

**Monmouth County Workforce Investment Board
Minutes of March 19, 2015**

Members Present

Wyatt Earp, Vice-Chairman
Patricia Carlesimo Trustee
Debra Agresti
John Booth
John Brown
John Ciuffo
Paul Dement
Carolyn Ellington
Karen Escobedo
Roseann Isasi
Frances Keane
Timothy McCorkell
Dr. Maureen Murphy
Joseph Passiment
Violeta Peters
Bill Phillips
Susan Rakoci-Anderson
Linda Roma
Barry Semple
Benjamin Waldron
Kathleen Weir

Members Absent

Rob Connolly
Drew deGanahl
John Gagliano
Stephen Hornik
Dr. Maureen Murphy
Joseph Passiment
Chris Ruisi
Jeffrey Schwartz
John Szeliga
Brian Wallace

Guests

Serena DiMaso, Freeholder

Staff Present

Eileen Higgins
Lawrence Sternbach

CALL TO ORDER & READING OF PUBLIC MEETING LAW:

- Frances Keane, Chairperson of the WIB, called the meeting to order at 10:04 a.m. in the Boardroom of the WIB office in Eatontown, NJ.
- N.J. Provisions of the Public Meeting Law, Chapter 231, P.L. 1975, and its revisions, were satisfied by publication of a Public Notice in Asbury Park Press and the Star Ledger newspapers.

ROLL CALL:

- Attendance was taken and it was noted that sufficient number of WIB members were present to constitute a quorum.

CHAIRMAN'S EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT: Frances Keane, WIB Chairperson, thanked those in attendance for taking the time from their busy schedules to be present, and asked those present to introduce themselves. The chairperson then:

- Welcomed the following guest:
 - Serena DiMaso, Monmouth County Freeholder
- Announced that the following members have resigned from the WIB:
 - John Genz
 - Pat Koziol
 - Linda Silvers
- Announced that Barry Semple, Wyatt Earp, John Booth, herself, Eileen Higgins and Yolanda Taylor will be attending the NAWB Conference in Washington, D.C. from March 28-31.
- Announced the upcoming 24th Annual WIB Partnership Awards will take place on April 29 at McLoone's Pier House honoring:
 - Tim McMahan

- Coastal Habitat for Humanity and Monmouth Habitat for Humanity
- Dennis Bone
- Peggy Schaab
- Freehold Regional High School
- State Workforce Innovation and Opportunities Act (WIOA) workgroups are well represented by Monmouth County
- Announced that the WIB Executive Committee met on January 9 and discussed:
 - WIOA
 - WIB Membership
 - Youth Programs
 - Funding
- A bookmark with upcoming WIB activities was distributed to all members
- Yielded the floor to Bill Phillips, Membership Chair, for nominees for WIB Officers from 2015-17
 - Nominees:
 - Chairperson: Frances Keane
 - Vice-Chairperson: Wyatt Earp
 - Trustees: Patricia Carlesimo, Brian Wallace
 - No other nominees were made by the members
 - Election will be at June WIB meeting

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

- Presented highlights of the WIOA legislation which takes effect on July 1, 2015
 - Smaller Board (still need 50% business members)
 - Focus on Career Pathways
 - The WIB name may change
 - Emphasis on credential attainment
 - Standardized measures
 - And members were directed to the LWD website for additional WIOA information
- Presented information on the United Way's research on Asset Limited, Income Constrained, Employed (ALICE) population
 - Presented data on the Inflow/Outflow of employees to/from Monmouth County
 - Presented an overview of the Financial Success Center in Freehold
 - The WIB is a partner of the United Way
 - Following the presentations:
 - Barry Semple asked about the role of Literacy
 - Patti Carlesimo mentioned opportunities for workers with disabilities and a strong WIOA focus to address and integrate policies

DASHBOARD:

- Eileen Higgins thanked Social Services for their partnership in serving WorkFirst NJ customers
 - Monmouth County is #1 in the State, going from 18% to 40% participation
- Go for the Gold may be extended to Adults
- As of February 10, 2015:
 - We are addressing underspending in some areas
 - Performance measures are above 80% in all areas (not failing any measure)

CHAIRPERSON REQUESTED CONSENT APPROVAL OF DECEMBER 4, 2014 MEETING MINUTES:

- *John Booth made a motion to approve the December 4, 2014 minutes as written and distributed seconded by Wyatt Earp. The motion was then unanimously approved.*

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- Youth Council
 - The Youth Council recommended that the following youth contracts for Work Experience and Work Readiness Training be approved by the WIB:
 - Brookdale: out of school GED
 - SportzFarm
 - Interfaith Neighbors
 - Total spend: \$260,309
 - ***Tim McCorkell made a motion to approve the youth contracts as presented, seconded by Barry Semple and unanimously approved. Linda Roma abstained from voting.***
- Services to People with Disabilities
 - Moving from contract to fee-for-service will have significant impact on providers
 - Encouraged business members to intensify their efforts to hire people with disabilities
- Basic Skills/Literacy
 - WIOA measurements for literacy shifts from GED to employment/retention/minimum wage (Barry Semple)
 - WIOA will force more restrictions on who can be served (Linda Roma)
- Eileen Higgins said we need to, within WIOA, source other grants/funds in order to deliver more programming
- All other Committee Reports were email to WIB members - no issues or actions required.

OTHER BUSINESS:

- John Cuifo announced “Made in Monmouth” event on April 11

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC: None

NEXT MEETING DATE: Thursday, June 4, 2015 @ 10:00 a.m. at the Financial Success Center in Freehold (tentative).

ADJOURNMENT: *There being no further business to come before the WIB, the meeting was adjourned upon a motion by John Cuifo, second by Barry Semple. Motion was unanimously approved.*