

## QUARTERLY MEETING

110 William Street, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor  
New York, New York

Thursday, December 12, 2013  
8:30 – 10:30 AM

## MINUTES

### Board Members Present:

Laurice Arroyo	Celeste Gudas	Kristin Morse
Horace Barker	Kathleen Kearns	Jeanne Mullgrav
Scott Berger	Deborah King	Chris Neale (D)
Les Bluestone	Rae Linefsky	Robert Purga (D)
Benjamin Branham	Richard Mast	Jocelynn Rainey
Arnold Dorin	Joseph McDermott	Maria Serrano (D)
Reg Foster	John Mogulescu	Dennis Walcott
Katy Gaul-Stigge (D)	Thomas Moloney	Richard Windham
Edward Jay Goldberg		

### Guests Present:

Tianna Porter	Justin Walter	Monica Tavaréz
David Berman	Liza Ehrlich	Jeff Martin
Kim Hernandez	Laura Feijoo	Christian Gonzalez- Rivera
Leslee Oppenheim	Timothy Cantrell	Annie Norbeck
Patrick Van Sluytman	Natalie Fabe	Rob Garafola
Kavita Pawria-Sanchez	Kevin Douglas	Suzanne Lynn

### NYC Department of Education (DOE) Chancellor Dennis Walcott Reflects on Administration's Progress

Chancellor Walcott thanked the WIB for its service, commending in particular the leadership of agency partners, such as NYC Department of Youth and Community Development (DYCD), in workforce development among young people. He discussed the Bloomberg Administration's education record, highlighting that the dropout rate has

dropped to an all-time low. The Chancellor noted the potential of DOE's Career and Technical Education programs to develop and remarked that the incoming team was well-poised to take the City's public education system to the next level.

### **Organizers of NYC Opportunity Youth Agenda Introduce Campaign**

Paula Gavin of the NYC Fund for Public Advocacy and Kevin Douglas of United Neighborhood Houses briefed the WIB about this initiative to serve more of the City's 186,000 17-24 year olds who are not in school and not working. Among its initial recommendations is to invest, repurpose, and improve on the current allocation of program funds. HRA Deputy Commissioner Katy Gaul-Stigge spoke in support of her agency initiatives and also raised concerns that the campaign had not dialogued enough with HRA ahead of before issuing the initial recommendations. Paula Gavin acknowledged the concern and asked Deputy Commissioner Gaul-Stigge to speak with her before the end of the meeting.

### **OHCD Executive Director Michelle Light Shares Update on OHCD's Work**

Among other topics, Michelle touched upon developments in Washington, DC regarding the federal shutdown, ongoing budget negotiations and a new federal "Youth Career Connect" grant opportunity which will provide up to \$100 million to equip high school students with industry-relevant education and skills. All grantees must demonstrate a strong public/private partnership, including the local workforce investment system (the WIB). Michelle also noted the release of OHCD's first e-newsletter, spoke to OHCD's proposal to the NYC Workforce Funders to support the transition to a new high school equivalency exam, and outlined OHCD's work in developing a City-wide research agenda to take advantage of the new wage data law that takes effect on December 22, 2013.

### **NYC Departments Report on Use of WIA Funding**

DYCD and the NYC Department of Small Business Services (SBS) both receive substantial workforce funding through the federal Workforce Investment Act (WIA) and updated the WIB on their accomplishments, much funded by these WIA dollars. For example, in 2013, SBS will have connected more than 1,000 companies with talent, successfully placing New Yorkers in over 30,000 jobs, and DYCD placed nearly 36,000 young people into summer jobs at almost 7,000 worksites.

### **City Partners Discuss Innovative Adult Education Initiative for Young Immigrants**

The federal Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program allows certain young immigrants to stay in the United States if they meet criteria including educational attainment or pursuit. In the summer of 2013, New York City dedicated \$18 million to provide legal services and adult education to those immigrants that are eligible for DACA. Through a facilitated panel discussion, the Mayor's Office of Immigrant Affairs offered the WIB some general context on the DACA policy, while CUNY and DYCD shared how they are using the \$18 million to assist immigrant New Yorkers.

### **Conclusion**

Kathy Kearns thanked members for their service during the Bloomberg administration and promised ongoing communication with members during the upcoming transition period. The meeting was then adjourned.