

GOVERNOR'S WORKFORCE BOARD RHODE ISLAND
June 26, 2008 ANNUAL BOARD MEETING
MINUTES

ATTENDANCE

BOARD MEMBERS (*DENOTES ABSENT)

Mario Bueno	William McGowan	Sandra Powell
Mia Caetano Johnson	Brandon Melton	Lorna Ricci*
Armeather Gibbs	Sharon Moylan	Cathy Streker*
Saul Kaplan	Robert Nangle	Martin Trueb*
Paul MacDonald*	George Nee*	Jack Warner
Joseph MarcAurele	Robert Paniccia	

GWB STAFF: Michael Koback, Nancy Olson, David Francis, Maureen Mooney

GUESTS: Approximately 225 guests attended. Attendance list is on file.

LOCATION: The Crowne Plaza Hotel at the Crossings, 801 Greenwich Avenue,
Warwick, RI

Welcome

J. Michael Koback welcomed everyone to the annual meeting and introduced the head table. After brief remarks, he introduced Vice Chair William McGowan who provided an overview of the meeting.

Chairman's Address

With a quorum present, Chair MarcAurele called the annual meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. and welcomed everyone to the meeting. He addressed the audience noting the theme of the meeting "Embracing a Skilled Based Economy: Averting a Workforce Crisis" and highlighted the many accomplishments of the Governor's Workforce Board (GWB) over the past year. He specifically emphasized the collaborative efforts among workforce system partners. Chairman MarcAurele also recognized much work remains and expressed his confidence in the board, staff and partners to face the challenges ahead. Finally, the Chairman thanked the board members and staff for their work and support and expressed his confidence in the direction the board is taking.

Greetings

Governor Donald L. Carcieri offered his congratulations and support to the board for their work over the past year, emphasizing the need to ensure that Rhode Islanders are skilled, educated and trained for jobs in the new economy. He spoke briefly about the budgetary challenges facing Rhode Island and praised the General Assembly for their work in addressing a difficult budget process this year. The Governor also spoke about how tight budgets can drive efforts to streamline services in order to realize efficiencies, avoid duplication and provide more help to those who need it. He praised the board for their work on developing a statewide workforce development plan for the state. The Governor congratulated VIBCO for their selection as the Workforce Innovation Awardee and personally presented Karl Wadensten, CEO a citation. The Governor concluded his remarks by saying he was very interested in hearing from Ed Barlow, the keynote speaker and futurist.

5/15/08 Meeting Minutes

Chair MarcAurele requested a motion to approve the Governor's Workforce Board meeting minutes of 5/15/08.

VOTE on motion to approve: W. McGowan moved to approve, seconded by B. Melton. All approved. Motion to vote passes.

VOTE to approve, 2008 Governor's Workforce Board May 15, 2008 meeting minutes. All approved. May 15, 2008 meeting minutes approved.

Consent Agenda

Chair MarcAurele reviewed the five items contained on the Consent Agenda and asked for discussion. There being none, he recommended a motion to approve the five items on the consent agenda in total. (The Consent agenda is available in its entirety in the meeting packet)

VOTE on motion to approve: B. Melton moved to approve, seconded by W. McGowan. All approved. Motion to vote passes.

VOTE to approve, Consent Agenda. All approved. Consent agenda items approved.

Awards Presentation

Chair MarcAurele described the selection criteria for the board's Workforce Innovation Award that is presented annually to a Rhode Island business that uses board resources to innovate their business. This includes criteria such as community outreach or involvement, a commitment and investment in strategies and programs that result in employee development, education and retention, as well as management and operational effectiveness and implementing best practices.

The GWB Workforce Innovation Award for 2008 was presented to Karl Wadensten, CEO of VIBCO, Inc. A video highlighting the company's many innovative practices and achievements was presented.

Keynote Address

Ed Barlow is President of *Creating the Future, Inc.* He is dedicated to enhancing an understanding of the future and the influences which will affect personal, professional, organizational, and community settings. Mr. Barlow's keynote address was entitled "The Future of Workforce Development in Rhode Island: It's a Journey, Not a Destination". His presentation included a revealing look at the workforce trends of the future, both on a global, national and state level. Audience participation and feedback marked this interactive and unique session.

Adjournment

With no further business, Chair MarcAurele asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

VOTE on motion to approve: R. Nangle moved to approve, seconded by B. Melton. All approved. Motion to adjourn passes.

VOTE to approve adjournment of Governor's Workforce Board meeting. All approved.

The meeting adjourned at 11:15 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Maureen F. Mooney