



**WEDC BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS TELECONFERENCE**

**WEDC  
Sixth Floor Conference Room  
201 West Washington Avenue  
Madison, WI 53703**

**January 25, 2018  
11:00 A.M. - 12:00 P.M.**

(These minutes should be read in conjunction with the agenda and documents prepared for the meeting.)

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:**

- Senator Tim Carpenter, 3rd Senate District

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT VIA TELECONFERENCE:**

- Ray Dreger, Seeds 'N Stuff Farm Market, Inc.
- Nancy Hernandez, ABRAZO
- Senator Dan Feyen, 18th Senate District
- Tom Sylke, Setter Roche LLP
- Representative Rob Hutton, 13th Assembly District
- Representative Dana Wachs, 91st Assembly District
- David Drury, WING Capital Group
- R.D. Nair, University of Wisconsin School of Business
- Jim Ladwig, SC Johnson
- Secretary Rick Chandler, Department of Revenue

**BOARD MEMBERS EXCUSED:**

- Lisa Mauer, Rickert Industries
- Secretary Scott Neitzel, Department of Administration

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## **CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL**

Nancy Hernandez called the meeting to order at 11:02 a.m.

## **REVIEW AND VOTE ON LAB AUDIT RESPONSES**

Mark Hogan reminded the Committee members that they reviewed WEDC's preliminary LAB audit responses at the July 5, 2017 meeting and explained that the responses coming before them today were more detailed and reflected changes made since their initial review.

One of LAB's recommendations was to have WEDC submit to the Joint Legislative Audit Committee (JLAC) a report detailing loan delinquency information for the periods of July 2017 – December 2018 (due to JLAC by 2/1/18) and January 2018 – June 2018 (due to JLAC 8/1/18). The Audit Committee reviewed the report compiled for JLAC and noted that WEDC staff also included information for the prior semi-annual period, ending 6/30/17, for comparison purposes.

Another LAB recommendation was that WEDC work with the Department of Workforce Development (DWD) to verify the job information submitted by loan/grant recipients. Mark Hogan informed the Committee that WEDC should have an executed memo of understanding with DWD to access their employment information within a few days.

Senator Carpenter noted the LAB audit mentioned an instance where, based on attorney-client privilege, WEDC declined to provide LAB the specific results of outside counsel's review of WEDC's policies. Senator Carpenter objected to WEDC using attorney-client privilege as a reason for not providing the information requested and he indicated that was the reason he was opposed to approving the WEDC's response to the audit recommendations. Mark Hogan indicated WEDC's use of attorney-client privilege was appropriate in this situation. He also noted this specific comment by LAB was not in any of LAB's 18 recommendations.

Dave Drury motioned to recommend the Board accept the LAB audit responses. Ray Dreger seconded the motion. The LAB audit responses were approved by the Board with a majority vote – Senator Tim Carpenter and Representative Dana Wachs stood in opposition.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Nancy Hernandez adjourned the meeting at 12:03 p.m.