

**Special Executive Committee Minutes  
May 28, 2025**

**I. Call to Order**

The Executive Committee was brought to order at 10:07am by Mark Vorobik.

**II. System Oversight**

**A. WIOA PY 2025 WIOA Washington State's IB Annual Allocations for 1) Adult, Dislocated Worker, and Youth (Young Adult), and 2) Wagner Peyser (ESD) Programs, NWC Budget Funding Distribution, and PY 2025 Preliminary Operating Budget**

Marissa provided an overview of the WIOA PY 2025 allocations at both the state and local levels. She referred members to the draft local PY 2025 WIOA Allocations Memo enclosed in their meeting materials. Overall, Washington experienced average reductions in Youth and Adult funding, matching national trends. However, it received a substantial increase in Dislocated Worker funds, making it one of only a few states to see a notable funding boost - likely due to elevated dislocation data or economic distress metrics within the state.

Locally, while formal allocations have yet to be received by the state, the projected WIOA allocation for WDA3 (NW) increased by 7.8% percent overall, with Youth and Adult allocations receiving just over 1.5% - 3.9% decreases over last year, respectively. Dislocated Worker receiving a nearly 37% increase in funding. Across Washington state, 10 out of the 12 WDA's received cuts to their Youth and Adult allocations, and all 12 received increases in Dislocated Worker funds. Marissa shared she hopes to have a more definitive draft budget for approval during the upcoming Executive Meeting for members to take action on, however this will depend on the state and how quickly they are able to share this information with local areas.

The following is a more detailed breakdown of the WIOA IB Youth, Adult, and Dislocated Worker allocations across the country, as per [TEGL 11-24](#) *Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act Adult, Dislocated Worker, and Youth Activities Program Allotments for Program Year (PY) 2025; PY 2025 Allotments for the Wagner-Peyser Act Employment Service Program; and PY 2025 Allotments of Workforce Information Grants to States and Outlying Areas* issued on May 20, 2025:

The national total for **WIOA Youth Activities** decreased slightly by \$7.1 million, or -0.75%, from \$944.1 million in PY 2024 to \$937.0 million in PY 2025.

- 26 states and territories saw increases in their youth funding allocations.
- 29 states and territories experienced decreases, many of them significant.

**Notable Increases:**

- New Jersey: +\$6.95M (+29.02%)
- California: +\$22.5M (+15.41%)
- Utah: +\$921K (+28.15%)
- Arkansas: +\$946K (+18.00%)
- South Carolina: +\$1.16M (+12.89%)
- Kentucky: +\$1.85M (+12.47%)

**Notable Decreases:**

- Texas: -\$10.29M (-10.68%)
- Michigan: -\$3.66M (-10.68%)
- **Washington: -\$2.43M (-10.68%)**
- Pennsylvania: -\$4.63M (-10.68%)
- North Carolina: -\$2.89M (-10.68%)
- Arizona: -\$2.26M (-9.89%)

The national total for **WIOA Adult funding** remained virtually flat, with a \$53,000 increase (just +0.01%) from \$883.30 million in PY 2024 to \$883.35 million in PY 2025.

- 21 states and territories experienced increases in funding.
- 31 states and territories saw decreases, with many at or near -9.99%.

#### Notable Increases

- New Jersey: +\$7.01M (+30.01%)
- California: +\$22.18M (+15.71%)
- Idaho: +\$661K (+30.01%)
- Utah: +\$644K (+26.13%)
- Arkansas: +\$927K (+18.20%)
- Kentucky: +\$1.84M (+12.71%)
- Oklahoma: +\$813K (+13.86%)
- South Carolina: +\$1.15M (+13.21%)
- Missouri: +\$1.44M (+15.38%)

#### Notable Decreases

- Texas: -\$9.08M (-9.99%)
- New York: -\$3.28M (-4.91%)
- Michigan: -\$3.19M (-9.99%)
- **Washington: -\$2.18M (-9.99%)**
- North Carolina: -\$2.57M (-9.99%)
- Pennsylvania: -\$4.03M (-9.99%)
- Arizona: -\$2.17M (-9.99%)

The national total for **WIOA Dislocated Worker** formula funding remained essentially flat, with a marginal decrease of \$194,000 (-0.01%), from \$1.39357B in PY 2024 to \$1.39338B in PY 2025.

- The majority of states saw across-the-board reductions of approximately -10.02%.
- A few states received significant increases due to shifts in unemployment data, economic distress, or state-specific need.


#### Notable Increases

- California: +\$47.52M (+29.98%)
- Illinois: +\$17.63M (+29.98%)
- New Jersey: +\$9.48M (+29.21%)
- **Washington: +\$5.92M (+29.98%)**
- Kansas: +\$1.03M (+27.09%)
- North Dakota: +\$222K (+29.98%)

#### Widespread Decreases at -10.02% including:

- Texas: -\$7.50M
- New York: -\$10.19M
- Florida: -\$4.15M
- Pennsylvania: -\$5.23M
- Arizona: -\$2.84M
- Michigan: -\$2.78M
- North Carolina: -\$2.11M

#### Old Business –

Kevin Corrigan provided an update on the Washington Ferry Build  effort, in which Washington State Ferries has issued boat contracts to be awarded by June 1, 2025. This is a generational opportunity with long-term economic potential as the state will likely need additional ferries beyond this contract. He noted that additional stakeholders have recently requested to be added as signatories to the advocacy letter, and their names have been retroactively included. He explained that the delay in some endorsements was due to the time required for entities to obtain formal approval, with Snohomish County among the most recent to sign on. The letter has been submitted, and the team is now evaluating the most effective paths for continued advocacy, especially as Washington's bid came in higher than Florida's. While the governor has been difficult to reach, outreach efforts continue through various channels to support the proposal for dual contracts - one for each shipyard - to accelerate ferry production and generate stronger economic returns for the state.

#### New Business - None

#### Public Comment - None

**Adjourn:** Mark Vorobik adjourned the meeting at 10:41am.