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AGENDA MEMORANDUM

DATE: July 9, 2008
TO: Lane County Board of Commissioners
FROM: Chuck Forster, Executive Director
Lane Workforce Partnership
SUBJECT: ORDER/IN THE MATTER OF APPOINTING A LANE COUNTY EDUCATION
REPRESENTATIVE TO THE LANE WORKFORCE PARTNERSHIP BOARD OF
DIRECTORS

I. MOTION

ORDER/IN THE MATTER OF APPOINTING A LANE COUNTY EDUCATION
REPRESENTATIVE TO THE LANE WORKFORCE PARTNERSHIP BOARD OF DIRECTORS

II. AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

The Board of County Commissioners is being asked to appoint Sonya Christian, Vice President for Academic and Student Affairs for Lane Community College, 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 of 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 Sonya Christian to serve on the Lane Workforce Partnership board of directors beginning the date the board order is signed through December 31, 2010. Ms. Christian wishes to serve on the Lane Workforce Partnership board, and the board of directors supports this request.

Sonya Christian, Vice President for Academic and Student Affairs for Lane Community College, has been recommended by Mary Spilde, President of Lane Community College, to serve as a state mandated education representative on the board. Ms. Christian replaces Tim Craig, who resigned due to his retirement from Lane Community College.

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 this appointment.

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 Sonya Christian

to serve on the Lane Workforce Partnership board of directors as an education representative.

F. Alternatives/Options

To not appoint Sonya Christian 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 appointment would be effective on the date the Board Order is signed.

V. RECOMMENDATION

To appoint Sonya Christian to the Lane Workforce Partnership board of directors from July 9, 2008 to December 31, 2010.

VI. FOLLOW-UP

Not applicable.

VII. ATTACHMENTS

Board Order

IN THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF LANE COUNTY, OREGON

**}ORDER/IN THE MATTER OF
}APPOINTING A LANE COUNTY
}EDUCATION REPRESENTATIVE 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 beginning July 9, 2008 through December 31, 2010.

Sonya Christian,
Lane Community College
Vice President for Academic and Student Affairs
Education Representative

Dated this _____ day of July 2008

Faye Stewart, Chair,
Lane County Board of County Commissioners

APPROVED AS TO FORM
Date 6/30/08 Lane County
Teresa J. Smith
OFFICE OF LEGAL COUNSEL

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