

WEIAOB 2025 Legislative Priorities Workgroup: Meeting Minutes

September 4, 2024

2:00 p.m.

Virtual Meeting via Teams

Members Attending (alphabetical by last name):

Jane Broom, Ruben Flores, and Jeff Vincent.

Others attending (alphabetical by last name):

Joel Anderson (WSAC), Jolenta Coleman-Bush (Microsoft), Heather Hudson (WSAC), Michael Meotti (WSAC), and Katie Rose (SBCTC).

Meeting called to order at 2:02 p.m.

Introductory Comments

Presenter: Joel Anderson

- During the August 29 workgroup meeting, members discussed a draft rubric for reviewing legislative proposals. Based on their feedback, the rubric was revised for discussion during today's meeting.

Key Takeaways

- The workgroup's rubric will enable the Board to review legislative proposals while considering its guiding principles and performance accountability metrics.
- The Board should solicit and review proposals from state and external stakeholders throughout the fall.
- A new workgroup should be created to help review proposals.

Discussion: Key Topics and Questions

Presenter: Jane Broom and Joel Anderson

Material: 2025 Legislative Priorities Workgroup Rubric (Second Draft)

- Based on feedback provided during the August 29 workgroup meeting, the first draft rubric was modified by:
 - Adding specific references to the Board's guiding principles and performance accountability metrics
 - Reframing statements as questions
 - Including more specific questions about the types of postsecondary degrees/credentials produced, time frames for intended outcomes, scope, scale, and whether proposals impact programs that are over capacity
- Workgroup members provided additional feedback on the second draft rubric.

- It is important for the Board to use a rubric that accurately captures its goal of investing in key higher education and workforce development priorities.
 - The rubric should specifically ask how proposals are targeting areas of need in the labor market and/or economy.
 - Workgroup members discussed a tentative process and timeline for the Board to solicit and review legislative proposals.
 - All state and external stakeholders should be allowed to submit proposals for consideration.
 - The Board’s instructions for this process should encourage stakeholders to participate only if their proposals are relevant to higher education and workforce development.
 - While reviewing proposals, the Board should be provided with a rough estimate of how much funding from WEIA will be available in the 2025–27 biennium for discretionary spending.
 - A process for soliciting and reviewing proposals may take place as follows:
 - October—proposals are solicited from state and external stakeholders, then reviewed by WSAC staff
 - November—new workgroup reviews proposals and initial feedback from WSAC staff, then prepares recommendations for full Board
 - The new workgroup should have members from all sectors.
 - December—workgroup sends recommendations to full Board prior to January 2025 meeting
 - January—Board reviews and approves a final list of 2025 legislative recommendations
 - Workgroup members should talk to other Board members about this process so that everyone is prepared for the September 18 Board meeting.
 - Materials from the three workgroup meetings should be publicly available on WSAC’s website.
 - Once approved, 2025 legislative recommendations from the Board should be proactively communicated to key legislators throughout the 2025 legislative session.
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Closing

Presenter: Joel Anderson

- The next full Board meeting will be Wednesday, September 18, at 9:00 a.m. via Zoom.

Meeting Adjourned: 2:54 p.m.