



Bay Area Workforce Development Board

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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE of the Bay Area Workforce Development Board

Meeting Minutes February 26, 2004

Present: Paul Linzmeyer, Jane Delveaux, Don McAdams, Dave Turbiville, Diane Koepke,
Bob Guenther
Absent: Kris Parkansky

Mr. Linzmeyer called the meeting to order at 12:30 PM at the NWTC Center for Business and Industry. A quorum was present. The Minutes of the February 11, 2004 meeting were approved as submitted on a motion by Mr. McAdams, second by Mr. Guenther.

Mr. Linzmeyer wanted to address several pieces of state legislation that had been promoted by the Governor's Economic Growth Council, on which he served. Three bills had been adopted by the State Senate, but were stalled in the State Assembly. These included:

SB 261, which would offer income and franchise tax credits for investments in new business ventures with headquarters in Wisconsin;

SB 310, which would appropriate \$10 million in state general purpose revenue for employee training connected to major new business investment in equipment and manufacturing processes;

SB 319, which creates a "Manufacturing Competitiveness Grant Program" with \$9.5 million in state general purpose revenue, to subsidize the increasing productivity, implementing new manufacturing processes, creating new products, and upgrading workers' skills.

Mr. Linzmeyer asked the Executive Committee to approve a statement asking that the State Assembly act to get their versions of these bills out of committee and onto the Assembly floor for full debate during the current session that ends in mid-March. Motion to request that the State Assembly do so during the current session made by Mr. Guenther, second by Ms. Koepke. Motion passed on a unanimous vote.

Members expressed willing to go to Madison to testify as private citizens if the bills were up for full debate. Mr. Guenther encouraged direct connection of these initiatives to the apprenticeship programs in the state.

The meeting adjourned at 12:50 PM.

The vision of the Bay Area Workforce Development Board is that job skills and educational levels are increased, quality of life for all individuals is enhanced, while employers' needs are met.