

GOVERNOR'S WORKFORCE BOARD RHODE ISLAND
May 17, 2012

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

ATTENDANCE

BOARD MEMBERS (*DENOTES NOT PRESENT)

Mario Bueno	Juana Horton (S)*	Robert Nangle (S)
Robin Coia	Constance A. Howes	George Nee
Ray DiPasquale (S)	Paul MacDonald	Keith Stokes*
Charles J. Fogarty (S)	William McGowan	Cathy Streker
Deborah Gist (S)	Brandon Melton	Martin Trueb
Mike Grey*	Sharon Moylan (S)	Pheamo Witcher

(S) denotes State Workforce Investment Board (SWIB) only

GWB STAFF: Rick Brooks, Nancy Olson, Dan Brown, Angelo Dafonseca, Maureen Mooney

GUESTS: Approximately 200 were in attendance for this meeting. A list of attendees is on file.

LOCATION: Crowne Plaza Hotel, 801 Greenwich Avenue, Warwick, RI

Welcome

Chair Howes welcomed everyone to the Governor's Workforce Board Annual meeting. Director Charles J. Fogarty and The Honorable M. Teresa Paiva-Weed, Senate President provided opening remarks.

Meeting the Challenge

Executive Director, Rick Brooks spoke to the attendees about the challenges and current strategies of the Governor's Workforce Board.

Video Presentation

A video entitled "Meeting the Challenge: Skilling up the workforce in a difficult economy (which was also the theme of the meeting) was presented.

GWB Jobs Initiatives

Rick Brooks moderated a panel discussion with a focus on the current GWB Jobs Initiatives. The panelists included: Amy Ellis, Vice President of Business Development, netsense; Denise Fortin, Vice President of Human Resources, Providence Community Health Centers; Patrick Quinn, Vice President of District 1199, SEIU, Socrates Ramirez, Assistant General Manager of the Renaissance Providence Hotel; and R. Craig Sipe, Manager of Human Resources for General Dynamics, Electric Boat.

Innovation Award – Welcome Back Center

Chair Howes presented the Innovation Award to the RI Welcome Back Center for their commitment in assisting internationally trained professionals to obtain the necessary skills to re-enter the healthcare workforce. Comments were presented by Carol Holmquist, President & CEO of Dorcas Place; Manuela Raposo, Director of the Welcome Back Center; and Dahiana Rodriguez, a RI Welcome Back Center participant.

Board Business

Call to Order

Chair Howes called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

Meeting Minutes

Chair Howes asked if there was a motion to approve the minutes of the Governor's Workforce Board's meeting held on April 19, 2012.

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

VOTE to approve Governor's Workforce Board meeting minutes. All approved. April 19, 2012 meeting minutes approved.

Recommendations for GWB Biennial Plan Advisory Group

Chair Howes stated that recommendations for the GWB Biennial Plan Advisory Group are presented for board approval. She explained the legislative requirement for submission of the Biennial Employment and Training Plan to the Governor and General Assembly by September 30, 2012.

Chair Howes asked if there was a motion to approve recommendations for the GWB Biennial Plan Advisory Group.

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

VOTE to approve recommendations for the GWB Biennial Plan Advisory Group. All approved. Biennial Plan Advisory Group recommendations approved.

Adjournment

With no further business, Chair Howes asked if there was a motion to adjourn the meeting.

VOTE: W. McGowan moved to approve. B. Melton seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous, the motion passed.

The meeting adjourned at 10:10 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Maureen Mooney

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