

**Executive Committee
South Central Region 8 Workforce Board
Zoom Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, August 26, 2026
10:00am - 11:00am**

Members Present:

Brenda Reetz, Chair
Scott Baker, Vice Chair
Adam Gross, Secretary
Sam Craig, RCEO

Others Present:

Rob King
Susan Neal

Call to Order – Brenda Reetz called the meeting to order at 10:00am.

Regional Four-Year Plan Modifications Review - Rob King provided a comprehensive review of the 2024-2027 Regional Workforce plan modifications. WIOA requires Workforce Boards to develop and submit a comprehensive regional workforce plan every four years with a modification year at the two year mark (2026). The Workforce Plan must address current and future strategies that will advance the overall workforce system goals and support a customer-centered system. The plan must also align with the Unified State Plan. The initial draft of this plan will be published for public comments for at least 30-days prior to submission to DWD. Rob King reviewed the main highlights with Committee members and explained the plan will be published for public comment from August 27, 2026 through September 27, 2026 with final submission due to the State by September 30, 2026.

Rob explained that the overall plan included an executive summary and five key sections as follows:

- 1) **Section One** – Workforce and Economic Analysis
- 2) **Section Two** – Strategic Visions and Goals
- 3) **Section Three** – Local Area Partners and Investment Strategies
- 4) **Section Four** – Program Design and Evaluation
- 5) **Section Five** - Compliance

Rob highlighted key points of the plan including co-location of partner agencies, co-enrollments into different funding sources when appropriate, cross training of staff, regional referral system, WorkOne presence in each county served, and the technological delivery of services and programs throughout the local area. Rob also stated that the plan aligns well with the State's main goals of increasing wages, increasing workers and

upskilling more workers. After review and discussion, there were no questions or issues with the Regional Workforce Plan.

Brenda Reetz moved to approve the Regional Four Year Plan revisions for 30-day public posting for review and comments prior to being sent to DWD. Adam Gross seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the motion passed.

Rob provided the committee with a current version of the Region 8 In-Demand occupations listing and informed them that a review is in process and an updated 2026 listing will be provided at September Board meeting for review and approval.

Rob also provided the committee with the current Board goals for review and stated that the committee would meet again prior to the 9/30 Board meeting to review, recommend and approve updated regional goals for full Board to vote on at Annual meeting.

With no further business to discuss, Scott Baker moved to adjourn the meeting. Adam Gross seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the meeting was adjourned.

Prepared By: Rob King