



QUARTERLY MEETING

At the New York City Department of Small Business Services
110 William Street, 4th Floor Board Room

September 14, 2005

MINUTES

Board Members Present:

William Abramson
Ken Adams
Robert Battista
William Bollbach
Richard Boyle
Charles Callahan
Rocco Damato
Rex Davidson
John Foley
Reg Foster

Colvin Grannum
John Harloff
William Janowitz
Deborah King
Rae Linefsky
Joseph McDermott
Kathleen McGovern
John Mogulescu
Jeanne Mullgrav
George Ntim

Judy Pincus
Michelle Pinnock
Hector Ramirez
Stuart Saft
Audrey Slade
Carole Sobin
Howard Van Jones
Robert Walsh

Guests:

Miguel Almodovar
Susan Arroyo
Judy Balos
Dan Barasch
James Brown
Lynette Brown
Rebecca Brown
Maria Buck
Chris Cesarani
Henry Daisey
Ethan Davidson
Barry Dinerstein
Brian Egan
David Farber
David Fischer
Karen Fleshman
Alinda Franks
Celeste Frye
Katy Gaul
Brett Halverson

Charles Houston
Susan Haskell
Calvin Johnson
Megan Keenan
Riva Kelton
Helen Kim
Martin Laird
Lisa Laudico
Barbara Lavandeira
Sue Lee
Alison Lipman
Suzanne Lynn
Michael Mainelli
David Margalit
Jacqueline Maxwell
Robin McClary
Richard McKeon
Donald Menzi
David Mumper
Chris Neale

Alicia Noel
James Parrott
Randy Peers
Deldreana Peterkin
Bonnie Potter
Yousuf Rahman
Tucker Reed
Jeremy Reiss
Carolyn Robinson
William Sears
Jean Seltzer
Araina Sepulveda
Marilyn Shea
Mia Simon
Sara Spatz
Sonia Torruella
Blake Walters
Melissa Wavelet
Randy Weiss
Sondra Youdelman

Stuart Saft, Chair, called the meeting to order.

Chairman's Report

Mr. Saft announced that three new members had been appointed to the Workforce Investment Board (WIB): Colvin Grannum, President, Bedford Stuyvesant Restoration Corporation; Thomas Moloney, Partner, Cleary Gottlieb Steen & Hamilton LLP; and Carole Sobin, Vice President of Purchasing, Consolidated Edison. The new members were welcomed by the Board. Mr. Saft noted that the WIB is seeking additional private sector members. Recommendations should be submitted to WIB Executive Director Marilyn Shea. Mr. Saft also announced that Dan Barasch recently joined the staff of the WIB and would be supporting the WIB's Executive and Strategic Planning Committees.

Mr. Saft reported that Marilyn Shea had begun assembling a group of healthcare experts to advise the WIB on its healthcare sector strategy. He explained that the group could help the WIB better understand the workforce challenges in New York City's healthcare sector and identify opportunities for engagement. Mr. Saft noted that the WIB may assemble other groups of experts to assist the WIB in the future.

Mr. Saft reported that the WIB, in partnership with SBS, 1199 SEIU, and Cooperative Health Care Associates, submitted a grant proposal to the United States Department of Labor for a new program that would train Hispanic workers with limited English proficiency for jobs in the growing home healthcare field. The collaboration simultaneously supports the WIB's healthcare sector strategy and its focus on immigrant workforce issues.

Department of Small Business Services Update

Robert Walsh, Commissioner of the New York City Department of Small Business Services (SBS), provided an update on workforce development activities and accomplishments for the last quarter. Commissioner Walsh highlighted the launch of a new Workforce1 Career Center at LaGuardia Community College in Queens and the launch of the NYC Business Solutions Training Grant program, which allows local businesses to receive Workforce Investment Act funds for employee training. Commissioner Walsh thanked the Board members for their contributions to these recent successes.

Department of Youth & Community Development Update

Jeanne Mullgrav, Commissioner of the New York City Department of Youth and Community Development (DYCD), reported that DYCD had recently wrapped up the Summer Youth Employment Program, which served 42,000 youth this year. Commissioner Mullgrav announced that DYCD was finalizing a Request for Proposals for youth workforce development programs and that the agency had recently released a concept paper for preventive, residential, and non-residential services for Runaway and Homeless Youth.

Youth Council Update

Reg Foster, Chair of the Youth Council, stated that the Youth Board and Youth Council met on September 8, 2005. He reported that the Youth Board and Youth Council had begun planning a series of consensus-building policy breakfasts for the fall to address the issue of New York City's disconnected youth. Mr. Foster also announced that the Youth Board and Youth Council were seeking volunteers for the CAPITAL program. Interested persons who would be willing to host a group of students at their workplace and provide career advice should contact Chris Cesarani, staff person to the Youth Council.

Workforce & Economic Data Panel Presentation

Kathleen McGovern, Chair of the WIB's Strategic Planning Committee, introduced a panel of speakers to address one of the initiatives approved by the WIB in its strategic plan: the development of a hub of local workforce and economic information. To help further this initiative, reported Ms. McGovern, the WIB staff had begun reaching out to leading authorities on local labor market and economic data, including the assembled panelists: Jim Brown, Labor Market Analyst at New York State Department of Labor; James Parrott, Chief Economist at the Fiscal Policy Institute; Rae Rosen, Senior Economist at Federal Reserve Bank of New York; and WIB Member Kenneth Adams, President of Brooklyn Chamber of Commerce. Each of the panelists discussed the types of data at their disposal and the ways in which that data is used to inform decision making, policy making and economic analysis. Following the panel presentation, Ms. McGovern moderated a discussion among the Board members on how the WIB can move forward with its strategy of expanding the availability of timely, easily accessible data on New York City's economy and workforce.

Conclusion

Mr. Saft announced that the next quarterly WIB meeting would be on December 14, 2005.

Following the business described above, the meeting was adjourned.