

**Monmouth County Workforce Investment Board
Minutes of September 3, 2015**

Members Present

Wyatt Earp, Vice-Chairman
Patricia Carlesimo, Trustee
Brian Wallace, Trustee
Debra Agresti
John Booth
John Brown
Rob Connolly
Drew deGanahl
Paul Dement
Karen Escobedo
John Gagliano
Stephen Hornik
Timothy McCorkell
Maureen Murphy
Violeta Peters
Bill Phillips

Susan Rakoci-Anderson
Chris Ruisi
Jeffrey Schwartz
Barry Semple
John Szeliga
Kathleen Weir

Staff Present

Eileen Higgins
Lawrence Sternbach
Yolanda Taylor
Lucy Rivera

Members Absent

John Ciufio
Roseann Isasi
Frances Keane
Linda Roma
Benjamin Waldron

Guests

Robert Shimko, IBEW Local 400

CALL TO ORDER & READING OF PUBLIC MEETING LAW:

- In the absence of Frances Keane, WIB Chairperson, Wyatt Earp, Vice-Chairman 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:

- ***Dr. Maureen Murphy made a motion to approve the June 4, 2015 minutes as written and distributed; Barry Semple seconded the motion, which was then unanimously approved.***

CHAIRMAN'S EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT: By way of video, Chairperson Fran Keane welcomed the group and gave a brief update regarding the GSETA Conference. Wyatt Earp, Vice-Chairman of the WIB thanked those in attendance for taking the time from their busy schedules to be present, and asked those present to introduce themselves; he then discussed the following:

- **Garden State Employment and Training Association (GSETA) Conference**
 - The conference will be held on October 7th and 8th at Bally's Hotel in Atlantic City

- Eileen Higgins, Executive Director of the WIB will be receiving the distinguished Harry L. Wheeler Professional of the Year Award at the conference.
- Funding is available for members to attend the conference, if anyone is interested please see Lucy Rivera and she prepare the registrations.
- **Job Fair**
 - The Job Fair is scheduled for September 16th at the Collins Arena at Brookdale Community College.
 - There are approximately over 120 vendors.
- **Alumni Awards Luncheon**
 - The luncheon is scheduled for October 28th from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. with over 50 program participants being recognized.
- **WIB Retreat**
 - Staff conducted an interactive questionnaire on the WIB Retreat in order to get input from members on how to develop the retreat.
 - Based on the results of the questionnaire, the retreat will be held before the end of the year.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

WIB Executive Committee met on August 4th and discussed the following:

- Local update from SETC on local board efforts and developments which included:
 - Maureen O'Brien-Murphy will be the new SETC Staff Liaison for Monmouth County
 - Regional Designation of Monmouth WIB based on Labor Market Information. A decision will be made by SETC in November
- The draft by-laws were presented and will be electronically sent to members for their vote; changes to include:
 - The WIOA law requires a name change from the Workforce Investment Board (WIB) to Workforce Development Board (WDB); WIB By-Laws will be changed to reflect the name change
 - Term of the WIB Officers changed from one year to two years to provide more continuity with the board positions
 - Youth Council is not mandated under WIOA, but Monmouth has determined that the Youth Council is very important; change to include the Youth Committee as a standing committee
- **WIB Certification:**
 - Looking to align the board membership within the 51% of business involvement as identified by NJ LWD Sector Strategies as the areas most in demand for the State
 - Need representation from businesses to include various size businesses as follows:
 - 1-4 employees
 - 5-49 employees
 - 50 + employees

DASHBOARD:

- Funding for 2015-2016 has been reduced 10% from previous year; decreased in every funding stream except for WFNJ Transportation;
- Currently underspent in Dislocated Worker funding;
- PY '14 monies can be carried over to be used for program services except for WFNJ;
- Have received \$265,000 in Workforce Development Partnership (WDP) funding, which the WIB has not received in the past several years; currently waiting to hear if these monies can be used for the Workforce Learning Link;
- Performance standards have met or exceeded SETC requirements for Program Year '14 (July 1, 2014 – June 30, 2015)

WFNJ Contracts

- Welfare-to-Careers Subcommittee reviewed the proposals for WorkFirst NJ activities for PY 2015-2016 (copies distributed to members) and ask for a motion to approve the programs. **A motion was made by Steve Hornik, seconded by John Szeliga and unanimously approved.**
- The participation rate for WFNJ is currently at 54% which is the highest for the State

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.

OTHER BUSINESS:

- Beacon of Life located in Fort Monmouth will have their open house on October 15th from 5-7 PM.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC: None

NEXT MEETING DATE: Thursday, December 3rd @ 10:00 a.m. at the Financial Success Center in Freehold

ADJOURNMENT: *There being no further business to come before the WIB, the meeting was adjourned at 11:05 a.m. upon a motion Steve Hornik second by John Szeliga. Motion was unanimously approved.*