

Boulder County Workforce Development Board Meeting

(Full Board – In Person)

May 16 , 2025

Meeting called to order 8:06 a.m.

Executive Board Attending: Erin Jones, Corine Waldau, Bernadine Sharp, Craig Foster, Matt Wiggins, Karl Gerken

Introduced Board members

Consent Items:

All consent items were approved unanimously without questions

Director Update – Erin Jones:

Erin went through a presentation which reviewed the organizations funding efforts for program year 2025:

- Highlighted grants and funding that have been awarded and the grants that have been applied for
- Discussion around base federal and state funding for programs has been shrinking so Erin has continued to work on diversifying funding sources. This can result in different types of work
- Discussion around Connecting Colorado modernization. Lots of optimism around how much easier the system will be for job seekers and employers. AI is being employed to help streamline inputs and outputs

Elevate Quantum Presentation – Jessie Olsen and David

- Key concepts of quantum technology were presented: Entanglement and Superposition
- Major uses of quantum technology include sensors, computing, networking and security
- Colorado is the only federally funded quantum tech hub
 - 50+ companies
 - Largest cluster of workers
- ½ of quantum jobs do not require advanced degrees such as welding, fabrication, pipe fitting, programming, soldering, and math
- Entry level quantum jobs are in the \$85,000 salary range

Wrap Up Conversation

- Just released (during the meeting) workforce funding allocations from feds. All funding is down to some extent

Meeting was adjourned at 9:26 a.m.