

NEW YORK CITY WORKFORCE INVESTMENT BOARD

Meeting of March 10, 2005
At the New York City Department of Small Business Services

110 William Street, 4th Floor Board Room
New York, NY

Minutes

Board Members Present:

William Abramson	Reg Foster	John Mogulescu
Kenneth Adams	Ester Fuchs	Jeanne Mullgrav
Robert Battista	Mildred Garcia	George Ntim
Amalia Betanzos	Anne Gray	Hector Ramirez
Richard Boyle	John Harloff	Stuart Saft
Peter Christiansen	Ellen Howard-Cooper	Audrey Slade
Rocco Damato	William Janowitz	Woo Song
Rex Davidson	Joseph McDermott	Robert Walsh
John Foley	Kathleen McGovern	

Guests:

Miguel Almodovar	Celeste Frye	Martin Oesterreich
Lois Blades-Rosado	Martha Galvez	David Padrino
Rebecca Brown	Brett Halverson	Bonnie Potter
Susan Banks	Everett Hughes	Carolyn Robinson
Maria Buck	Susan Jouard	Elyse Rudolph
Carinne Capolino	Grazyna Kenda	Patricia Saenz
Chris Cesarani	Lisa Laudico	Jean Seltzer
Ellen Chen	Dorothy Lehman	Julie Shapiro
Nisha Chopra	Marc Leff	Marilyn Shea
Henry Daisey	David Margalit	Sonia Torruella
Vicki Dawson	Andrew Miller	William Waters
Brian Egan	Janice Molnar	Megan Whelen
David Farber	Mary Moorhouse	Scott Zucker
David Fischer	Carlos Murganti	
Richard Fish	Michael Ognibene	

Stuart Saft, Chair, called the meeting to order.

The minutes of the New York City Workforce Investment Board's (WIB) December 15, 2004 meeting were approved.

Chairman's Report

Marilyn Shea, WIB Executive Director, provided an overview of the proposed fiscal year 2006 budget for the US Department of Labor's Employment and Training

Administration, which included reductions in Workforce Investment Act funded programs. A discussion followed focused on formulating a response from the WIB that would promote the importance of sustained funding levels for WIA and non-WIA funded stakeholders in the New York City workforce investment system. A separate special meeting was scheduled for March 18, 2005 to determine the best course of action.

For a summary of Executive Committee activities, Mr. Saft referred the Board members to the Executive Committee resolutions included in the Board book materials.

Youth Council Update

Reg Foster, Youth Council Chair, described the activity of the Council, including its focus at its March 3, 2005 meeting on the aforementioned proposed reductions in certain Federal funding sources for youth programs. Mr. Foster reported that the Council formed an Executive Committee which would lead the development of a plan to align the Council's work with the WIB's strategic plan, and that an effort was underway to identify private sector funding sources to augment the summer youth employment program.

One-Stop Committee Update

Brian Egan, WIB Policy Analyst, provided an update on the One-Stop Committee's efforts and activity through two meetings on January 20 and February 8, 2005. The Committee's work continued to focus broadly on three efforts to:

- Lead the recertification of the Workforce1 Career Center System in line with the requirements of the New York State Department of Labor,
- Strategically expand the capacity of the System to serve more businesses and jobseekers, and
- Develop a set of common measures to evaluate the overall performance of the System

Training Committee Update

Rocco Damato, Chair of the Training Committee, reported on the Committee's efforts through four meetings on December 15, 2004 and January 25, February 22 and March 8, 2005, which focused on assessing and improving the quality of the individual training account (ITA) system. As part of an overall Training Provider Quality Program managed by the New York City Department of Small Business Services (SBS), the Committee approved policies to ensure that training providers eligible to receive ITAs adhere to New York State licensing requirements and to restructure the payment schedule for training providers to encourage student retention.

Work Readiness Credential Panel Presentation

Kathleen McGovern, Chair of the Strategic Planning Committee, highlighted the Committee's focus during two meetings on January 19 and February 16, 2005 on further developing the sector-based work outlined in the WIB's strategic plan. The Committee identified a number of initiatives for further investigation, including the opportunity for

New York City to become engaged in the National Institute for Literacy's Equipped for the Future Initiative and the development of a work readiness credential. A panel comprised of WIB members and system stakeholders addressed the potential impact on the City's workforce system, jobseekers and businesses of implementing a work readiness initiative. The panelists were:

- WIB member William Abramson, First Vice President, Chelsea Piers
- WIB member George Ntim, Director of Guest Relations, Marriott Marquis
- Diane Baillargeon, President, Seedco
- Lois Blades-Rosado, Assistant Dean/Executive Director, SUNY Brooklyn Educational Opportunity Center
- Mary Morehouse, Director of Workforce Development, National Retail Federation Foundation

Conclusion

Mr. Saft announced that the next WIB meeting would be on June 15, 2005.

Following the business described above, the meeting was adjourned.