

REAP Executive Committee Meeting Minutes Wichita Workforce Center

2021 N Amidon Ave #1100

Wichita, KS 67203

September 8, 2022 ~ 11:30 am

1. Welcome and Introductions: Mayor Tom Brown, Chair
2. Approval of Minutes from Executive Committee Meeting from July 28, 2022: Mayor Tom Brown, Chair
Recommended Action: Approve the Minutes from the July 28, 2022 REAP Executive Committee meeting

ACTION TAKEN: Council Member Tom Jones (Park City) made a motion to approve the July 28, 2022 REAP Executive Committee Meeting Minutes. Mayor Terry Somers (Mount Hope) seconded. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.
3. Talent Roadmap Leadership Coalition: Tami Bradley, Senior Strategic Advisor for Talent Roadmap and Workforce Development
Recommended Action: Provide feedback
 - Talent Roadmap created: Founders, GWP, Kansas Dept. of Commerce, Workforce Alliance, City of Wichita and Sedgwick County
 - Process led by Deloitte, however much community engagement
 - Ambition statement created: “We are a vibrant, global community of possibility that invests boldly, takes risks, and defies expectations”
 - 13 action steps: business, industry and education working together
 - Talent Roadmap Leadership Coalition created - first meeting Sept. 27, 2022
 - Selection criteria: Leadership, community trust and subject matter expertise
 - Roles and responsibilities
 - Representatives from across the Wichita region will serve as “boots on the ground”
 - Hold each other accountable
 - Provide oversight to the work of the Talent Roadmap
 - Mission of Consortium: Establish connection between public, private and community stakeholders to drive inclusion by bringing diverse voices to the table with the goal of identifying and addressing the priorities, needs and barriers faced by various populations across the greater Wichita region

- Responsibilities defined
- Scope and Expectations
 - Cascade the strategies/pillars – tactical initiatives that drive the ambition statement
 - Establish feedback loops, collect feedback and proactively address gaps and needs shared by stakeholders
 - Champion the initiatives driven by the Talent Roadmap and encourage stakeholders across the region to do the same
- Time Commitment – Will meet quarterly and more as needed
- Mayor Tom Brown (McPherson) stated more regional representation is needed on the Coalition
- Tami Bradley will work on getting more representation from outside of Sedgwick County

4. One Workforce Grant Report: Mary Mann, Workforce Alliance of South-Central Kansas

Recommended Action: Receive and file

- Employer Driven
- Buckets of money
 - Scholarships funding buckets for training
 - Incumbent worker training
- In-house or custom programs, or through scholarships to local colleges or universities in technology and advanced manufacturing based on employer needs
- Available to all in the 10-county region for advance manufacturing and IT
- \$1million grant for Digital Transformation through the Office of Innovation and New Ventures at WSU

5. WAMPO Regional Transportation Projects and Upcoming Studies: Chad Parasa, Executive Director, and Ashley Bryers, Transportation Planning Manager

Recommended Action: Receive and file

- Notable KDOT Projects:
 - I-235/I-135/K-254 Interchange (North Junction)
 - K-96: Discovery Phase for Upgrade from 4- Lane to 6-Lane
 - Right of Way Acquisition for Northwest Wichita Bypass
 - US-54 (E. Kellogg Ave) in Sedgwick/Butler counties
- Upcoming studies:
 - Comprehensive Safety Action Plan
 - Economic Development Report
 - Travel Demand Model Update
 - Regional Transit Feasible Study - 2023
 - Regional Transit Committee Formation - 2023
 - Regional Active Transportation Plan - 2023/2024

6. Committee Reports
 - A. Kansas Legislative Update: Kimberly & Josh Svaty
 - Interim committee on water
 - Committee adjourned without making any recommendations
 - Many speaker stated that the voices of municipal governments were not fairly represented
 - Need a dedicated funding source
 - Move Chief Engineer
 - Discussion on lack of municipal representatives
 - B. Airport Advisory Board: Report provided by Randy Frazer (Arkansas City)
 - Full written report was provided in REAP Executive Committee Meeting packet
 - Traffic back to pre-covid numbers
 - C. Transit Advisory Board: Report provided by Council Member Troy Tabor (Andover)
 - Full written report was provided in REAP Executive Committee Meeting packet
 - Transit is moving forward with board consolidation
7. Community Updates
 - Wichita Regional Chamber of Commerce City-to-City visit is to Minneapolis this year – Mayor Tom Brown (McPherson), Mayor John Lehnherr (Park City) and REAP Executive Director will be attending
 - CEDBR Economic Outlook Conference, October 6th 7:30-11:30 – REAP is a table sponsor
 - Mental Health Association Beautiful Minds Gala: Saturday, Oct. 8, 6-9PM, at Mark Arts – REAP is a table sponsor
 - RFP for REAP Government Relations Services closes tomorrow (Sept. 9)
 - Council Member Mike Hoheisel (Wichita):
 - Budget passed
 - Money to pave dirt roads
 - Money to fund positions in police department for mental health
 - Money to address sewer plant stench in South Wichita
 - WSU awarded Build Back Better Grant of \$51million to advance smart manufacturing technologies in south central Kansas
 - McPherson College announcement of \$1 billion investment
8. Adjourned at 12:54PM

NEXT MEETING: Due to the Wichita Regional Chamber of Commerce's City-to-City visit Oct. 12-14, our next meeting has been moved to Thursday, October 20, 2022, at 11:30am.

Attendees:

Name	City	In Person	Zoom
Mayor Tom Brown	McPherson	X	
Mayor Russ Kessler	Haysville	X	
Will Black	Haysville	X	
Kristi Northcutt	Lindsborg		X
Lucas Neece	Lindsborg		X
Tami Bradley	GWP	X	
Kasi Morales	McPherson		X
Chad Parasa	WAMPO	X	
Ashley Bryers	WAMPO	X	
Dr. Justin Henry	Goddard USD		X
Dr. Randy Smith	Cowley College		X
Keith Lawing	Workforce Alliance	X	
Mary Mann	Workforce Alliance	X	
Council Member Mike Hoheisel	Wichita		X
Lauren Clarey	Kansas Gas Service		X
Mayor Terry Somers	Mount Hope	X	
Council Member Tom Jones	Park City	X	
Anthony Swartzendruber	Harvey County	X	
Kelly McElroy	Newton		X
Council Member Troy tabor	Andover		X
Council Member Nick Engel	Derby		X
Diane Tinker-Hurst	WSU		X
Kimberly Svaty			X
Josh Svaty			X
Don Koci	Burns McDonnell		X
Kennisha Rolfe	Workforce Alliance	X	
Laura Rainwater	REAP	X	

