



QUARTERLY MEETING

The Levin Institute
116 East 55th Street, Global Classroom
New York, New York

Wednesday, September 9, 2009

8:30 – 10:00 AM

MINUTES

Board Members Present:

Bill Abramson	Arnold Dorin	John Mogulescu
Nina Aledort	Mark Elliott	George Ntim
Horace Barker	Reg Foster	Tom Pendleton
Robert Battista	Ester Fuchs	Michelle Pinnock
William Bollbach	Colvin Grannum	Stuart Saft
Marion Boykin	Sarah Holloway	Maria Serrano
Richard Boyle	Marc Leff	Ray Singleton
Charles Callahan	Rae Linefsky	Robert Walsh
Rocco Damato	Richard Mast	
Ken Dircks	Joseph McDermott	

Guests:

David Berman	Megan Keenan	Carla Stuart
Kathleen Brady	Lea Kilraine	Sonia Torruella
Deborah Buyer	Deputy Mayor Lieber	Angela Tolose
Dana Cappell	Lesia Lozowy	Barbara Ulrich
Mario Carrion	Suzanne Lynn	Phil Weinberg
Chris Cesarani	Melinda Mulawka Mack	Matt White
Eueal Dagne	Stephanie Martinez	Josh Winter
Katy Gaul	Michael O'Boyle	Kate Yager
Yonit Golub	Marty Oesterreich	
Dale Grant	Deldreana Peterkin	
Lisa Hancock	Allison Quigney	
Lesley Hirsch	Nancy Ramos	
Angie Kamath	Beverly Schutman	

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the June 19th meeting of the New York City Workforce Investment Board (WIB) were approved.

Chairman's Report

Mr. Saft welcomed the Board. He began the meeting by announcing the appointment of a new member John Rhea, Chairman of New York City Housing Authority (NYCHA), to the Board. He detailed that Chairman Rhea has over 20 years of corporate experience having served as both an advisor and senior executive at a number of the world's leading corporations. Most recently, he was a Managing Director in the Investment Banking Division of Barclays Capital (formerly Lehman Brothers) and served as Co-Head of the Global Consumer & Retail Group. As a result of his leadership, Global Finance Magazine named Lehman Brothers the "Best Investment Bank in the Consumer Sector" in 2007.

Next, Mr. Saft announced that Kate Yager has joined the WIB staff as Project Manager. In this position, she manages the activities of the Operator Consortium of the WIB, develops and manages stakeholder relationships in order to support local applications for Recovery Act 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.

Next, Mr. Saft noted that the Executive Committee passed a resolution authorizing the submission of the Local Workforce Investment Area required Modification to the Three-Year Local Plan to the New York State Department of Labor.

This Modification updates the Local Area's Three Year Local Plan through June 30, 2010. Mr. Saft directed Board members to the resolution in the meeting materials and the Board unanimously endorsed it.

President's Update

Phil Weinberg, President of the NYC Workforce Investment Board, updated the Board on several program updates.

He shared the shifting role of the NYC Workforce Investment Board: a) a focus on innovation, policy leadership and driving new initiatives, b) clearly-defined Board roles, with strong member engagement, and c) greater visibility of the WIB as a City-wide workforce leader. To that end, he introduced Board member Horace Barker, who led the member engagement workgroup. Mr. Barker provided a brief summary of the work group outcomes and goals and led the Board in a discussion on opportunities for increased member engagement.

Next, Mr. Weinberg introduced Deputy Mayor Lieber, the keynote speaker of the morning. Deputy Mayor Lieber spoke with the Board about the City's major economic development activities, the role of a skilled workforce in making New York City competitive for employers, and the critical importance of the Workforce Investment Board as a link between the workforce and business communities in NYC. As Mr. Lieber stated, "New York City's ability to grow is dependant on our ability to make our workforce the most productive, most innovative and most cutting edge in the world."

During his remarks, Mr. Lieber challenged Board members to remain vigilant in preparing the City's workforce for the needs of employers. As he stated: "While we've made important steps, there's still a long way to go. We need to keep pushing, keep innovating and keep coming up with the right mix of programs so that we can prepare our workforce for the future...that conversation – between employer, worker and government is one that the WIB is uniquely able to impact and I look forward to continuing to hear from you about how we can make sure our training programs are indeed supporting the best workforce in the world."

Global Summit Recap

Next Mr. Saft introduced WIB member Ester Fuchs, an integral member of the global summit organizing team. At the Global Summit, Ms. Fuchs hosted a panel discussion that included Commissioner Robert Walsh and experts from Barcelona, Santiago, and Shanghai on how local government policy is transforming adult workforce systems. She provided the board with key takeaways and global summit best practices. WIB Member Richard Mast also shared his key takeaways as a participant in the two-day event.

CVS Presentation

Finally, to wrap the agenda, Mr. Saft introduced Eueal Dagne, Store Manager for CVS Pharmacy who provided the Board with insight on how our public workforce system is currently partnering with employers. Under Mr. Dagne's leadership, his CVS store in Manhattan hosted a number of youth this past summer as part the City's Summer Youth Employment Program, operated by the Department of Youth and Community Development. Mr. Saft noted that his bio could be found in the board book.

Conclusion

Following the business described above, the meeting was adjourned. Mr. Saft announced that the next quarterly WIB meeting would be on December 10, 2009.