

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

Meeting of September 24, 2009

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

**MINUTES**

**Committee Members Present:**

Bill Abramson (By phone)	Richard Boyle	Joe McDermott
Horace Barker	Rocco Damato	John Mogulescu
Robert Battista	Ken Dircks	

**Also Present:**

Deborah Buyer	Lea Kilraine	Katie Schwab
Ash Jaynes	Stephanie Martinez	Philip Weinberg
Lesley Hirsch	Melinda Mulawka	Matthew White
Angie Kamath	Deldreana Peterkin	Kate Yager

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

**Approval of Minutes**

The minutes of the June 6, 2009 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) staff member, Kate Yager. Kate will manage the activities of the Operator Consortium of the WIB, develops and manages stakeholder relationships in order to support local applications for Recovery grant opportunities, as well as screen and review external competitive grant applications prior to submission to the federal or state government. In addition, Kate will support the team by analyzing and providing recommendations on federal and state policies as the WIB works to strengthen its role in advocacy. Prior to joining the WIB, Kate worked as the Director of Economic Research for the Tennessee Technology Development Corporation, a state-funded non-profit organization in Nashville, TN.

**Approvals of the Modification to the Tiered Pricing Policy & In-Demand Occupation List**

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) and Lesley Hirsch, Director of the New York City Labor Market Information Service (NYCLMIS). Ms. Gaul oversees the training program at SBS including the issuance of Individual Training Grants (ITGs). Ms. Hirsch leads the NYCLMIS, providing important labor market information to the City's workforce development system. Ms. Gaul presented modifications to the previously passed Tiered Pricing Policy which included a separate pricing structure for Security Guard training programs to reflect their unique market value and anticipated outcomes. Following discussions of this modification, Ms. Gaul and Ms. Hirsch provided an overview of a new In-Demand Occupation List. This list is used to inform the system's investment in Individual Training Grants. This new list, informed by a methodology through the LMIS will ensure that our system is investing in training in high-growth, demand occupations.

Based on their presentations of the revisions, the Committee approved the presented resolutions allowing modification of the Tiered Pricing Policy and In-Demand Occupation List.

### **Workforce Investment Act Legislative Approach**

To present the second agenda item, Mr. Damato introduced Stephanie Martinez and Melinda Mulawka Mack, Policy Director and Senior Vice President for the WIB, respectively. Ms. Martinez and Mrs. Mack informed the Board on recent momentum in Washington, DC surrounding Workforce Investment Act (WIA) reauthorization and the key tenets that many in the national workforce development community are advocating for through this reauthorization process. The conversation centered on how the Board, particularly the Workforce Policy Committee, will be involved in the process of crafting a local vision for WIA and developing an advocacy agenda.

### **Conclusion**

Following the business described above, the meeting was adjourned.