

QUARTERLY MEETING

SUNY Levin Institute, Global Classroom
116 East 55th Street

Wednesday, September 19, 2012
8:30 – 10:00 AM

MINUTES

Board Members Present:

Bill Abramson	Katy Gaul	Tom Pendleton
Laurice Arroyo	Colvin Grannum	Jocelynn Rainey
Horace Barker	Kathy Kearns	Rose Rodriguez
Scott Berger	Deborah King	Maria Serrano
Les Bluestone	Rae Linefsky	Kristin Morse
Marion Boykin	Richard Mast	Richard Windram
Arnold Dorin	Joe McDermott	
Reg Foster	John Mogulescu	

Guests Present:

David Berman	Calvin Johnson	Marty Oesterreich
Dansha Cai	Angie Kamath	Kelly Richardson
Cesar Cardenas	Megan Keenan	Cristal Rivera
Tara Colton	Lea Kilraine	Sara Schlossberg
Joe Conforti	Michelle Light	Shayne Spaulding
Liza Ehrlich	Suzanne Lynn	Deputy Mayor Robert Steel
Chanelle Figueroa	Melinda Mack	Katy Taylor
David Fischer	Jeff Martin	Aviva Tevah
Nikki Georges-Clapp	Laura Miller	Ryan Williams
Courtney Hawkins	Chris Neale	

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the June 14, 2012 meeting of the New York City Workforce Investment Board (WIB) were approved.

Chairman's Report

Ms. Kearns welcomed the Board. She began the meeting by introducing Michelle Light, the new Executive Director of the NYC Office of Human Capital Development and noted that her biography was located in the board book.

NYC Office of Human Capital Development

Next, Ms. Kearns introduced Deputy Mayor for Economic Development Robert K. Steel, who provided an overview of the NYC Office of Human Capital Development (OHCD). The office is a merger between the NYC Workforce Investment Board (WIB) and the Mayor's Office of Adult Education (MOAE), in the Office of the Mayor. Deputy Mayor Steel welcomed Ms. Light as the

founding Executive Director, and gave an overview of her background and the role she will be playing at OHCD. Ms. Light gave remarks about her work to date on behalf of OHCD, and asked members to reflect upon the question of the most important challenge or concern facing their industry right now, as well as the role of the WIB in addressing those challenges. Next, Ms. Kearns facilitated a discussion between Ms. Light and the members. Ms. Kearns and Ms. Light also thanked Lea Kilraine, previously of the WIB and NYC Office of Human Capital Development, for her service.

Approval of PY 2012-2013 NYCLWIA Local Plan

Following the update on the new office, the Board approved a resolution to approve the PY 2012-2013 NYCLWIA Local Plan.

Update on WIA Youth Activities

Next, Suzanne Lynn, Deputy Commissioner of the NYC Department of Youth and Community Development (DYCD), provided a report on the agency's activities, including details of the 2012 Summer Youth Employment Program (SYEP) and Ladders for Leaders. She outlined the details of a concept paper about SYEP and reviewed research from New York University about the impacts of SYEP. Ms. Lynn also thanked the WIB members that had participated in DYCD programs. She provided an update on the City's efforts around Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals, and DYCD's participation in the Community Action Partnership Annual Convention.

Update on WIA Adult Activities

Christopher Neale, Assistant Commissioner of the NYC Department of Small Business Services (SBS), provided a report on the agency's activities. This included updates on the new Workforce1 location in the Bronx, the launch of the Veterans Workforce1 Career Center, and job placement efforts at the Barclays Center.

Ms. Kearns then facilitated a discussion between the speaker and members.

Overview of GED Changes

The Board then received a presentation for discussion from Tara Colton of OHCD. She provided an overview of the changes in the GED test and asked the WIB members for input on the expected changes. Next, Ms. Kearns facilitated a discussion between the speaker and the members. The members suggested the creation of a WIB GED Workgroup to discuss these issues in greater detail.

Conclusion

Following the business described above, the meeting was adjourned.