



MAWB Policy & Issues Committee Minutes

February 17, 2021

NEG, DW Policies, and WDF Language

- DEED incorporated most of MAWB's suggestions regarding the list of occupations for the NEG. A full list of the occupations will be sent.
- A small group of MAWB members including Rick Roy, Vicki Leaderbrand, Elena Foshay, and Nicole Swanson will work on next steps to make changes to DW policies. DW managers from local areas may also be included. This group will meet with Lensa Idossa and the DW team to establish a path forward.
- There have been some rewrites to the Workforce Development Fund language. MAWB has asked to be sent a copy when the rewrites are finished.

Dislocated Worker Eligibility Policy

- Staff from Anoka reviewed and added comments.
 - The committee would like to see a deep-dive review on this.
 - Elena suggested to reframe the issue from an equity standpoint, which might prompt a more thorough review.

OSO RFP Guidance Updates

- OSO came up on a recent call with the Dept. of Labor (DOL), who seems to be giving contradictory advice. Further discussion is needed to clarify.
- WDBs are advised to follow their local procurement policies.
- Discussion ensued about Conflict-of-Interest firewalls.
 - The committee discussed creative solutions, such as having a neighboring WDB review the applications so there is no conflict of interest or setting up a separate committee of business leaders to review the applications.
- There is a contradiction in that the DOL wants a competitive process, but some local areas' procurement policies state that they don't have to RFP under a certain dollar amount.

Local Monitoring Policy

- Rick Roy introduced a new draft policy about local and state monitoring (see webpage).
- DEED will move forward with the policy: it has been approved by relevant parties.
- DEED will develop a template letter for local areas to use so there will be consistency across all areas.

Governor's Workforce Development Board Guidance Document

- The GWDB is responsible for establishing the factors which identify a "high-performing Board," and the activities required to achieve the label.
- The [Strategic Governance Guide](#) identifies the four factors.
- This document will be updated and connected to the State Plan.

Leading with Equity

- The committee ran out of time to discuss.