

**GOVERNOR'S WORKFORCE BOARD RHODE ISLAND**  
**April 23, 2009 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
Paul MacDonald	Robert Nangle	Martin Trueb
Joseph MarcAurele*	George Nee*	Jack Warner*

**GWB STAFF:** John O'Hare, Nancy Olson, David Francis, Dan Brown, Maureen Mooney

**DLT STAFF:** Laura Hart, Mary Ellen McQueeny- Lally, Christine Grieco, David Tremblay, Donna Treglia

**GUESTS:** Malcom Baxter, United Way, Ruth Riccarelli, HARI, Fred Santaniello, NEIT, Ray Choiniere, RI House Policy Office, David Cedrone, RIEDC, Linda Katz, Poverty Institute, Marguerite McLaughlin, Quality Partners, Hugh Hall, RIHCA, Robyn Frye, Providence Reentry Initiative, Jim Glover, Workforce Solutions of Providence/Cranston

**LOCATION:** Department of Labor & Training, conference room 73-1

**Chairman's Comments**

Vice Chair McGowan called the meeting to order at 8:05 a.m. and welcomed everyone to the meeting.

**Meeting Minutes**

Vice Chair McGowan requested a motion to approve the Governor's Workforce Board meeting minutes of March 12, 2009.

**VOTE on motion to approve:** M. Trueb moved to approve, seconded by R. Nangle. All approved. Motion to vote passes.

**VOTE** to approve March 12, 2009 Governor's Workforce Board meeting minutes. All approved. March 12, 2009 meeting minutes approved.

**Acting Executive Director's Report**

John J. O'Hare reported on the proposals received for the Industry Partnership Request for Proposals (RFP) for emerging industries in green technologies (clean energy, construction and utilities). He noted that proposals were received from the Providence Plan, RI Green Technology Consortium and GreenRI. He reported that all three responses are requesting \$150,000 in funding and that it is possible that more than one proposal will be funded.

**Consent Agenda (Items 1-4)**

Vice Chair McGowan noted there were four consent agenda items which require board approval. He reported that all 4 of these items were approved by the Strategic Investments Committee on April 15, 2009. He asked if there were any questions or comments on the consent agenda items. After a brief discussion and with no further questions, Vice Chair McGowan requested a motion to approve the consent agenda.

**VOTE on motion to approve:** B. Melton moved to approve, seconded by C. Streker. All approved. Motion to vote passes.

**VOTE** to approve the Consent Agenda. All approved. Consent agenda approved.

### **Industry Partnership Presentation**

Vice Chair McGowan mentioned that as part of an effort to keep the board informed of the work of the GWB periodically there will be updates on various activities and initiatives as part of the board meeting. He noted that Marguerite McLaughlin of Quality Partners of RI would be presenting a status report on current activities. He indicated that Quality Partners is one of two partnerships in healthcare and that Quality Partners represents the long term care industry. M. McLaughlin provided an overview of a website, various events, toolkits, flyers, and other services supported through the funding of the GWB. Details are available in the handout entitled "Workforce Tools & Products for Healthcare" available in the meeting packets.

### **Committee Updates**

Vice Chair McGowan asked committee chairs for updates. S. Moylan reported that the Board Development Committee is planning for the Annual Meeting, which is scheduled for June 18<sup>th</sup>. She indicated that quotes for the facility have been submitted and we are awaiting approval from State Purchasing. She noted that this year's theme is "Strategy in Action" and will highlight the work of the GWB and its partners and showcase success stories.

Vice Chair McGowan indicated that due to the stimulus money which has affected local plans which need to be amended, the May Planning and Evaluation committee meeting needs to be pushed back. He indicated that the May 5<sup>th</sup> committee meeting has been rescheduled to May 14<sup>th</sup> and will be held immediately after the GWB board meeting.

### **Old/New Business**

J. O'Hare reported that the GWB Annual Report update for 2008 is in the board meeting packets.

### **Adjournment**

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

**VOTE on motion to approve:** L. Ricci moved to approve, seconded by S. Moylan. All approved. Motion to adjourn passes.

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:55 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Maureen F. Mooney