

WSI Executive Committee
Meeting Minutes
March 4, 2011
111 SW 5th Ave., Suite 1150
Portland, OR

Committee Attendees: James Paulson – Chair, Don Jensen – Vice Chair, Kimberly Schneider, Jeff Cogen, Roy Rogers, Warren Fish, Bob Tackett, Travis Stovall

Staff: Andrew McGough, Tricia Ryan, Sharon McFarland, Pat Malone, , Jenny Weller

Call to Order:

Meeting was called to order at 11:40 a.m. Quorum was announced.

Consent Agenda:

***Motion:** Don Jensen moved to accept the January 2011 meeting minutes. Travis Stovall seconded the motion. Motion was unanimously approved.*

Legislative Update:

Andrew McGough updated the board on the budget resolution that was passed by the House. Their approved budget would eliminate our funding and we would cease to operate on 7/1/2011. A 2 week Continuing Resolution was passed to allow the House and the Senate to work on the budget. The Senate is not expected pass the budget. Senators Merkley and Murray have been advocates for workforce training. McGough is scheduled to meet with Merkley next week.

McGough reviewed the materials that Oregon Workforce Partnership and WSI have been sent out to our legislators and community partners. McGough is working with the US Conference of Mayors to get the word out. We need to focus on alignment and coordination of the system. We need to show the interrelationships between programs to show the effect they have on each other.

Our elected officials pointed out that they are getting deluged with requests for support for many programs. In order to be effective, they need to focus on the issues that they feel are most important to their communities.

NAWB Update

Overall, the NAWB attendees felt the event went well. They expressed the need to get face time with our legislators and not their staff. We need to create opportunities or events to meet with them while they are in town to get a better level of engagement. Bob Tackett mentioned that NOLC has a Labor Appreciation Day each year and our legislators generally attend.

12:20 p.m. meeting went into Executive Session

12:50 Meeting was adjourned