



QUARTERLY MEETING

110 William Street, 4th Floor
New York, New York

Wednesday, March 21, 2012
8:30 – 10:00 AM

MINUTES

Board Members Present:

Donald Ashkenase
Horace Barker
Les Bluestone
Marion Boykin
Rochelle DiRe
Arnold Dorin
Reg Foster
Ester Fuchs
Katy Gaul

Colvin Grannum
Kathy Kearns
Deborah King
Rae Linefsky
Richard Mast
Joe McDermott
John Mogulescu
Thomas Moloney
Jeanne Mullgrav

Tom Pendleton
Robert Purga
Jocelynn Rainey
Rose Rodriguez
Deirdre Scott
Maria Serrano
Robert Walsh
Veronica White
Richard Windram

Guests Present:

Robert Asaro-Angelo
Paula Bailey
Jalio Borren
Tim Cantrell
Cesar Cardenas
Joe Christo
Tara Colton
Joe Conforti
Liza Ehrlich
Elizabeth Guernsey
Dale Grant
Deputy Mayor Linda Gibbs
Tom Hilliard
Lesley Hirsch
Marlee Ickowicz
Angie Kamath
Megan Keenan

Lea Kilraine
Sarah Krauss
Bruce Lincoln
Suzanne Lynn
Jeff Martin
Yolanda McBride
Doug McGowan
James Meter
Kristen Misner
Daphne Montanez
John Moye
Sharon Myrie
Marta Nelson
Annie Norbeck
Marty Oesterreich
Michael Ognibene
Emma Oppenheim

Randy Peers
Deldreana Peterkin
Priya Ramanathan
Jenne Rennie
Lincoln Restler
Vincent Schiraldi
Sara Schlossberg
Katie Schwab
Tokumbo Shobowale
Shayne Spaulding
Deputy Mayor Robert Steel
Margaret Stix
Jennifer Tavis
Katy Taylor
Aviva Tevah
Chancellor Dennis Walcott

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the September 27, 2011 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 announcing the appointment of two new board members and noted that their biographies were located in the board book. These members are:

- Donald Ashkenase, Special Advisor for Montefiore Medical Center
- Rose Rodriguez, Special Assistant for Workforce Solutions for NYS Department of Labor

NYC Office of Human Capital Development

Next, Ms. Kearns introduced Deputy Mayors Linda Gibbs and Robert Steel, and Chancellor Dennis Walcott who gave an overview of the newly created 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. They presented on the changes to the current WIB structure and creation of the new office. They shared with the Board the history of its creation, which included the Workforce Cabinet, a workforce collaboration that was launched with over 12 City agencies that deliver job training and placement services. They also outlined the vision of the new office for NYC's workforce development and adult education which included:

- Develop unified city workforce development and adult education strategy to serve various populations, including the concept of "no wrong door" for entry
- Coordinate and support the efforts of city agencies with job training, skills development and adult education, and related programs
- Improve connectivity between workforce development and adult education systems
- Create a continuum of services that promote entry into and enhancement in the workforce, ranging from summer jobs for youth, adult literacy programs, college transition support services, to advanced skills training and programs for older workers re-entering the job market
- Utilize the resources of the Workforce Investment Board to guide strategic planning, set policy, and build even stronger ties with employers
- Promote accountability and improved programs through the robust use of data to analyze and measure outcomes
- Elevate the advocacy platform for policy needs of city agencies with job training, skills development and adult education programs

The Deputy Mayors Linda Gibbs and Robert Steel, and Chancellor Walcott, and Ms. Kearns, all thanked the NYC Department of Small Business Services Commissioner Robert Walsh for his years of leadership and service respective to the WIB. They also thanked and noted the new office will build upon the existing assets and work of the NYC Department of Small Business Services (SBS) and the NYC Department of Youth and Community Development (DYCD) under the leadership of Commissioner Mullgrav. The Deputy Mayors and Chancellor took time to answer questions and comments regarding the new office.

SBS and DYCD Update: 2011 Review, 2012 Priorities

Following the presentations, Kathy Kearns reminded the Board that at the last quarterly meeting, members were informed of the allegations involving SEEDCO and SBS. Robert Walsh, Commissioner of SBS provided a brief update to the Board on the SEEDCO allegations. SBS informed the Board that the matter was referred to the NYC Department of Investigation a few months back and as a result of the investigation SBS has ceased their contracts with SEEDCO and new vendors will be taking over operations in April of 2012.

Next, Angie Kamath, Deputy Commissioner of SBS and Suzanne Lynn, Deputy Commissioner of DYCD gave overviews of the 2011 accomplishments and challenges, and outlined priorities for 2012.

US Department of Labor Update

Following the presentations, Ms. Kearns introduced Robert Asaro-Angelo, North East Regional Representative for US Department of Labor Secretary of Labor Hilda L. Solis who gave an update about the federal workforce initiatives.

Conclusion

Following the business described above, the meeting was adjourned.