

## **QUARTERLY MEETING**

SUNY Global Center, 116 East 55<sup>th</sup> Street New York, New York

> Wednesday, March 20, 2013 8:30 – 10:30 AM

#### **MINUTES**

## **Board Members Present:**

Donald Ashkanesa	Rae Linefsky	George Ntim
Les Bluestone (by phone)	Joseph McDermott	Robert Purga
Benjamin Branham	John Mogulescu	Maria Serrano
Reg Foster	Thomas Moloney	Chancellor Dennis Walcott
Edward Jay Goldberg	Kristin Morse	Richard Windram
Kathy Kearns	John Moye	
Debbie King	Jeanne Mullgrav	
Guests Present:		

Katy Belot David Berman Bruce Carmel Cesar Cardenas Carin Clary Suri Duitch Lakythia Ferby David Fischer Fenimore Fisher Tiffany Ferguson Robert Garafola Nikki Georges-Clapp Valerie Greenhagen

Bret Halverson Leah Herbert Megan Keenan Robert Kratzke Sherazade Langlade Kathryn Lattimer Michelle Light Suzanne Lynn Damiano Mastrandrea Chris Neale Martin Oesterreich Michael Ognibene Tom Pendleton Deldreana Peterkin Jack Powers Emony Robertson Sara Schlossberg Katie Schwab Tracy Scott Sharon Sewell Francis Torres John Twomey Kelly Washburn Valerie Westphal

### **Approval of Minutes**

The minutes of the December 6, 2012 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 introducing Sherazade Langlade as the new Managing Director of the NYC Office of Human Capital Development (OHCD). She also welcomed two new board members; Dennis Walcott Chancellor of NYC Department of

Education (DOE) and Darrell Waldron, Executive Director of Rhode Island Indian Council and noted that their biographies were located in the board book.

Next, Ms. Kearns introduced Chancellor Walcott.

## **Overview of Career & Technical Education (CTE)**

Chancellor Walcott thanked the Board for allowing him the opportunity to share the great work that DOE is doing with the CTE program. He introduced and recognized the DOE staff that is currently working with the program. Following the introductions Chancellor Walcott gave a brief history of the program's evolution from 1898 through 2012, noting that from 1960 through 2002, there were no new CTE schools opened and that the "College for All" did not include the CTE pipeline. He had mentioned 20 new schools opened and were aligned to DOE's new school strategy of smaller and more focused instruction from 2003 through 2012.

Next, Chancellor Walcott then introduced Jack Powers, Chair of the Student Advisory Committee, who informed the Board of the value of the CTE programs. He told the Board that CTE programs helps mature the students and requires a great deal of practical work.

Next, Jack Powers introduced Emony Robertson, a senior at the Business of Sports School (BOSS) and Damiano Mastrandrea, a graduate of Ralph R. McKee. Emony and Damiano both spoke a little about their experiences at the CTE School. Emony has been accepted to top colleges and Damiano is currently in an apprenticeship program for teachers. Ms. Kearns then facilitated a discussion between the speakers and the members.

Following the discussion, Michelle Light welcomed the Board and new members. She informed the Board that OHCD was very excited to have Sherazade Langlade as the new Managing Director of the office and informed the members that Sherazade will help to oversee all things related to the WIB. She also informed the Board that Sherazade will be reaching out to members in the coming weeks.

Next, Ms. Kearns informed the Board that action could not be taken on the minutes and resolution because there was no quorum. She added that the items will be included to the next meeting agenda.

### **Committee Updates**

Kathy Kearns, also Chair of the Executive Committee, reported to the Board that the Executive Committee had met twice since the last quarterly meeting. Members convened to discuss the Department of Small Business Services (SBS) WIA training expenditures. The committee unanimously supported continuation of SBS's activities to develop training investment opportunities.

### **WIB Member Reflection**

After the committee update, Ms. Kearns introduced Ed Goldberg, WIB member and Vice President of Government Affairs for MACY'S – who accompanied Michelle Light on a visit to Henkels & McCoy in February. Mr. Goldberg thanked the staff at the Department of Youth & Community Development (DYCD) and Henkels and McCoy for setting up the visit. He gave an overview of his visit and a brief history of MACY's. He informed the Board of the benefits of getting involved in programs like Henkels & McCoy and that over the years MACY's have always had very good outcomes. He informed the Board that MACY'S has planned to forge a partnership with Henkels and McCoy.

Following Mr. Goldberg's reflection, Ms. Kearns thanked Mr. Goldberg for his reflections and reinforced to the members the importance of staying connected to the system. She then shared a brief reflection of her past visits to sites.

# Improving Students College Success

Next, Ms. Kearns introduced WIB member John Mogulescu, Senior University Dean for Academic Affairs for City University of New York (CUNY) and Suri Duitch, University Dean for Continuing Education and Deputy to the Senior University Dean for Academic Affairs for CUNY. Mr. Mogulescu provided the Board with a brief overview of CUNY's large system. He informed the Board that CUNY has 24 institutions in NYC and their priorities are improving student's success in college and preparing them for jobs and careers.

Suri Duitch provided detailed insights on four of CUNY's initiatives:

- CUNY Accelerated Study in Associate Program (ASAP) is designed to increase community college graduation rates by reducing barriers to degree attainment.
- CUNY Start is intensive reading, writing and math for students with the greatest remedial needs
- Early College High School is a model in which students can earn college credit while attending high school
- CUNY CareerPATH a low to no-cost program supporting adult workers without jobs and adult workers looking to advance their careers by providing opportunities (1) to earn both industry-recognized credentials and college credits and (2) to find jobs in one of five sectors: Business, Education, Food Service & Hospitality, Healthcare, and Manufacturing.
- CUNY Service Corp develops students' leadership values and skills through experiential civic engagement and community service learning opportunities

Following the presentation, Ms. Kearns facilitated a discussion between the speakers and the members.

# Conclusion

Following the business described above, the meeting was adjourned.