

**Forum of County Commissioners**  
(North Central Workforce Development Area/SkillSource)

**FRIDAY, February 13, 2026**

**1:00 PM**

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**Via ZOOM**

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**MEETING AGENDA**

**1. Call to Order, Jay Weise**

**2. Meeting Minutes: December 5, 2025**

**ACTION**

**3. Board Member Appointments**

**ACTION**

**Nominees:**

a) **Lindsay Prows, Johnson's Glass – Othello**

Representing: Business

Nominated by: Othello Chamber of Commerce

b) **Heidi Huddle, All State Insurance – Wenatchee**

Representing: Business

Nominated by: Wenatchee Valley Chamber of Commerce

c) **Maritza Enriquez, Joyson Safety Systems – Moses Lake**

Representing: Business

Nominated by: Grant County Economic Development Council

d) **Savannah Knowlton, Welcome Home Care – Omak**

Representing: Business

Nominated by: Okanogan Economic Alliance

**4. Announcements**

- **SkillSource Recognition Banquet:** Thursday March 19 6pm @ Confluence Tech Center – Wenatchee
- **March Committee Meetings:** OK: (3/2), GA (3/3), CD (3/4) **Attendance optional**
- **Next Forum Meeting:** (Schedule – July 2026)

**5. Adjourn (by 2:00)**

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**1:00pm via Zoom**

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**DRAFT MEETING MINUTES**

**Commissioners in attendance:** Jay Weise, Brad Hawkins, Kevin Burgess

**Staff:** Lisa Romine, Laura Leavitt, Aaron Parrott, Kelli Martinelli

**1. Call to Order**

Chair, Commissioner Weise, called the meeting to order and welcomed attendees.

**2. Meeting Minutes: June 25, 2025**

*Jay Weise moved and Brad Hawkins seconded to approve the June 25, 2025 meeting minutes. Motion passed.*

**3. Workforce Area Budgets 2025-26**

Final area-wide executive and service delivery budgets for 2025-26 were reviewed. The SkillSource Regional Workforce Board approved all four budgets at their September 23<sup>rd</sup> meeting. Lisa reviewed the summary of changes between the final and preliminary expenditure budgets. She pointed out the Governor's 10% discretionary funds have not yet been released and asked the Commissioners if they would consider sending a letter to the Governor encouraging him to release the funds to local areas in order to increase capacity to serve individuals especially in light of new federal work requirements for SNAP (food assistance) recipients.

*Brad Hawkins moved and Kevin Burgess seconded to concur with the SkillSource Board approval of the 2025-26 Final budgets as presented. Motion passed.*

**4. Direct Delivery Extension**

Workforce Innovation Act provides local boards the discretion to directly deliver career services for Adults and Dislocated workers and Youth with agreement between the Chief Elected Official (Forum) and the Governor. Lisa reviewed the data and direct delivery application request to extend approval through then end of the four-year strategic plan June 30, 2028.

*Brad Hawkins moved and Kevin Burgess seconded to submit a request to the WTECB and Governor to extend Direct Delivery approval through June 30, 2028. Motion passed.*

**5. SkillSource Board Reappointment**

The three-year term for board member, Michelle Price (NC ESD), expires December 31, 2025.

*Brad Hawkins motioned and Kevin Burgess seconded to re-appoint Michelle Price to the SkillSource board for another 3-year term. Motion passed.*

**6. SkillSource Board Vacancies**

Four vacancies on the SkillSource board will need to be filled due to the retirement of board members, Tom Legel (Confluence Health) and Annette Herup (Terex/Genie), Ken Johnson elected Mayor of Othello and Roni Holder-Diefenbach who announced she will step down at the end of December. Lisa will bring nominations to the Forum at their February meeting.

**7. 2024-25 Performance**

Aaron Parrot gave an overview of SkillSource performance against Federal targets along with an overview of ROI of state funded programs for 2024-25.

## **8. Meeting Schedule**

Discussion was held regarding the Forum's meeting schedule/cadence. Completing Doodle polls can be time consuming and cumbersome. A suggestion was made to set the next meeting date at each meeting to minimize the polling. Additionally, Commissioners indicated they would like to meet at least once per year in person and hold remote meetings as needed. Lisa reminded Commissioners that they are welcome to attend any and all SkillSource quarterly Committee and Board meetings, but not required.

***Brad Hawkins moved and Jay Weise seconded to hold the next meeting remotely on Friday, February 13<sup>th</sup> at 1:00pm. Motion passed.***

## **9. Announcements**

The SkillSource Recognition Banquet will be held in Wenatchee at the Confluence Technology Center on Thursday March 19, 2026. Save the Date announcements and a calendar invite have been sent. This is a great event to learn more about SkillSource and its impact in our region.

***Jay Wiese adjourned the meeting at 2:01 pm***



January 30, 2026

Jay Weise, Chair  
Forum of County Commissioners  
Adams County Courthouse  
210 W. Broadway  
Ritzville, WA 99169

RE: Nomination to the SkillSource Regional Workforce Board

Dear Commissioner Weise:

On behalf of the Othello Chamber of Commerce, I am pleased to recommend Lindsay Prows, owner of Johnson's Glass in Othello and Chair of the Othello School Board, for appointment to the SkillSource Regional Workforce Board.

As a local business owner, Ms. Prows understands firsthand the challenges and opportunities facing employers in Adams County — from workforce recruitment and retention to developing the next generation of skilled workers. Through Johnson's Glass, she has demonstrated strong leadership, sound business management, and a deep commitment to serving the needs of customers and the broader community.

Beyond her business leadership, Ms. Prows has made a significant impact through her service as Chair of the Othello School Board. In that role, she has helped guide strategic decisions that support student achievement, fiscal responsibility, and career-connected learning opportunities. Her work reflects a strong belief in preparing students not just for graduation, but for meaningful careers and continued education.

Ms. Prows is widely respected in Othello for her collaborative approach, steady leadership, and dedication to strengthening our local economy. She understands the vital connection between education, business, and workforce development — a perspective that would add meaningful value to the SkillSource Board's work.

I am confident that she would be a thoughtful, engaged, and effective member of the SkillSource Regional Workforce Board.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

*Jacklyn Wilhelm*

Jacklyn Wilhelm  
Executive Director of the Othello Chamber

Cc: Lisa Romine, SkillSource

# WENATCHEE

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

# VALLEY

February 5, 2026

Jay Weise, Chair  
Forum of County Commissioners  
210 W. Broadway  
Ritzville, WA 99169

RE: Nomination to the SkillSource Regional Workforce Board

Dear Commissioner Weise:

On behalf of the Wenatchee Chamber of Commerce, I am pleased to recommend Heidi Huddle, Wenatchee business owner of Allstate Insurance, for appointment to the SkillSource Regional Workforce Board.

As a successful small business owner, Ms. Huddle understands the workforce challenges facing employers in North Central Washington. Through her leadership at Allstate Insurance, she has demonstrated sound business management, financial expertise, and a commitment to helping individuals and families build long-term stability.

Ms. Huddle has been an engaged and active leader within our community. Her service with the Wenatchee Chamber of Commerce reflects her dedication to supporting local businesses and strengthening our regional economy. She has also played an important role in Project SEARCH in partnership with Stemilt Growers, advancing inclusive workforce opportunities and helping connect individuals with disabilities to meaningful employment. Her involvement demonstrates a clear understanding of the importance of career pathways and employer engagement in workforce development.

Beyond these roles, Ms. Huddle has been an active participant in other community initiatives that promote leadership development, business collaboration, and community engagement. She is widely respected for her professionalism, collaborative spirit, and practical approach to problem-solving.

Ms. Huddle is widely respected for her professionalism, collaborative approach, and thoughtful leadership. She would bring a strong employer voice, practical insight, and a deep commitment to community success to the SkillSource Regional Workforce Board.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

*Steven Wilkinson*

Steven J. Wilkinson  
Wenatchee Valley Chamber Executive Director

Cc: Lisa Romine, SkillSource



Grant County  
Economic Development Council

February 9, 2026

Jay Weise, Chair  
Forum of County Commissioners  
Adams County Courthouse  
210 W. Broadway  
Ritzville, WA 99169

RE: Nomination to the SkillSource Regional Workforce Board

Dear Commissioner Weise:

On behalf of the Grant County Economic Development Council, I am pleased to recommend Maritza Enriquez, HR Business Partner with Joyson Safety Systems, for appointment to the SkillSource Regional Workforce Board.

Ms. Enriquez brings valuable human resources experience in the manufacturing sector, one of our region's key industries. In her role at Joyson Safety Systems in Moses Lake, she supports recruitment, employee engagement, talent development, and retention efforts essential to sustaining a strong and competitive workforce.

Previously, she served in human resources at SVZ in Othello, where she helped support a diverse workforce and strengthen employer-employee relations. Her experience across multiple manufacturing settings gives her practical insight into workforce pipelines, skills gaps, and the importance of aligning industry needs with education and training partners.

Ms. Enriquez is also engaged in the community. She has been active with the Othello Chamber of Commerce and has invested in youth development by coaching girls' soccer, mentoring young people and strengthening community connections in both Othello and Moses Lake.

Her combined experience in manufacturing, HR leadership, and community involvement makes her well-qualified to serve on the SkillSource Regional Workforce Board. She would bring a thoughtful employer perspective and strong understanding of workforce needs in Grant and Adams Counties.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Brant Mayo".

Brant Mayo, Executive Director  
Grant County Economic Development Council

Cc: Lisa Romine, SkillSource

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[Date]

Jay Weise, Chair  
Forum of County Commissioners  
Adams County Courthouse  
210 W. Broadway  
Ritzville, WA 99169

RE: Nomination to the SkillSource Regional Workforce Board

Dear Commissioner Weise:

On behalf of the Okanogan Economic Alliance, I am pleased to recommend Savannah Knowlton, co-owner of Welcome Home Care, for appointment to the SkillSource Regional Workforce Board.

Ms. Knowlton is a business leader in the growing home care industry, addressing critical workforce needs across Okanogan and surrounding counties. As co-owner of Welcome Home Care, she has built a mission-driven organization that creates local jobs while meeting the increasing demand for in-home services for seniors and vulnerable adults. Her background in social sciences and gerontology gives her a strong understanding of workforce challenges in the care sector and the importance of building sustainable talent pipelines.

She has actively engaged with the WorkSource system and understands the value of coordinated workforce strategies in recruitment, training, and retention. Ms. Knowlton is also keenly interested in helping shape workforce policy through thoughtful legislative advocacy, bringing both employer experience and a forward-looking perspective to regional workforce discussions.

Her leadership, industry insight, and commitment to community make her well-qualified to serve on the SkillSource Regional Workforce Board.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Roni Holder-Diefenbach, Director  
Okanogan Economic Alliance

Cc: Lisa Romine, SkillSource