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AGENDA MEMORANDUM

DATE: January 24, 2007
TO: Lane County Board of Commissioners
FROM: Chuck Forster, Executive Director
Lane Workforce Partnership
SUBJECT: ORDER/IN THE MATTER OF APPOINTING MEMBERS TO THE LANE
WORKFORCE PARTNERSHIP BOARD OF DIRECTORS

I. MOTION

ORDER IN THE MATTER OF APPOINTING MEMBERS TO THE LANE WORKFORCE
PARTNERSHIP BOARD OF DIRECTORS

II. AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

The Board of County Commissioners is being asked to appoint Debbie Egan, Superintendent of Lane Education Service District, to the Lane Workforce Partnership board of directors.

III. BACKGROUND/IMPLICATIONS OF ACTION

A. Background Action and Other History

The Workforce Investment Act of 1998 requires the establishment of local workforce investment boards (comprised of a majority from business). The local board sets policy for the workforce investment system in that area. The purpose and scope of its programs are governed by the Workforce Investment Act. Note: On January 25, 2000, the Lane County Board of Commissioners approved designation of the Lane Workforce Partnership as the local workforce investment board under the Workforce Investment Act of 1998.

In order to receive federal job training funds to serve youth, adults and dislocated workers, workforce boards must include representation of six groups.

1. *Business* - must be owners of businesses, chief executives or operating officers of business, and other business executive or employers with optimum policymaking or hiring authority.

2. *Local educational entities*
3. *Labor organizations*
4. *Community-based organizations*
5. *Economic development agencies*
6. *One-stop partners*

Program services are provided through The Workforce Network (local one-stop center). An initiative of the Lane Workforce Partnership board of directors, The Workforce Network is an alliance of workforce organizations that include: Department of Human Services; Employment Department; Lane Community College; Lane Workforce Partnership; and, Office Vocational Rehabilitation Services.

B. Policy Issues

The Workforce Investment Act of 1998 establishes board composition and nomination requirements for membership on local workforce investment boards, i.e. the Lane Workforce Partnership board of directors. All non-business appointments are approved by the Lane County Board of Commissioners through Lane County's Board Order process.

The Board of County Commissioners is being asked to appoint Debbie Egan to serve on the Lane Workforce Partnership board of directors beginning the date the board order is signed through December 31, 2009 (three-year term). Ms. Egan wishes to serve on the Lane Workforce Partnership board, and the board of directors supports this request.

Debbie Egan, Superintendent, is nominated by the Lane Education Service District to serve as an education representative on the board. Ms. Egan replaces Mike Vermillion who retired as the Superintendent of Lane Education Service District. She serves on the Youth Council Committee.

C. Board Goals

The Lane Workforce Partnership is dedicated to improving the competitiveness of local businesses through the development of a skilled workforce and to enhance the ability of Lane County residents to secure and retain family wage jobs. The activities of the Lane Workforce Partnership relates directly to Lane County's goal "*work for a strong regional economy to expand the number of family-wage jobs available in Lane County*" (Lane County Strategic Plan 2001-05, Section IV).

D. Financial and/or Resource Considerations

Because membership of the Lane Workforce Partnership board of directors is on a volunteer basis, there is no financial and/or resource considerations to these appointments.

E. Analysis

The Workforce Investment Act of 1998 establishes board composition and nomination requirements for membership on local workforce investment boards, i.e. the Lane Workforce

Partnership board of directors. In order to be in compliance with the federal Workforce Investment Act, the board of County Commissioners is being asked to appoint Debbie Egan to serve on the Lane Workforce Partnership board of directors.

F. Alternatives/Options

To not appoint the nominee would result in non-compliance with the federal Workforce Investment Act and potentially decertification of the Lane Workforce Partnership as the local Workforce Investment Board. This would result in loss of services to Lane County residents and businesses.

IV. TIMING/IMPLEMENTATION

The appointments would be effective on the date the Board Order is signed.

V. RECOMMENDATION

To appoint Debbie Egan to the Lane Workforce Partnership board of directors for a three-year term beginning the date the board order is signed through December 31, 2009.

VI. FOLLOW-UP

Not applicable.

VII. ATTACHMENTS

Board Order

IN THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF LANE COUNTY, OREGON

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}MEMBERS TO THE LANE WORKFORCE
}PARTNERSHIP BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

ORDER NO.

WHEREAS, the Workforce Investment Act of 1998 requires the establishment of a local workforce investment board in order to receive federal funds to serve youth, adults and dislocated workers in Lane County; and

WHEREAS, the membership shall be consistent with Title I, sec 177 (b) of the Workforce Investment Act, with a business majority and chair, and shall be appointed by Chief Elected Official(s) from each area; and

WHEREAS, this matter having been fully considered by the Lane County Board of Commissioners, it is hereby

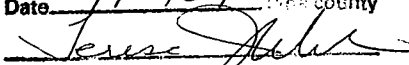
RESOLVED AND ORDERED that the following named person be appointed to serve on the Lane Workforce Partnership Board of Directors for a three year term beginning January 2007 through December 31, 2009.

Debbie Egan, Superintendent
Lane Education Service District

Dated this _____ day of January 2007

Chair, Lane County Board of County Commissioners

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APPROVED AS TO FORM
Date 1/16/07 Lane county

OFFICE OF LEGAL COUNSEL