

**New Business**

Executive Director Victoria Biondolillo outlined a new policy regarding the staggering of term limits that will be taken up in the next policy committee meeting and then brought to the full board.

**Workforce Development in Vermont Past, Present & Future**

All Presentations can be found [here](#)

Mathew Barewicz (Economic & Labor Market Division, Department of Labor) presented a data analysis of Vermont's Workforce trends pre-pandemic and during the pandemic. He also gave an update on the status of the Vermont economy in light of COVID-19, including unemployment claims and job losses by sector, labor supply and demand, and the future of the economy.

Sarah Buxton (Workforce Development Division, Department of Labor) provided an update on the Department of Labor's ongoing strategies to support workers and employers who have been affected by COVID-19 and asked for input and future conversations with members of the board about their changing needs and where to best invest.

Commissioner Joan Goldstein (Economic Development Division, Agency of Commerce & Community Development) provided an update on the administration's business support mechanisms and strategy pre-pandemic and how that has transitioned during the pandemic and the recovery period. It included ongoing recovery and relief efforts, including the new and existing Economic Recovery Grants.

Tori Biondolillo (Executive Director, Workforce Development Board) Gave introductory remarks and outlined the boards involvement in the policy and communications process of growing Vermont's workforce moving forward.

Governor Phil Scott gave brief remarks thanking the members for their efforts throughout the past 18 months in response to the pandemic and reiterated our continued need to have their voices help us solve the workforce crisis we face here in the state.

Chair Adam Grinold Made the motion to Adjourn at 10:53 am hearing no objections the motion was approved unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 10:55 am

Respectfully Submitted by Victoria Biondolillo.

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Victoria Biondolillo, Executive Director, Vermont State Workforce Development Board