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### **Lane Workforce Partnership Welcomes Four New Board Members**

**Eugene, Oregon:** Lane Workforce Partnership is pleased to announce the appointment of four new members to its Board of Directors: Monica Bielski Boris, Lynn McDonald, Matt Sayre, and Charlene Vermilyea. These new members bring diverse experiences and a shared commitment to enhancing the workforce landscape in Lane County.

Lane Workforce Partnership’s Executive Director, Ashley Espinoza commented, “Each of these individuals brings a unique and diverse experience, making them invaluable assets to our board and organization. They share a passion for developing an effective workforce system that supports both job seekers and businesses in Lane County.”

The Lane Workforce Partnership Board is a highly functioning and engaged board, including representatives from business, organized labor, education, economic development, community-based organizations, state agencies, and local government. These appointments bring the total number of Board members to 23. A full listing of board members can be found [here](#).

#### **Introducing the New Board Members:**



##### **Monica Bielski Boris**

Monica serves as a council representative for Oregon AFSCME, advocating for workers in Eugene, Springfield, Homes for Good, and the Willamalane Parks and Recreation District. With over 25 years in the labor movement and worker education, she holds a PhD from Rutgers University’s School of Management and Labor Relations. Monica resides in Eugene with her partner and two dogs.



##### **Lynn McDonald**

A veteran member of IBEW Local 280, Lynn has over 33 years of union experience, championing the rights of union electricians in Central Oregon and the Southern Willamette Valley. Raised in Sweet Home, Oregon, and a U.S. Air Force veteran, Lynn began his electrical career in 1991. His extensive experience includes significant projects such as wind and solar farms and construction work as far away as Bermuda. He has held numerous leadership roles, including vice president and full-time business representative since 2017. In his free time, Lynn enjoys white water rafting and racing late-model dirt cars.



### **Matt Sayre**

Matt is the Executive Director at Collaborative EDO, a regional economic development non-profit organization serving all of Lane County. With a background at Nike and the Technology Association of Oregon, Matt focuses on aligning workforce systems with regional economic development. His contributions have helped Eugene gain recognition as a 'Mozilla Gigabit City' and a 'Top 10 Up-and-Coming Tech City in the Nation'. A '20 under 40 Rising Business Star' awardee by The Register-Guard, Matt has been instrumental in the growth of local startups and the recruitment of major employers like Uber, SentinelOne, Nulia, Stratacache, and Southwest Airlines to Eugene.



### **Charlene "Charlie" Vermilyea**

A Lane County resident since 1986, Charlie has built a career in human resources and employee benefits. She started as the HR Director at a non-profit nursing facility in South Eugene and later founded Northwest Insurance Specialists in Springfield. Currently, she is the HR Manager at Emergence Addiction and Behavioral Therapies in Eugene. Inspired by her work with various nonprofits, Charlie aims to leverage her recruiting and training expertise to foster a more skilled and inclusive workforce. Outside of her professional life, Charlie enjoys scuba diving, motorcycle riding, traveling, playing pool, and DIY projects.

### **About Lane Workforce Partnership:**

Lane Workforce Partnership is the designated local Workforce Investment Board for Lane County, Oregon. The local board is charged with making targeted investments in the community utilizing federal workforce funds in line with its mission: ***To meet the workforce needs of employers and individuals through partnership and innovation.***

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