I. INTRODUCTION

Board Chair Kristen Fox welcomed board members and guests and initiated roll call. Secretary John Bowers reviewed the January 23, 2020 draft minutes. Mr. Daryl Campbell made a motion to approve; Mr. Brian McGowan seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.

II. ACTION ITEMS

A. WDC Policy Update for Approval

Mike Davie reviewed the policy definition updates for, “Unlikely to return to prior occupation” and “Unemployed as a result of general economic conditions”. Ms. Jane Broom made a motion to approve; Jon Welch seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.
III. INFORMATION ITEMS
   A. Quarterly Financial Reports
      Treasurer Katie Garrow reviewed the Quarterly Financial Reports. Mr. Jon Welch
      made a motion to approve; Brian McGowan seconded. The motion was
      unanimously approved.

IV. PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION
   A. COVID-19 Response
      1. COVID-19 Employment Impact
         Mr. Bryan Pannell reviewed employment impact data from March 8, 2020
         through May 9, 2020. New unemployment insurance (UI) claims total 309,948 in
         King County, approximately 30% of all Washington State claims. UI claimant’s
         gender is reflected comparably to the labor force. Those disproportionately
         affected are the young, under educated, and Black/African American claimants.
         Claimants with a higher level of education is increasing in latest data set.
         Industries with average annual wages less than $50,000 account for 17 of the 32
         industries impacted.

      2. WorkSource System Update
         Ms. Beth Blanchard noted that WorkSource (WS) sites began providing virtual
         services by March 17, 2020. Lists of essential jobs are updated daily on the WS
         website [www.worksourceskc.org] Neighborhood House has translated
         unemployment information into 13 languages; and the Employment Security
         Department (ESD) is exploring the possibility of “community ambassadors.”
         Currently, WARN notices issued by manufacturers are typically marked as
         permanent and service industries are typically marked temporary. Dr. Shouan Pan
         recommended that local community colleges be incorporated in efforts to skill-up
         community members.

      3. Policy Changes
         Mr. Davie reviewed the COVID-19 supportive services addendum. Revised
         policies for front-end services and assessments will be brought to the Board for
         vote in August.

      4. Grants and Funding Updates
         Ms. Marie Kurose reported Workforce Development Council of Seattle-King
         County (WDC) applied for a statewide national recovery grant, and an
         application for a Department of Labor Employment Recovery Grant was
         submitted in May. JP Morgan Chase awarded the WDC a $500,000 Workforce
         Equity in Emergency grant.

      5. Outreach and Engagement
No report.

6. Regional Coordination Efforts
Ms. Kurose reported that the Washington Workforce Association is working together with state agencies to identify systemic barriers and to create comprehensive coordinated responses with a focus on long-term job quality and economic inclusion.

7. Updates from Board Members
No reports.

B. Transformation: Strategic Planning Process
1. Local Plan
No report.

2. Regional Strategic Plan
In June community coalitions will launch to determine needs. A variety of industries will be included together with the Seattle Metropolitan Chamber.

3. Fiscal Agent to the Board
ESD Monitoring visit called out the WDC’s need to finalize the Designation Agreement and the need for additional private funding. The bylaws of the WDC’s current Board will also be revisited.

4. Operations Workplan
CFO Selections is completing recommendations for WDC fiscal processes. Point B consultants are assisting with organizational transformation.

V. INFORMATION AND OTHER BUSINESS
No other business was brought forth.

Chair Fox invited those present to contact her or Ms. Kurose with any further comments. Meeting adjourned 10:33am.