

GOVERNOR'S WORKFORCE BOARD RHODE ISLAND
May 20, 2010 BOARD MEETING MINUTES

ATTENDANCE

BOARD MEMBERS (*DENOTES ABSENCE)

Mario Bueno	Joseph MarcAurele*	Sharon Moylan	Keith Stokes*
Robin Coia*	Paul MacDonald	Robert Nangle*	Cathy Streker
Ray DiPasquale*	William McGowan	George Nee	Martin Trueb
Deborah Gist	Brandon Melton	Sandra Powell	Pheamo Witcher

GWB STAFF: John O'Hare, Dan Brown, Maureen Mooney

DLT STAFF: Chris Grieco, Lisa D'Agostino, Sue Chomka, Laura Hart, Jen Buck, Mary Ellen McQueeney-Lally, David Tremblay, Connie Parks

GUESTS: Cheryl DaCosta, Tech Collective; Ruth Ricciarelli, Center for Health Professions; Malcolm Baxter, United Way; Judy Jones, Poverty Institute; Deborah Anthes, RI Department of Education; Robert Kalaskowski, RI Senate; Paul Harden, RIEDC; Earhana Azmat, Lifespan, Robin Smith, CCRI; Fred Santaniello and Jeff Polucha, New England Tech; Todd Flaherty, College Crusade; Andrea Castaneda, RIDE; Jim Glover, Workforce Solutions of Providence/Cranston; Jill Holloway, Professional Development Center; Jen Hetzel Silbert, NSA; Ray Choiniere, House Policy.

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

Vice Chair William McGowan called the meeting to order at 8:10 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 from the meeting held on April 15, 2010.

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

VOTE to approve Governor's Workforce Board meeting minutes. All approved. April 15, 2010 meeting minutes approved.

Vice Chairman's Comments

Vice Chair McGowan turned the meeting over to John O'Hare for the Executive Director's report.

Acting Executive Director's Report

John O'Hare updated the board on the intent of the Legislature to take \$1M from the Job Development Fund (JDF). He indicated that a letter was sent on behalf of the board to the leadership and Chairs of the Senate and House Finance committees. He reported that GWB and DLT staff has been in contact with the House and Senate Finance staff working on this issue. J. O'Hare indicated there appears to be an understanding that there is not a free balance but a carry over to FY11 already allocated as part of the budget. He indicated that he requested to meet with House Finance staff but due to the deadlines associated with the budget process this will not occur. He stated that further information about the GWB, the grants and other initiatives has been forwarded to House Finance staff.

J. O'Hare reported there are recent staff changes. He noted that Donna Treglia of the State Workforce Investment Office (SWIO) is retiring at the end of the week and that David Tremblay will be the Acting Administrator. J. O'Hare also reported that he will be retiring at the end of May. He thanked the board for the commitment and support during the past 3 years. He indicated that according to the GWB By-Laws the position of Executive Director is determined by the board in consultation with the Governor. He explained that the acting role of the Executive Director is appointed by the Director of DLT. He indicated that Director Powell may offer more information on this at the June 7th Executive Committee meeting.

Consent Agenda

Vice Chair McGowan noted that the consent agenda contains the 4 Workforce Investment Notices for PY 2009, the funding request for Adult Education FY11 and the funding request for the Incumbent Worker Training Grants FY11. He stated that a board member may request that any item be removed from the consent agenda and moved to the regular agenda. Since there was not a request for this, Vice Chair McGowan requested a motion to approve the Consent Agenda.

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

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

Vice Chair McGowan reported that since there was not a Planning & Evaluation Committee meeting held, the two ARRA TANF plans, as well as the Adult Education plan are on the Board agenda as opposed to the Consent agenda. He indicated the plans are in the meeting packet for further review.

ARRA TANF Subsidized Employment Plan – Workforce Partnership of Greater RI

Vice Chair McGowan asked Chris Grieco to provide an overview of the ARRA TANF Subsidized Employment Plan (SEP). C. Grieco noted that this plan is being submitted for the Jobs Now RI Program which is funded through the ARRA-TANF Subsidized Employment Plan. She indicated that this program will provide income support and work experience to eligible participants as well as provide RI employers with workers that they may not be able to afford during this economic downturn. She briefly mentioned the plan for recruitment of employers, adult and youth participants and noted that placements will include those that prepare workers for unsubsidized employment by providing a work experience that increases occupational skills. She noted that the WPGRI will submit a budget and budget narrative as a modification to this plan upon the issuance of the allocations.

Vice Chair McGowan requested a motion to approve the ARRA TANF Subsidized Employment Plan of the Workforce Partnership of Greater RI

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

VOTE to approve the ARRA TANF Subsidized Employment Plan (SEP) for the Workforce Partnership of Greater RI. All approved. SEP approved.

ARRA TANF Subsidized Employment Plan – Providence/Cranston Workforce Investment Board

Vice Chair McGowan asked James Glover to provide an overview of the ARRA TANF Subsidized Employment Plan for the Providence/Cranston Workforce Investment Board. J. Glover indicated this is a similar SEP as mentioned for the previous agenda item.

Vice Chair McGowan requested a motion to approve the ARRA TANF Subsidized Employment Plan of the Providence/Cranston Workforce Investment Board.

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

VOTE to approve the ARRA TANF Subsidized Employment Plan (SEP) for the Providence/Cranston Workforce Investment Board. All approved. SEP approved.

2010 – 2011 Extension of Rhode Island’s Adult Education State Plan

Vice Chair McGowan asked Deborah Anthes from the RI Department of Education (RIDE) to provide information on the 2010-2011 Extension of Rhode Island’s Adult Education State Plan. D. Anthes reported that this is a one year extension plan under the Adult Education and Family Literacy Act under Title II of the Workforce Investment Act of 1998. She briefly reviewed sections regarding annual evaluations, performance measures, integration with other Adult Education and Training activities and state leadership activities. She also reported on the recent RFP for adult education and indicated they are in the midst of the rating process for the proposals received.

Vice Chair McGowan requested a motion to approve the 2010-2011 Extension of Rhode Island’s Adult Education State Plan noting that since it did not go before the Adult Education Committee or the Planning and Evaluation committee, it is on the board agenda separately from the consent agenda.

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

VOTE to approve the 2010-2011 Extension of Rhode Island’s Adult Education State Plan. All approved. Extension to State Plan approved

Funding Request: Workforce Solutions of Providence/Cranston Workforce Partnership of Greater RI

Vice Chair McGowan asked David Tremblay, Acting Administrator of the State Workforce Investment Office (SWIO) to provide information on the funding request for the Workforce Solutions of Providence/Cranston and the Workforce Partnership of Greater RI. D. Tremblay indicated that the vote is to award up to \$2M to Workforce Solutions of Providence/Cranston and/or Workforce Partnership of Greater RI on an as needed basis for Dislocated Worker Services. He noted that \$1M would come from ARRA Dislocated Worker funding and \$1M from Formula Dislocated Worker funding. He noted this funding request is a reallocation from one function to another and is on the federal funding side not the Job Development Fund (JDF).

Vice Chair McGowan requested a motion to approve the funding request as presented.

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

VOTE to approve the funding request for Workforce Solutions of Providence/Cranston and Workforce Partnership of Greater RI. All approved. Funding request approved.

Committee Report Updates

Vice Chair McGowan asked committee chairs for any updates. S. Moylan reported that the GWB Annual meeting will be held on June 17th and that the Save the Date email was sent, invitations printed and the video to be shown at the meeting is in process. Brandon Melton reported on the recent activities for youth programs and noted that not only has the growth of the program increased but also the quality.

Other Business

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

VOTE: S. Moylan moved to approve. M. Trueb seconded the motion.
The vote was unanimous, the motion passed.

The meeting adjourned at 9:05 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Maureen Mooney