

NEW YORK CITY WORKFORCE INVESTMENT BOARD

Meeting of June 15, 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	Joseph McDermott
Robert Battista	Ester Fuchs	Kathleen McGovern
William Bollbach	Mildred Garcia	John Mogulescu
Richard Boyle	Anne Gray	Jeanne Mullgrav
Pamela Brier	Ellen Howard-Cooper	George Ntim
Charles Callahan	William Janowitz	Stuart Saft
Roy Cosme	Deborah King	Audrey Slade
Rocco Damato	Harry Lerner	Woo Song
Rex Davidson	Rae Linefsky	Robert Walsh

Guests:

Miguel Almodovar	Brett Halverson	Tucker Reed
Sam Astor	Jeff Klare	Rhoda Rhodes
Rebecca Brown	Jessica Klarfeld	Carolyn Robinson
Maria Buck	Lisa Laudico	Alex Saaveda
Carinne Capolino	Dorothy Lehman	Joseph Salvo
Chris Cesarani	Alison Lipman	Marilyn Shea
Henry Daisey	Suzanne Lynn	Mia Simon
Brian Egan	David Margalit	Christy Smith
David Fischer	Jacqueline Maxwell	Sara Spatz
Richard Fish	Robin McClary	John Twomey
Celeste Frye	Andrew Miller	Michele Valdez
Katy Gaul	Wanda Moguel	Melissa Wavelet
Carol Glazer	David Padrino	Florence Wong
Dale Grant	Randolph Peers	Scott Zucker
Soni Farrell	Deldreana Peterkin	

Stuart Saft, Chair, called the meeting to order.

The minutes of the New York City Workforce Investment Board's (WIB) March 10, 2005 meeting were approved.

Chairman's Report

Mr. Saft introduced Deborah King as a new member of the WIB. Ms. King serves as the Executive Director of the 1199 SEIU Employment, Training and Job Security Program,

which provides training, education and job placement services for healthcare workers. Ms. King was welcomed by the Board.

Three-Year Local Plan

Marilyn Shea, WIB Executive Director, provided an overview of the Three-Year Local Plan for the New York City Workforce Investment System. Required by the New York State Department of Labor, the Local Plan provides a strategic framework for the delivery of Workforce Investment Act services in New York City from 2005 through 2008.

Ms. Shea presented a summary of public commentary on the Local Plan received by the WIB staff during the 30-day public comment period. Ms. Shea reported that an open hearing was held at 110 William Street on June 1, 2005 to solicit feedback from workforce stakeholders and community members.

Mr. Saft introduced a resolution to approve the Three-Year Local Plan and authorize its submission to the New York State Department of Labor. The resolution was unanimously approved.

The Newest New Yorkers Presentation & Reaction Panel

Kathleen McGovern, Chair of the WIB Strategic Planning Committee, introduced the presenter and reaction panel for a moderated discussion of immigrant workforce issues in New York City. Ms. McGovern noted that addressing the workforce challenges of the City's immigrant population is a key strategy supported by the WIB.

Joseph Salvo of the New York City Department of City Planning's Population Division presented "The Newest New Yorkers," a comprehensive analysis of the City's immigrant population based on data from the 2000 Census. Mr. Salvo provided a wealth of data on New York City's immigrant population, including countries of origin, English proficiency levels, fertility rates, income levels, and settlement patterns throughout the City and region.

Following Mr. Salvo's presentation, a reaction panel provided further insights to the workforce challenges and opportunities inherent in New York City's large and diverse immigrant population from the perspectives of the immigrant labor force, the private sector, and the workforce investment system. The panelists were:

- John Mogulescu (WIB member), University Dean of Academic Affairs, City University of New York
- Roy Cosme (WIB member), President, Arcos Communications
- Maria Buck, Assistant Commissioner, and Katy Gaul, Senior Policy Advisor, New York City Department of Small Business Services

Conclusion

Mr. Saft announced that the next WIB meeting would be on September 14, 2005.

Following the business described above, the meeting was adjourned.