

**Northwest Workforce Development Board**  
**Minutes of Meeting**  
**April 21, 2022**  
**In-Person/Virtually via *GoToMeeting***

The Northwest Region Workforce Development Board (NW WDB) met in an open session on Thursday, April 21, 2022. Board Chair Gregg Roberts called the meeting to order at 10:06 am.

Roll Call was conducted and a quorum was established with ten (10) Board members present.

**Board Members**

Lana Beavers	Kelly Bordewick	Julie Jones	Phil Larabee
Scott May*	Damon Neff	Amanda Riley	Gregg Roberts
Gary Clapp	Erin Dennis	Cole Kiner	

*\* Joined after roll call at 10:11 am*

**Commissioners**

Bob Caldwell	Lee Sawyer
Andrew County	Buchanan County

**Guests**

Kim Mildward	Jeri Dearmont	Susan Brand	Anita Jolly
Joel Mcnutt	Rebecca Fletcher	Yvonne Wright	Mardy Leathers
Robin McHugh	Donna Brake	Diane Simbro	Bobby Barlow
Rita Wallinga	Robin Hammond		

**WDB Staff**

Brent Stevens  
Jeanie Griffin  
Kerry Savage

## **Open Session Meeting**

1. Chair Gregg Roberts introduced the guests and asked Director Brent Stevens and Mardy Leathers (OWD Director) to present the discussion on the proposed merger of the Northwest Region with the Northeast Region. OWD Staff Donna Brake presented the steps required to complete the merger, which is a year long process. If all steps are completed the, merger could be finalized no sooner than July 1, 2023.

Discussion on the proposed merger continued.

*A motion was made by Julie Jones and seconded by Gary Clapp to approve the proposed realignment of the Northwest Workforce Development Area, and merge the Northwest and Northeast Workforce Development Boards into one Board. The Motion passed by a roll call vote, eleven in favor and zero opposed.*

2. Chair Gregg Roberts entertained a motion to adjourn. Cole Kiner made the motion and was seconded by Julie Jones.

The Meeting adjourned at 10:42 AM