

**Monmouth County Workforce Investment Board
Minutes of June 4, 2015**

Members Present

Frances Keane, Chairperson
Patricia Carlesimo Trustee
Karen Escobedo, Trustee
Debra Agresti
John Booth
John Ciufu
Rob Connolly
Drew deGanahl
Carolyn Ellington
John Gagliano
Stephen Hornik
Roseann Isasi
Timothy McCorkell
Violeta Peters
Bill Phillips

Susan Rakoci-Anderson
Linda Roma
Chris Ruisi
Jeffrey Schwartz
Barry Semple
John Szeliga
Brian Wallace
Benjamin Waldron
Kathleen Weir

Staff Present

Eileen Higgins
Lawrence Sternbach

Members Absent

John Brown
Paul Dement
Wyatt Earp, Vice-Chairman
Maureen Murphy

Guests

Serena DiMaso, Freeholder

CALL TO ORDER & READING OF PUBLIC MEETING LAW:

- Frances Keane, Chairperson of the WIB, called the meeting to order at 10:06 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.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- ***Patricia Carlesimo made a motion to approve the March 5, 2015 minutes as written and distributed; Violeta Peters seconded the motion, which was then unanimously approved.***

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 discussed the following:

- Planning of WIB Retreat - focusing on new WIOA law.
 - Bringing in guest speakers
 - Educating the Board to have a better understanding of the population that is served
 - Need input from the Board on how to better engage out-of-school youth
 - Change in Board membership and certification
 - The role of the WIB as a policy setting board

- Leveraging funds
- Tentatively to be held in October - a questionnaire will be sent out regarding the date and time.
- Announced that the WIB Executive Committee met on April 10th and May 7th and discussed the following:
 - Changes to WIOA
 - Poverty Level Rate Increase
 - Selective Service Policy
 - County Role in WIOA
 - Transition Funding
 - Closing of Monmouth County Care Centers
 - Board Retreat

FREEHOLDER REMARKS:

- Thanked the Board for all of their hard work.
- Announced that Monmouth County is currently working on a project called “Force One” which involves working with the vocational school and community college to teach manufacturing jobs. Looking forward to getting the WIB involved in this project.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS:

- Bill Phillips, Chairman of the Nominating Committee reported that at the March WIB meeting, the following nominations were made for the slate of officers for the period of July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016:
 - Frances Keane, Chairman;
 - Wyatt Earp, Vice-Chairman;
 - Patricia Carlesimo, Trustee; and
 - Brian Wallace, Trustee
- ***John Booth made a motion to close the nominations as presented, second by Steve Hornik and unanimously carried.***
- ***Rob Connolly made a motion to adopt the above noted slate to serve as WIB officers for the period of July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016. The motion was seconded by John Szeliga and unanimously carried.***

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT: Eileen Higgins, Executive Director of the WIB reported the following:

- DOL has announced a slow down on WIOA changes until further notice – No name change and no change in logo
- All of the six WIOA workgroups are well represented by Monmouth County. Emphasis on the following:
 - Focus on Career Pathways
 - Stackable credentials
- Regional Planning – has not yet been determined by SETC. Currently advocating that Monmouth County WIB stay with the Central Region
- 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
- The Financial Success Center in located at the Freehold Raceway Mall had their ribbon cutting ceremony on May 28th. The Division of Workforce Development has started on-site to provide workshops, orientations and career counseling.
- Staff have attend multiple training on WIOA.
- Received funding notification for Adult/DLW funding with a decrease in funding of 16% and Youth with a decrease in funding of 11%.
- Out to bid for WorkFirst NJ activity and also for Youth
- Personnel Change: Larry Sternbach has been promoted to Deputy Director – Will allow Eileen to spend more time on WIOA.

Partnership Awards:

- The WIB Executive Committee recommended that the WIB donate \$4,000 to the Brookdale Community College Foundation for eight \$500 scholarships to deserving students for the academic year of September 2015 through May 2016.
- ***Steve Hornik made a motion to donate \$4,000 to the Brookdale Community College Foundation, second by Violeta Peters and unanimously approved, with Linda Roma and Karen Escobedo abstaining.***

DASHBOARD:

- Eileen Higgins thanked Social Services for their partnership in serving WorkFirst NJ customers
 - Monmouth County is first in the State, going from 18% to 43% participation over the past few months
- Go for the Gold may be extended to Adults
- As of April 15, 2015
 - We are addressing underspending in Adult/DLW funding – anticipate reaching the 80% performance measure
 - Performance measures are above 80% in all areas (not failing any measure)
- Recovery4Jersey – Jason Staiger, State Business Rep is #1 in dollar amount in the State for OJT funding – just short of \$1 million dollars.
- Extended Youth contracts through September 30th.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- A summary of the committee reports was emailed to all members prior to the meeting
- There were no questions or comments on the committee reports.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC: Frank Preston from Advantage Careers Institute said he was happy to attend the WIB meetings.

NEXT MEETING DATE: Thursday, September 3rd @ 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 at 11:03 a.m. upon a motion by Rob Connolly second by Steve Hornik. Motion was unanimously approved.*