

Workforce Partnership of Greater RI

Board of Directors Meeting

December 14, 2012

Present: Gip Cabral, Diane Cook, Vanessa Cooley, Bob Cooper, Thomas Fay, Carmen Ferguson, Kat Grygiel, Paul Harden, Karen Jedson, Steve Kitchin, Sharon Lee, Mark Mancinho, Joe Oakes, Paul Ouellette, Ray Pingitore, Scott Seaback, Lauren Slocum, Robin Ann Smith, Jay Visnjic, James White, Paul Wielgus

Absent: Michael Black, Marie DeRoche, Joe DeSantis, Alexis Devine, Cynthia Farrell, Ray Filippone, Victoria Gaillard-Garrick, Peter Koch, Dorothy Mattiello, Gail Patry, Mark Riolo, Andrew Tyska, Darrell Waldron

WPGRI Staff: Kara Aniballi, Brian Gambardella, Sharon Geoffrey, Kathy Quattrini, Jo-Anne Thibedeau, Helder Videira, Diane Vendetti

DLT Staff: Director Charles J. Fogarty, Dan Brown-GWB

Welcome

Chair Steven Kitchin called the meeting to order at 8:03 am and requested the Board review the minutes from September 27, 2012 meeting.

VOTE: Ray Pingitore made a motion to accept the minutes. Vanessa

Cooley seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Chair Kitchin then welcomed Mark Mancinho to his first Board of Directors meeting. Mark represents the Rhode Island AFL-CIO. He thanked Director Fogarty for attending the meeting as well.

Board Resignations

With regret Chair Kitchin stated he received a resignation letter from Cynthia Farrell. Chair Kitchin read the letter to the Board and requested a motion to accept her resignation.

VOTE: Robin Ann Smith made a motion to accept Cynthia Farrell's resignation with regret. Paul Ouellette seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

With regret Chair Kitchin stated he received a resignation letter from Ray Filippone. Chair Kitchin read the letter to the Board and requested a motion to accept Ray's resignation.

VOTE: Vanessa Cooley made a motion to accept Ray's resignation with regret. Thomas Fay seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

GWB Biennial Planning Committee

Chair Kitchin stated that he and other Board members sat on the GWB Biennial Planning Committee. The board discussed their thoughts and views on the process. WPGRI will e-mail the plan to all Board members.

Executive Directors Report

Diane Vendetti stated that WPGRI staff member, Judy DiGiorgio, has accepted a position at the Department of Human Services. Currently WPGRI has two vacant FTE's but does not have authority to fill the positions.

GWB Innovative Partnership Grant

Diane stated the Governor's Workforce Board has released an RFP for an Innovative Partnership Grant. The bidder's conference is scheduled for December 17, 2012.

Workforce Innovation Fund Grant

Diane proceeded to inform the Board that the State Workforce Investment Office has received a \$ 2.7 million grant for the period of 3 years. The goal of the grant is to create systems change.

PY2012-2016 WIA Plan

WPGRI is currently working on a four year WIA plan. The plan received an extension and is due to SWIO on February 28, 2012. The Strategic Development committee will review the plan and vote on

whether or not approve the draft plan. There will then be a 30 day comment period and a public hearing.

Appointment of Executive Director

Chair Kitchin stated previous Executive Director, Christine Grieco, retired on June 30, 2012. He stated 40 applicants applied for the position 30 of which were external applicants. Six candidates were chosen for an interview. The DLT had recommended three candidates be interviewed by WPGRI's Executive Committee.

Chair Kitchin, Vice Chair Ouellette, and Secretary Smith interviewed the three candidates and made their final recommendation to the Executive Committee on December 4, 2012. The Executive Committee voted to recommend Nancy Olson to the Board as new Executive Director.

Chair Kitchin stated, if need be, this meeting could convene in closed session. There was no motion to go into closed session and Chair Kitchin requested a motion to approve Nancy Olson as WPGRI's Executive Director.

VOTE: Paul Ouellette made a motion to approve Nancy Olson as the new Executive Director. Robin Ann Smith seconded the motion. The motion passed with the recusal of James White.

Director Fogarty thanked Diane Vendetti for all the hard work she has

done during the past six months as Interim Director. He also assured the transition of Nancy Olson from GWB to WPGRI will be a smooth and quick transition.

Committee Reports

Board Development

Chair of the Board Development Committee, Paul Ouellette, stated there was no business to be discussed.

Quality Assurance

Chair of the Quality Assurance Committee, Joe Oakes, stated that the committee did not meet in November but will meet on January 22, 2013

Strategic Development

Chair of the Strategic Development Committee, Paul Harden, stated that the WPGRI staff is working on finding the number of individuals enrolled in each ITA program, number of credentials for each ITA program, number of individuals who entered employment from each ITA program, number of training related employment, wage per hour for those who entered employment, and the cost of the training programs, to help with the consideration on lowering the cap per program.

Finance Committee

Chair of the Finance Committee, Lauren Slocum, stated she will be

scheduling a meeting with Diane Vendetti to review the Fiscal reports.

Youth Council

Chair of the Youth Council, Gip Cabral, stated the Youth Council will meet in December and WPGRI is releasing a Youth Center RFP and Summer Youth RFP. Gip stated that he will be asking the Board for volunteers to read and rate proposals.

New/Old Business

Chair Kitchin noted, due to Secretary of State Laws the inclusion of New and Old business on the agenda can only be done if there are specific items to be listed.

If any Board member has items they would like listed under New/Old Business please email them to Kara Aniballi 48 hours in advance of the meeting.

Adjournment

Chair Kitchin requested a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:40am.

VOTE: Paul Ouellette made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Robin Ann Smith seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Kara Aniballi