

# **Rhode Island Economic Policy Council**

## Meeting of Council Members

### Public Session

September 9, 2009

The Rhode Island Economic Policy Council met on Wednesday, September 9, 2009 in Public Session, at 10:00 a.m., at the offices of the Rhode Island Economic Development Corporation, located at 315 Iron Horse Way, Suite 101, Providence, Rhode Island.

The following council members were present and participated throughout the meeting as indicated: Governor Donald L. Carcieri, Paul Choquette, Paul Cronin, Michael DiBiase, Kimball Hall, William Hatfield, Tim Hebert, Elizabeth Huidekoper, John Partridge, Mike Ryan, J. Michael Saul, Robert Valentini, and Laurie White.

Council Members Absent: Mayor David Cicilline, Charles Bush, Ray DiPasquale, Representative Gordon Fox, Ronald Machtley, Shivan Subramaniam, George Vecchione, and John Hazen White, Jr.

Governor Donald L. Carcieri presided over the meeting.

1. Call to Order  
Governor Carcieri called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.
2. The Governor discussed the agenda and the importance of each opportunity to be presented in terms of their benefit to the state's economy. There was discussion regarding fiscal year 2010 and managing budget pressures without raising taxes. The Governor also commented on the search for an executive director for the RIEDC.
3. John Rhodes, Senior Principal - Moran, Stahl and Boyer, LLC provided an update of the state wide site assessment survey in conjunction with the RIEDC. The assessment will incorporate economic development goals for the state in conjunction with input from multiple institutions including hospitals, universities, large and small businesses. A final report will be rendered in late '09.
4. James Roosevelt, Jr. President and CEO, Tufts Health Plan provided an assessment of the state of healthcare costs and healthcare reform from a local and national perspective. He noted three critical areas to consider when evaluating a healthcare system: alignment of payment incentives, utilization of evidence based medicine and focus on prevention and wellness.

There being no further business in Public Session, the meeting was adjourned.