

**Monmouth County Workforce Investment Board
Minutes of December 4, 2014**

Members Present

Wyatt Earp, Vice-Chairman
Patricia Carlesimo Trustee
Debra Agresti
John Booth
John Brown
John Ciufo
Rob Connolly
Drew deGanahl
Carolyn Ellington
Karen Escobedo
John Gagliano
Stephen Hornik
Timothy McCorkell
Dr. Maureen Murphy
Joseph Passiment
Violeta Peters
Bill Phillips
Susan Rakoci-Anderson
Barry Semple
Benjamin Waldron
Brian Wallace

Members Absent

John Genz
Frances Keane
Linda Roma
Jeffrey Schwartz
Linda Silvers
John Szeliga
Kathleen Weir

Staff Present

Lawrence Sternbach
Yolanda Taylor
Lucy Rivera

Guests

Paul Dement, Monmouth University
Sheryl Hutchison, SETC
Roseann Isasi, Pepsico

CALL TO ORDER & READING OF PUBLIC MEETING LAW:

- Wyatt Earp, Vice-Chairman of the WIB, called the meeting to order at 10:08 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 by Lucy Rivera, and it was noted that sufficient number of WIB members were present to constitute a quorum.

CHAIRMAN'S EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT: In the absence of Frances Keane, WIB Chairperson, Wyatt Earp, Vice-Chairman thanked those in attendance for taking the time from their busy schedules to be present, and asked those present to introduce themselves. The chairman then welcomed the following guests:

- Roseann Isasi – Pepsi Co.;
- Paul Dement, Monmouth University;
- Sheryl Hutchinson, State Employment and Training Commission

- Highlighted recent activity as follows:
 - GSETA Annual Conference was held on September 17th and 18th in Atlantic City - Whole Foods received the Business Partnership Award for the State as a result of the work of the WIB and its partners.
 - The Job Fair was held on September 19th at Brookdale and was very successful. The next Job Fair is scheduled to be held in March 2015.

- Alumni Awards were held October 2nd at the Sheraton. It was very well attended and the format was changed slightly. This year 28 individuals were honored for their accomplishments. The Awards committee is looking to recognize more individuals in the upcoming events – more in line with the 100s served by the Workforce system.
- Sandy Recovery efforts continue; the grant was extended to December 31, 2014 and will officially end on that date.
- Executive Committee met twice on October 9th and November 19th. Discussion included the following goals and expectations:
 - To create new tools to share the work with the WIB and to focus on WIB member's participation and discussion regarding Workforce Development and less reading of committee reports.
 - Take a more strategic look at WIB recruitment, tie recruitment to growth areas and WIA reauthorization guidelines and requirements;
 - WIB member accountability – on committees and attending meetings
- WIA Reauthorization – has been approved by both the House and Senate as the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA). This will be the focus at the NAWB Conference.
- NAWB Forum is scheduled for March 29– 31, 2015 in Washington, DC. Funding has been identified for 2 staff members and 4 WIB members to attend.
- WIB members and staff attended a workshop in October at Rutgers regarding the next steps in Workforce Development; the WIOA was focus in that discussion.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

- Staff participated in webinars pertaining to the new WIOA regulations. These webinars have been recorded and are available for anyone that is interested.
- WIB Chairs and WIB Directors are meeting next week with Hal Wirths, Commissioner of Labor –to discuss the implications and changes to the Workforce system through WIOA
- The Sandy NEG Grant is ending on December 31st – Worked with 39 municipalities – 8 still have open programs. Program was monitored throughout the grant period with no issues found. Not all funds were expended and we anticipate some of the grant funds will be returned to LWD.
- Upcoming Events:
 - WIB Meeting – March 2, 2015 – 10:00 a.m. – WIB Office, Eatontown
 - Job Fair – March 27th – Collins Arena, Brookdale
 - National Association of Workforce Boards (NAWB) Forum – March 28 – 31, 2015 – Washington, DC
 - WIB Partnerships Awards – April 2015
- Out for RFP for our Youth and WFNJ programs – each committee chair will share contracts awarded in their committee report

DASHBOARD:

- Dashboard - financial snapshot indicating funding obligation and available balance halfway through the year.
- Funding Adult is 50% obligated
- Available balance does not take into account clients that are waiting to go into training.
- Performance Standards are currently meeting or exceeding the standards.

APPROVAL OF JUNE 5, 2014 MEETING MINUTES:

- ***John Booth made a motion to approve the September 4, 2014 minutes as written and distributed seconded by Violeta Peters. 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:
 - Asbury Park School District - \$30,000
 - Freehold Regional School District - \$75,000
 - **Steve Hornik made a motion to approve the youth contracts as presented, seconded by Rob Connolly and unanimously approved. John Brown abstained from voting.**

- Membership Committee
 - The floor was open for nominations to fill the unexpired term of Trustee, which was left vacant upon Tim McMahon's resignation.
 - Brian Wallace nominated Karen Escobedo to fill the unexpired term of Trustee which ends on June 30, 2015; no further nominations were made. **Steve Hornik made a motion to close the nominations and approved the nomination of Karen Escobedo to serve as Trustee for the period ending June 30, 2015, which was seconded by Brian Wallace. All members present voted in favor of adopting the motion.**

- All other Committee Reports were email to WIB members - no issues or actions required.

OTHER BUSINESS: None

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC: None

NEXT MEETING DATE: Thursday, March 5, 2015 @ 10:00 a.m. at the WIB Office in Eatontown.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to come before the WIB, the meeting was adjourned at 10:48 a.m. upon a motion by Patti Carlesimo, second by Rob Connolly. Motion was unanimously approved.