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AGENDA MEMORANDUM

DATE: October 19, 2005
TO: Lane County Board of Commissioners
DEPARTMENT: Lane Workforce Partnership
PRESENTED BY: N/A
FROM: Chuck Forster, Executive Director
AGENDA ITEM TITLE: ORDER/IN THE MATTER OF APPOINTING TWO MEMBERS TO THE LANE WORKFORCE PARTNERSHIP BOARD OF DIRECTORS

I. MOTION

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II. ISSUE OR PROBLEM

The Workforce Investment Act of 1998 requires the establishment of local workforce investment boards (comprised of a majority from business). The local board sets policy for the workforce investment system in its area. Per the Workforce Investment Act, a community-based organization and education representation is required on the local workforce investment board.

As the local workforce board of Lane County, the Lane Workforce Partnership board of directors is recommending the appointment of Susan Walsh, Executive Director of Committed Partners for Youth, to fill the community-based position on the board previously held by Jean Phelps, past Executive Director of the Relief Nursery. Additionally, the Workforce Partnership board is recommending that Mike Vermillion, Superintendent, Lane Education Service District, be appointed to fill the education position on the board previously held by Ron Hitchcock.

III. DISCUSSION

A. Background

The Lane Workforce Partnership is the local workforce board for Lane County under the Workforce Investment Act of 1998. In order to receive federal job training funds for youth, adults and dislocated workers, workforce boards must include representation of six groups:

- Business
- Education
- Labor organizations
- Community-based organizations
- Economic development agencies
- Representatives of each of the one-stop partners

Program services are provided through The Workforce Network (Lane County's local one-stop). An initiative of the Lane Workforce Partnership Board of Directors, The Workforce Network is an alliance of workforce organizations which include:

- Department of Human Services
- Employment Department
- Lane Community College
- Lane Workforce Partnership
- Vocational Rehabilitation Services

B. Analysis

Susan Walsh would be a representative in a mandated partner position on the Lane Workforce Partnership Board of Directors. Her appointment assures the mandated community-based organization representation requirement under the Workforce Investment Act will be fulfilled.

Mike Vermillion would be a representative in a mandated partner position on the Lane Workforce Partnership board of directors. His appointment assures the mandated education representation requirement under the Workforce Investment Act will be fulfilled.

C. Alternatives/Options

The Workforce Investment Act of 1998 requires that local workforce investment boards be established to set policy, develop a budget for purposes of carrying out the duties of the local board and provide oversight over the Workforce Investment Act one stop delivery system (adult, dislocated worker and youth programs). To do this, a board must, at a minimum, include members representing business (a majority from business), elected officials, education, community-based organizations, labor, economic development and a representative from each of the one stop partners. One stop partners include a representative from Department of Human Resources, Employment Department,

Vocational Rehabilitation, education (Lane Community College) and the Lane Workforce Partnership as the one stop operator.

Community-based organization and education representatives on the Lane Workforce Partnership's board of directors are approved by the Lane County Board of Commissioners. To not approve the appointment of Susan Walsh and Mike Vermillion to the board of directors would place the Lane Workforce Partnership in non-compliance of the Workforce Investment Act of 1998.

D. Recommendations

To appoint Susan Walsh and Mike Vermillion to the Lane Workforce Partnership Board of Directors for a three-year term beginning October 2005 through December 31, 2008.

E. Timing

The appointment would be effective the date of signature of the board order.

IV. IMPLEMENTATION/FOLLOW-UP

The appointment of Ms. Walsh and Mr. Vermillion would become effective upon approval by the Board of County Commissioners.

V. ATTACHMENTS

1. Board Order

**IN THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF LANE COUNTY, OREGON**

**}IN THE MATTER OF APPOINTING
}TWO MEMBERS TO THE LANE
}WORKFORCE PARTNERSHIP
}BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

ORDER NO.

WHEREAS, the Workforce Investment Act requires the establishment of a local workforce investment board in order to receive federal funds to serve youth, adults and dislocated workers in Lane County; and

WHEREAS, the membership shall be consistent with Title I, sec 177 (b) of the Workforce Investment Act and shall be appointed by Chief Elected Official(s) from each area; and

WHEREAS, two vacancies exists on the Lane Workforce Partnership board of directors; and

WHEREAS, this matter having been fully considered by the Lane County Board of Commissioners, it is hereby

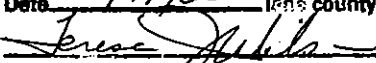
RESOLVED AND ORDERED that the following named persons be appointed to serve on the Lane Workforce Partnership Board of Directors from October 2005 through December 31, 2008.

Susan Walsh
Executive Director
Committed Partners for Youth

Mike Vermillion
Superintendent,
Lane Education Service District

Dated this _____ day of October 2005

Bobby Green, Chair
Lane County Board of Commissioners

APPROVED AS TO FORM
Date 10/11/05 Lane County

OFFICE OF LEGAL COUNSEL

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