

GOVERNOR'S WORKFORCE BOARD RHODE ISLAND
May 14, 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, Sue Chomka, Jen Cornwell, Diane Vendetti, Susan Biagoni, Connie Parks

GUESTS: Malcom Baxter, United Way, Ruth Riccarelli, HARI, Ray Choiniere, RI House Policy Office, R. Kalaskowski, RI Senate, Linda Katz, Poverty Institute, Marguerite McLaughlin, Quality Partners, Jim Glover, Workforce Solutions of Providence/Cranston, Mark Gervais, Hotel Viking, Heather Singleton, RI Hospitality Education Foundation, Robin Smith, CCRI, Paul Harden, RIEDC, Janet Raymond, Greater Providence Chamber of Commerce, Johan Uvin, RI Department of Education, David DePetrillo, RI Hospitality Education Foundation, Anne Devaney, RIHAEF

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

Chairman's Comments

Chair MarcAurele called the meeting to order at 8:06 a.m. and welcomed everyone to the meeting. He offered congratulations to Commissioner Jack Warner who will be leaving his position to relocate to South Dakota where he will be taking on a similar role. Chair MarcAurele thanked William McGowan for chairing several meetings in his absence in recent weeks. He thanked Bill for his work on the strategic plan noting that the efforts of the GWB have made a significant difference.

Meeting Minutes

Chair MarcAurele requested a motion to approve the Governor's Workforce Board meeting minutes of April 23, 2009.

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

VOTE to approve April 23, 2009 Governor's Workforce Board meeting minutes. All approved. April 23, 2009 meeting minutes approved.

Acting Executive Director's Report

J. O'Hare commented that the board has made remarkable achievements in a relatively short period of time in aligning goals and objectives, building partnerships and leveraging funds. He extended best wishes to Jack Warner and acknowledged the significant accomplishments made in adult education programs during his time as chair of the Adult Education committee.

J. O'Hare reported on the stimulus funding for RI which is estimated to be \$17 million. He noted that an RFP has gone out for youth services, and that awards will be made in June. There are approximately 2,000 slots available as a result of the RFP and filling these slots will bring the total youth served to 10,000 this year.

Consent Agenda (Items 1-6)

Chair MarcAurele noted there were 6 consent agenda items requiring board approval and asked W. McGowan to discuss. W. McGowan indicated that generally WIN notices, draft plans and modifications are presented to the Planning & Evaluation committee and then approved by the board. He noted that the stimulus money coming to RI, subsequent WIN notices for guidance, and modification of state and local plans that it was necessary to bring these items before the board at the May meeting.

Since the Planning and Evaluation committee had not reviewed the consent agenda items previously, W. McGowan asked Donna Treglia to briefly discuss the WIN notices. D. Treglia reviewed all of the WIN notices on the consent agenda. There were no questions.

W. McGowan requested a motion to approve Item 1, the WIA Consent Agenda.

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

VOTE to approve Item 1 of the Consent Agenda. All approved. Item 1 of the Consent Agenda approved.

Jim Glover from Workforce Solutions of Providence/Cranston reviewed information for Item 2 of the Consent Agenda pertaining to the Draft PY2008/FY2009WIA Modification 5 for the Providence/Cranston Workforce Investment area.

C. Grieco discussed Items 3 and 4 of the Consent Agenda pertaining to the two modifications for the 2 year plan for the Workforce Partnership of Greater Rhode Island (WPGRI) specifically modifications 4 and 5.

D. Treglia reviewed information for Item 5 of the Consent Agenda pertaining to the draft plans for the WPGRI and Workforce Solutions of Providence/Cranston noting that the final plans will be presented to the board in June for approval.

D. Treglia discussed Item 6 of the Consent Agenda regarding the State Plan Draft Modification noting that the final plan will be presented to the board in June for approval.

Chair MarcAurele asked if there were any questions or comments on the consent agenda items. With no further questions, Vice Chair McGowan requested a motion to approve the consent agenda.

VOTE on motion to approve: G. Nee moved to approve, seconded by M. Trueb. All approved. Motion to vote passes.

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

Stimulus Allocation for Summer Youth \$300,000

Chair MarcAurele asked J. O'Hare to review the funding request for the additional stimulus allocation for summer youth. J. O'Hare explained that the formula that allocates the money between WPGRI and Workforce Solutions of Providence/Cranston under stimulus requires using program year 2008 numbers. Providence/Cranston received less funding (\$1.9 million) than what was anticipated due to this formula change. He noted that Providence/Cranston released the RFP and received funding requests for \$2.4 million. This request of \$300,000 from

state set aside funds would assist in providing more youth with summer employment opportunities. J. O'Hare reported this requires board approval.

With no further questions or discussion, Chair MarcAurele requested a motion to approve the stimulus allocation for summer youth in the amount of \$300,000.

VOTE on motion to approve: P. MacDonald moved to approve, seconded by M. Trueb. All approved. Motion to vote passes.

VOTE to approve the stimulus allocation for summer youth. All approved. Stimulus allocation for summer youth approved.

Industry Skills Development Initiative (ISDI)

Chair MarcAurele reported that in January of 2008, the GWB voted to award the local Workforce Investment Boards (WIBS) funding support of the Industry Skills Development Initiative for three years. Sue Chomka from the Department of Labor & Training, Jennifer Cornwell from the Workforce Partnership of Greater RI and Jim Glover from Workforce Solutions of Providence/Cranston presented updates on this initiative.

Industry Partnership Presentation

Chair MarcAurele noted that as part of an ongoing effort to update the board on the activities that are funded by the GWB, that the RI Hospitality & Tourism Association would be providing a summary of their activities. He noted that RI Hospitality is one of the Industry Partnerships as well as a part of the Industry Skills Development Initiative. Heather Singleton was the presenter.

Committee Updates

Chair MarcAurele asked Sharon Moylan to provide an update on the upcoming annual meeting. S. Moylan reported that the annual meeting would be held on June 18th at Rhodes on the Pawtuxet. She indicated that a Save the Date email was sent and that invitations would be mailed soon. She thanked Bob Nangle for providing the invitations and folders for this meeting. She noted that the theme for the meeting is Strategy in Action.

Adjournment

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

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

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

The meeting adjourned at 9:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Maureen F. Mooney