

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

Meeting of November 18, 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	Charles Callahan	Colvin Grannum (by phone)
Horace Barker	Rocco Damato	Debbie King
Richard Boyle	Ken Dircks	Mark Leff (by phone)
		John Mogulescu

**Also Present:**

Deborah Buyer	Angie Kamath	Deldreana Peterkin
Chris Cesarani	Lea Kilraine	Philip Weinberg
May Chin	Stephanie Martinez	Matthew White
Katy Gaul	Melinda Mulawka	

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

**Approval of Minutes**

The minutes of the September 24, 2009 meeting of the Workforce Policy Committee were approved.

Rocco Damato welcomed the Committee and provided members with an overview of the meeting agenda.

**Overview of Member Engagement Workgroup and Recommendations**

To present the first agenda item, Mr. Damato introduced Board member Horace Barker and Philip Weinberg, President of the NYC Workforce Investment Board. Mr. Barker and Mr. Weinberg provided a report of key themes from the working group, headed by Mr. Barker, and recommended next steps in terms of member engagement. Key next steps to this engagement process include a way for Board members to more actively suggest topics and workgroup ideas to the Committee.

**Training Provider Exemption Policy**

To present the second 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 led the Committee in a conversation focused on a resolution regarding exemptions for training providers. This resolution requires that all training providers on the ETPL (Eligible Training Provider List) and any of their subcontractors that provide courses funded by ITGs shall be required to obtain (i) the appropriate licensing or registration by the New York State Education Department, and (ii) approval of the applicable state oversight body for each curriculum or course funded by ITAs.

Based on Ms. Gaul's presentation, the Committee approved the presented resolution requiring all providers and their subcontractors to obtain the appropriate licensing an approval to receive ITGs.

**Policy Focus: WIA Recommendations and Next Steps**

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 updated the Committee 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. Ms. Martinez updated the Board on the series of six Listening Sessions on WIA reauthorizations that the staff held with key stakeholder groups. The result of these Listening Sessions was the WIB's white paper on WIA reauthorization containing eight key recommendations to Congress.

Based on Ms. Martinez's presentation of the white paper and eight key recommendations, the Committee approved the presented resolution adopting the Board's white paper on WIA reauthorization recommendations.

**Conclusion**

Following the business described above, the meeting was adjourned.