

**NEW YORK CITY WORKFORCE INVESTMENT BOARD
WORKFORCE POLICY COMMITTEE**

Meeting of March 5, 2009

At the New York City Department of Small Business Services
110 William Street, 7th Floor
New York, NY 10038

MINUTES

Committee Members Present:

Robert Battista	Rocco Damato	John Mogulescu
Richard Boyle	Colvin Grannum	Rose Rodriguez
Charles Callahan	Joseph McDermott	

Also Present:

Will Abrams	Katy Gaul	Melinda Mulawka
Rebecca Brown	Susan Haskell	Deldreana Peterkin
Chris Cesarani	Angie Kamath	Michael Rodriguez
May Chin	William Karen	Emily Sahlman
Laurence Ding	Lea Kilraine	Barbara Sparks
David Fischer	Stephanie Martinez	Matt White

Rocco Damato, Committee Chair, called the meeting to order.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the November 13, 2008 meeting of the Workforce Policy Committee were approved.

Rocco Damato welcomed the Committee and provided members with an overview of the meeting agenda. Mr. Damato also announced the addition of a new Workforce Investment Board (WIB) intern, Donald Jones, and the promotion of WIB staff member Deldreana Peterkin to Special Project Manager. Mr. Damato also directed the Members to the Priority of Service Policy for New York City Disconnected Youth, recently passed by the Board's Youth Council.

Training Presentation and Resolution

To present the first agenda item, Mr. Damato introduced Katy Gaul, Assistant Commissioner for Workforce1 Training and Advancement at the NYC Department of Small Business Services (SBS). Ms. Gaul oversees the training program at SBS including the issuance of Individual Training Grants (ITGs). Ms. Gaul presented a resolution that consolidated and clarified local policies for ITG training in New York City. This resolution, which approves a more comprehensive training policy paper regarding local training operations and programs, replaces all previously passed resolutions regarding ITG training.

Based on her presentation, the Committee approved the presented resolution allowing these changes to the ITG program.

Stimulus Update

To present the second agenda item, Mr. Damato introduced Angie Kamath, Deputy Commissioner for Workforce Development at SBS, Susan Haskell, Assistant Commissioner for Vulnerable and Special Needs Youth at the NYC Department of Youth and Community

Development (DYCD), and Stephanie Martinez, Policy Director for the WIB. Ms. Martinez gave a high-level update on the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) federal stimulus dollars that are expected to flow to the City through the Workforce Investment Act funding mechanism. These funds will be administered by SBS and DYCD. Following her remarks, Ms. Kamath and Ms. Haskell provided the Committee with detailed updates on how each of their agencies plans to spend these monies. As noted by Ms. Kamath, SBS will spend the \$31.7 million of Adult and Dislocated Worker ARRA funding in three key buckets of programming: Increased Investments in Training, Enhancement of the Workforce1 Career Centers, and Sector-Focused Job Placement Contracts. As noted by Ms. Haskell, DYCD will spend the \$29.02 million of Youth ARRA funding in three key buckets of programming: Summer Youth Employment Program, Internships for Out-of-School Youth Participants, and the Go To School, Get A Job Initiative.

NYC WIA System Response to Economic Downturn Resolution

To present the third agenda item, Ms. Martinez presented a resolution that articulated how the local WIA system will respond to the ARRA federal stimulus dollars. This resolution provides direction from the Board in regards to local strategy for ARRA funds to ensure that the goals, objectives and timeliness associated with the stimulus are met in a timely manner.

Based on her presentation, the Committee approved the presented resolution.

Operator Consortium Update

To present the final agenda item, Mr. Damato introduced Shanna Gumaer, Assistant Commissioner for Workforce1 Career Center System Performance at SBS. Ms. Gumaer presented an update on Operator Consortium (OC) activities including updates on the Language Access Report, OC Work Plan and Customer Analysis.

Conclusion

Following the business described above, the meeting was adjourned.