

MINUTES

RHODE ISLAND HIGHER EDUCATION ASSISTANCE AUTHORITY BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING

June 21, 2013

The 322nd meeting of the Rhode Island Higher Education Assistance Authority was held Friday, June 21, 2013 in the McKenna Conference Room at 560 Jefferson Blvd., Warwick, RI. The meeting was called to order at 8:30 a.m.

Board Members in Attendance:

Mr. John Howell, Secretary

Ms. Patricia Doyle

Ms. Faith LaSalle, Esq.

Mr. Robert J. Delaney

Mr. Dennis Duffy, Esq.

Mr. Daniel Egan

Mr. Christopher Feisthamel, designee for General Treasurer Gina Raimondo

Board Members Absent:

Dr. William Croasdale

Also In Attendance:

Mr. Charles P. Kelley, Interim Coordinating Officer

Ms. Gail Mance-Rios, Deputy Director

Mr. Charles Miller, Chief Information Officer

Mr. Marc Lacroix, Chief Financial Officer

Ms. Linda Makhlouf, RIHEAA

Mr. Joseph Palumbo, Legal Counsel

Ms. Dana Peterson-Fatuda, RIHEAA

Mr. Michael Joyce, RIHEAA

Mr. Thomas Pearce, RIHEAA

Ms. Lisa Shevlin, RIHEAA

Mr. Kevin Elliot, RIHEAA

Ms. Shirley Roy, RIHEAA

Mr. Michael Ferry, RIDE

Ms. Jill Halloway, Adult Education

Mr. Howell expressed the appreciation of the Authority for the service of former board member Solomon Solomon and board member and chairman Anthony Santoro. Mr. Kelley presented Dr. Santoro with a RIHEAA rocking chair. Dr. Santoro expressed his appreciation and extended his best wishes to the new board.

1. Upon the advice of Mr. Palumbo, the board proceeded with the election of a chairman pro tempore. On motion made by Ms. Doyle

and seconded by Mr. Feisthamel, the board unanimously voted to elect Faith LaSalle as chairperson pro tempore to serve until the election of officers in July.

Board members and staff introduced themselves.

2. Initial review of meeting requirements and procedures. Mr. Palumbo provided an historical overview of the agency and discussed certain requirements of the Open Meetings Law.

3. Appointment to New England Board of Higher Education (NEBHE). Mr. Kelley explained the function of NEBHE.

A motion was made by Mr. Howell to nominate Dr. William Croasdale to fill the remaining portion of Dr. Santoro's term. Mr. Robert Delaney nominated Mr. Egan to fill the remaining term, seconded by Mr. Feisthamel.

Voted in Favor: Ms. Patricia Doyle, Mr. Dennis Duffy, Mr. Robert Delaney, Mr. Christopher Feisthamel, Mr. Daniel Egan and Ms. Faith Lasalle.

Voted against: None

Mr. Daniel Egan was appointed the RIHEAA Representative to the New England Board of Higher Education.

*** It should be noted that Mr. Howell abstained from voting.**

4. Minutes of the Board of Directors' meeting held on April 26, 2013 were unanimously approved.

*** It should be noted that Mr. Howell left the meeting at 9:40 a.m.**

5. Appointment of Interim Coordinating Officer. Upon motion made by Mr. Howell and seconded by Ms. Doyle, this item was tabled.

6. Orientation. Mr. Kelley provided the board with an overview of the various agency functions. The board discussed the votes taken at the April 26 meeting regarding Collegeboundfund and WaytoGoRI. Mr. Eagan requested that the board be provided with information showing how other organizations have restructured.

7. Update on WaytoGoRI. Ms. Mance-Rios and Mr. Miller provided a report on the program. Ms. Mance-Rios called on representatives of RIDE to provide input.

8. Closed meeting to discuss pending grievance. The Chair entertained a motion to go into closed session to discuss a pending union grievance. On motion made by Ms. Doyle and seconded by Mr. Duffy, it was unanimously VOTED to go into closed session under Section 42-46-5(a) (9) to discuss a union grievance under the

collective bargaining agreement with Council 94. At the conclusion of the closed session, the Chair entertained a motion to re-convene in open session. Upon motion made by Mr. Delaney and seconded by Ms. Doyle the board unanimously voted to re-convene in open session. The Chair announced that the board voted in closed session to have Mr. Kelley represent the board in the grievance and report back to the board. Upon motion made by Mr. Delaney and seconded by Ms. Doyle, the board voted to seal the minutes of the closed session.

On motion made by Mr. Feisthamel and seconded by Ms. Doyle it was VOTED to adjourn.

Mr. John Howell

Secretary