



# Northwest Colorado Council of Governments

## Economic Development District (EDD) Board Meeting

December 01, 2022

Conference Call Only (“Present” means on the call”)

### **Council & EDD Board Members Present:**

Kristin Brownson, Town of Breckenridge  
Patti Clapper, Pitkin County  
Josh Blanchard, Summit County  
Chris Romer, Vail Valley Partnership  
Erin McCuskey, SBDC  
Tim Redmond, Routt County  
Geoff Grimmer, Town of Eagle  
Christina Oxley, CDLE

### **Other Present:**

Erin Young, CWDC  
Carolyn Tucker, CDLE

### **NWCCOG Staff:**

Talai Shirey  
Rachel Tuyn  
Jon Stavney  
Becky Walter

### **Call to Order:**

Patti Clapper called the Economic Development District (EDD) Board meeting to order at 12:30 pm. Roundtable introductions were completed, there was not enough EDD Board members for quorum.

### **Approval of October EDD Board Meeting Minutes**

No quorum, October EDD Board Meeting Minutes will be added to the January agenda.

### **Workforce Update – CDLE Team**

Carolyn Tucker and Christina Oxley, CDLE – Employment updates show that there is still a labor shortage for several reasons including declining birth rate, great mismatch, increased retirement, “shesession”, and childcare shortage. Unemployment rates have decreased since October 2021 providing some stability to local businesses. CDLE provides workforce and economic development activities to assist businesses weather the labor shortage. Contact Carolyn Tucker or Christina Oxley for more information. There was a discussion on skilled trades development, several counties are collaborating with local school districts encouraging students to stay in the region post high school.

<https://www.vaildaily.com/news/eagle-valley/eagle-county-collaborative-for-career-pathways-awarded-just-shy-of-1-million/>

<https://www.vailvalleypartnership.com/vvw/careerwise-colorado/>

Erin Young, Employment Coach w/Colorado Workforce Development Council (CWDC)– Introduced her new role as Employment Coach and the Good Jobs Pilot working to improve job quality with measurable data including job quality, meaningful employment, upskilling/reskilling, including workers voice, safety, and inclusion. Contact Erin Young with questions, webinar registration below:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZUofuqtrDssG9OYBqzz0iB-XkleA9ZoazM>

### **New Business/Future Agenda Items**

- Economic Summit will be at the Pavilion on May 4, 2023
- Talai will be sending out EDD Representative forms for the 2023/2024 EDD Board
- There will be an election at the January meeting for the EDD Board
- It was requested that a separate invite for the 2023 EDD Board be sent to the EDD members only. The NWCCOG invite will continue to include the EDD Board meeting for everyone on the NWCCOG Council.

### **Update: STR Taxes**

STR taxes mostly passed with funding for housing and childcare indicating communities are more resident driven.

### **Member Updates**

Josh Blanchard, Summit County – Competitive base pay and salary survey have increased the base pay at Summit County; open jobs have greatly decreased. BOCC instantiated 3-year 5013c nonprofit organization “Summit Economic Garden Project” focusing on resort towns; partnering with Better City pilot program to explore what specific community changes would look like.

Patti Clapper, Pitkin County – Happy holidays!

Erin McCuskey, Regional SBDC and Eagle County Economic Resiliency – Focusing on business and workforce retention, preparing business exit strategies for retiring businesses, building relationship with neighboring counties which support local business and workforce. The demand to support local businesses continues to grow, a new robust program model is being created for the NW Region.

**Adjournment:**

***M/S: Josh Blanchard/Patti Clapper*** adjourned the EDD meeting at 1:47 p.m.

***Passed: Yes***

  
Patti Clapper (Feb 8, 2023 11:04 MST)

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DiAnn Butler, EDD Chair

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Date