



## **Legislative Committee Minutes**

October 13, 2021

1. Discussed feedback from Jeanna's meeting with DEED government relations, including possible ideas for 2022 legislative session and ARPA funds—possibilities included additional P2P funds, STEM or green jobs programming. MAWB would like to see additional formula funds go to local boards that are flexible to meet the needs of communities.
  - a. Deb will make a list of flexible funding uses that others can add to.
  - b. Jeanna will continue the conversation with DEED.
  - c. MAWB may need to develop stand alone bill on DW eligibility expansion.
2. Reviewed State Platform Draft.
  - a. Jeanna will make edits and send back Anne. Anne will send out to committee members for final review.
  - b. Document will be presented at October Ops meeting and voted on by full membership at the winter meeting.
3. Reviewed updated WIOA reauthorization document.
  - a. Discussed sharing it with WIOA partners including GWDB, DEED, and ABE. Minnesota as a state may want a set of recommendations around reauthorization as well that could look different from MAWB's.
  - b. Determined we can use the document in lieu of a federal platform.
  - c. Document will be shared at October Operations meeting and voted on by full membership at the winter meeting.
4. Discussed collaboration with DEED and the recent HCD townhall. Suggestion for MAWB directors to brainstorm around the questions posed in the townhall to develop ideas. Jeanna will talk to Tammy about using time at Operations for this purpose.
5. **Leading with Equity:**
  - a. Discussed need to develop service delivery and have flexible funding sources to meet the needs of local communities, especially BIPOC Communities.
  - b. WIOA Reauthorization recommendations note COVID-19 has disproportionately impacted women, BIPOC and other historically disadvantaged communities and workforce legislation and future WIOA reauthorization needs to have a particular focus on addressing these disproportionate impacts for these populations.