

# **Boulder County Workforce Development Board Meeting**

## **(Full Board – In Person)**

September 26, 2025

Meeting called to order 8:08 a.m.

There were quite a few guests in attendance, including two Boulder City Council members

A quorum of the board members was in attendance. Executive Board Attending: Erin Jones, Corine Waldau, Craig Foster, Karl Gerken

### **Consent Items:**

All consent items were approved unanimously without questions

### **Workforce Development Month Remarks – Marta Loachamin:**

- Thanked the Workforce Boulder County (WfBC) staff for great work. They organized six events for Workforce Development Month
- Recognized Erin Jones. Her work is recognized at the state level and she is highly regarded
- Governor Polis recognized the importance and impact of workforce
- About 30,000 individuals visited WfBC last year

### **Director Update – Erin Jones:**

- Recognized Workforce Development Month
- Shared new statewide Workforce branding
- Discussed importance of Governor Polis' Executive Order D 2025 006
  - 2025 Executive Orders | Colorado Governor Jared Polis
  - Focused on integration between higher education and workforce development
- Boulder office will be moving to 28<sup>th</sup> Street in 2026
  - Smaller space
  - Integrated with other groups
  - Easier access for community
- Grant Updates
  - DRCOG grant is a partnership with five other areas and will focus on green trades
  - Quantum Futures grant is a partnership with Elevate Quantum to expose people to jobs and training in the quantum industry

### **Colorado Forward: Skills First Practices Presentation – Kelly Strong:**

- Skill based connections between learner/worked and employers
- Started with healthcare industry
- Focus on essential skills as identified by the 2024 Colorado Talent Pipeline Report

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### **WfBC World Café Activity – WfBC Staff:**

- WfBC staff led conversations on general services that WfBC offers.
- Meeting attendees separated into four small groups.
- Topics discussed were:
  - Career Services and Training
  - Employment Services and Connecting Colorado
  - Business Services and Work based Learning
  - Career Coaching and Skill Building

Meeting was adjourned at 9:28 a.m.

Several attendees toured the Hub Building after the meeting adjourned