

Boulder County Workforce Development Board Meeting

(Full Board – In Person)

January 23, 2026

Boulder County Workforce Development Board 501 (c) (3) meeting called to order 8:08 a.m.

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

Staff is creating a vision for a more robust 501 (c) (3) in the future and is looking at a grant that would be run through this non-profit.

Motion was made to approve Annual Financial Statement noting total assets of \$2,749.69. Motion approved unanimously.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:10 a.m.

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Consent Items:

All consent items were approved unanimously without questions

Executive Board Elections:

Corine Waldau is leaving the board. We thank Corine for her amazing work and all the effort that she put in to help the organization succeed!

A motion was made to approve the following Executive Board Roster

Bernadine Sharp – Chair
Craig Foster – Vice Chair
Matt Wiggins – Treasurer
Karl Gerken - Secretary

The motion was approved unanimously. Note that prior to the meeting there was an online vote approving this roster.

Director Update – Erin Jones:

- CDLE final monitoring report
 - Had two findings

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- PACE guidance changed mid-year so not all money was spent
 - There was a young person's age that was not documented
- There was a lot of praise in the report for the organization
- Thank you to all the teams and individuals that work hard to ensure we stay in compliance
- Update on the Governor's executive order to integrate workforce development and higher education into one agency
 - It will be a multi-year process
 - Benefits include a streamlined talent pipeline with one front door to access opportunities
 - Legislation is drafted. Will keep the board involved/informed
- Applying for WIN challenge grant
 - Expand Colorado Forward work
 - Take the Skills First platform and apply it to women, homeless, and justice involved
 - 3-year program that will start within Boulder County and expand
- The Workforce Boulder County Board has been designated as a high performing workforce board. Great job! Congratulations.

Front Range Community College Presentation – Janel Highfill:

- 27,000 Students per year. Lot of concurrent enrollment, giving high school students access to higher education.
- Three locations: Longmont, Westminster, Ft Collins
- Part of the Colorado Community College system with coordinated standards and courses
- Broad range of programs
 - Certificates
 - Academic transfer
 - Associates degrees
 - Non-credit training
 - Credit and non-credit credentials
 - Apprenticeships
- Only optics associate degree in the state
- Developing quantum courses – not that the skills are not necessarily exclusive to quantum and include things like engineering, computer science, optics, welding, HVAC, and others

Closing Remarks:

- Thank you, Corine Waldau, for your service to this board and to the community! You have been very influential.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:18 a.m.