Washington State WorkSource System Policy

Policy Number: 1028, Revision 2

Policy Title: Required Local Workforce Development Board Policies

Effective Date: February 29, 2024 – Updated January xx, 2025

1. Purpose:

To communicate the policies that Local Workforce Development Boards (LWDB) are required to develop and implement in order to comply with Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) law, rule, and guidance.

2. Background:

LWDBs must have local policies as listed in Sections 3.a, 3.b and/or 3.c in place within 120 days of January 30, 2024.

This version creates Section 3.c for non-WIOA-funded programs and activities, allowing flexibility for LWDB staff to create and implement local policies regarding non-WIOA funded programs, if permitted in local foundational documents, without actual board involvement or direction and moves Policy Revisions to Section 3.d.

Local board members must be involved in developing local policies and LWDBs will have 120 days from publication to develop and implement the newly required local policy, if LWDB is undertaking this activity or service locally. Stipends/Food Assistance/Needs-related Payments/Medical and Mental Health Care payments using State EcSA Funds and Policy 7000 are now moved to Section 3.c.

3. Policy:

a. Required written policies:

LWDBs are required to have the following local board-developed* written policies in place and available on their websites or upon request:

Policy Name	Policy Number(s)
Debt Collection	<u>5265</u>
Equal Opportunity and Nondiscrimination	<u>5402</u> and <u>1017</u>

Procurement and Selection of One-Stop Operators and Service Providers- must include complaint, allowable use of sole source, conflict of interest-firewalls-internal controls	<u>5404</u>
Conflict of Interest (with 6 elements)	<u>5405</u>
Restrictions/Disclosures on Political Activity (can fall under Conflict-Of-Interest policy)	<u>1018</u>
Property Management and Inventory	<u>5407</u>
Dispute Resolution and Appeals	<u>5255</u> and <u>1025</u>
Monitoring Policy	<u>5414</u>
Personnel Responsibilities and Limitations Under WIOA Title I-B - (LWDBs and subrecipients must define in writing their personnel, travel, and leave policies including restrictions defined herein)	<u>5413</u>
Individual Training Accounts	<u>5601</u>
Supportive Services and Needs-Related Payments	<u>5602</u>
Incumbent Worker Training Criteria	<u>5607</u>
Co-Enrollment of TAA Certified Workers into WIOA Title I-B DW Program	<u>5617</u>
WIOA Title I Follow-Up Services for Adult and DW Exiters	<u>5620</u>
Priority of Service to Veterans	6010
Eligibility Guidelines and Documentation Requirements + Eligibility Policy Handbook-including priority of service for low income and other barriered populations beyond Categories 1-3 in WIOA Sec.3(36)	<u>1019</u>
Complaint Resolution	1012
Safeguarding Personally Identifiable Information (PII)	1026

^{*} Local workforce development board members must in some way be involved in developing local policies to ensure they are fulfilling the functions described in WIOA Final Rule.

b. Required written policies if activities are undertaken locally:

LWDBs are required to have the following local board-developed* written policies in place and available on their websites or upon request if the activities are undertaken locally:

Policy Name	Policy Number
Customized Training	<u>5616</u>
Increased Capacity Training	<u>5619</u>
Incentive Payments to WIOA Title I Participants	<u>5621</u>
Integrated Service Delivery Policy and Operations Manual	1023

Transitional Jobs	5623

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20 CFR 679.300(a):

"The vision for the LWDB is to serve as a strategic leader and convener of local workforce development system stakeholders. The LWDB partners with employers and the workforce development system to **develop policies** and investments that support public workforce system strategies that support regional economies, the development of effective approaches including local and regional sector partnerships and career pathways, and high quality, customer centered service delivery approaches;"

20 CFR 679.310(b):

"In partnership with chief elected official(s), the LWDB **sets policy** for the portion of the statewide workforce development system within the local area and consistent with State policies."

Therefore, LWDBs must be able to demonstrate that their board members were involved with the development of local policies. Involvement can be demonstrated a number of ways:

- (1) Through policy-adoption votes of the full board or executive committee;
- (2) Through full board, board sub-committee, work group, or task team discussions where at least one board member is present, and policy is being developed;
- (3) Through the periodic convening of a committee of the Board, which reviews the impact policies may be having on populations served and/or outcomes against LWDB goals and directs changes needed to be consistent with Local Plan; or
- (4) Through email communication between board members and/or board chair regarding development of policy(ies) and directing staff.

Regardless of the method used to demonstrate local Board involvement, it must be documented through written agendas, minutes, or email communication.

c. Required written policies for non-WIOA funded activities:

LWDBs are required to have the following local written policies in place and available on their websites or upon request, however the requirement to be board-developed per 20 CFR 679 is suggested but not mandated, unless required in local foundational documents.

Policy Name	Policy Number
Stipends/Food Assistance/Needs-related	
Payments/Medical and Mental Health Care payments using	<u>7000</u>
State EcSA Funds	

d. Policy Revisions

Local policies listed and published prior to January 30, 2024 need not necessarily demonstrate board involvement. However, for all subsequent changes, revisions, or updates made to any policy on this list, whether considered substantive, meaningful, or seemingly inconsequential, LWDBs must demonstrate board members were involved in the development process as indicated above.

4. **Definitions**:

none

5. References:

- WIOA Law, Section 107(d)
- 20 CFR 679.300
- 20 CFR 679.310
- State Program Policy 7000

6. Supersedes:

WIN 0139, Change 1 WSS Policy 1028 Revision 1

7. Website:

Workforce Professionals Center

8. Action:

Local Workforce Development Boards and their contractors must distribute this policy broadly throughout the system to ensure that WorkSource System staff are familiar with its content and requirements.

9. Attachments:

None

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