



QUARTERLY MEETING

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

Thursday, March 19, 2009

8:30 – 10:00 AM

MINUTES

Board Members Present:

Bill Abramson	Reg Foster	Tom Pendleton
Nina Aledort	Edward Goldberg	Robert Purga (by phone)
Omoniyi Amoran	Susan Haskell	Ed Ott
Horace Barker	Sarah Holloway	Rose Rodriguez
Robert Battista	Deborah King	Maria Serrano
William Bollbach	Rae Linefsky	Ray Singleton
Richard Boyle	Richard Mast	Robert Walsh
Charles Callahan III	Joseph McDermott	
Rocco Damato	John Mogulescu	
Arnold Dorin	Ricardo Morales	

Guests:

Miguel Almodovar	Christine Helm	Melinda Mulawka	Linda Scarce-Turner
Pam Bradley	Bruce Herman	Chris Neale	Sonia Torruella
Kathy Brady	Robert Jaffe	David Nidus	Lynne Toy
Tim Cantrell	Angie Kamath	Annie Norbeck	Jose Vasquez
Chris Cesarani	Megan Keenan	Naikyemi Odedfao	Meg Vonglahn
May Chin	Lea Kilraine	Megan O'Meara	Philip Weinberg
Karen Coleman	Suzanne Lynn	Michael Owh	Matt White
Lawrence Dixon	Elizabeth Madison	Adam Pedro	Florence Wong
David Fischer	Jeff Martin	Deldreana Peterkin	Stefani Zimmerman
Tim Ford	Stephanie Martinez	Krista Pietrangelo	
Cedric Gaddy	Robin McClary	Denise Pilgrim	
Sara Garretson	Daphne Montanez	Jeremy Reiss	
Katy Gaul	Eric Morales	Araina Sepulveda	

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the December 11th meeting of the New York City Workforce Investment Board (WIB) were approved.

Chairman's Report

Mr. Damato welcomed the Board. He began the meeting by announcing the retirement of Chuck Hunt from the New York State Restaurant Association and from the WIB. He then announced the appointments of several new board members and noted that their biographies were located in the board book. These members included:

- Richard J. Mast, Senior Vice President and General Manager of Bloomingdale's New York City Flagship Store (referral from Ed Goldberg, our member from MACY'S)
- Ricardo Elías Morales, Acting Chairman of New York City Housing Authority (NYCHA)
- Lilliam Barrios-Paoli, Commissioner of New York City Department for the Aging (DFTA)

He thanked the board members for their efforts in referring new members.

In addition to new board members, Mr. Damato was pleased to announce some exciting news regarding the Board staff. First, Deldreana Peterkin was promoted to Special Project Manager at the WIB. Donald Jones has joined the WIB as the spring intern, and finally after a national search and multiple rounds of interviews, Phil Weinberg joined the WIB as the new Executive Director. Mr. Weinberg's career has spanned the public and private sectors, focusing on public-private partnerships and reform initiatives within education and workforce systems across the country. Prior to joining the WIB, he held leadership roles at a number of organizations, serving as a General Manager with Kaplan K12 Learning Services, a Vice President with Victory Schools, and at the Illinois Department of Human Services, where he assisted in implementing a major overhaul of the state's welfare-to-work system. His private sector experience also includes working as a management consultant for Bain & Company. He holds a BA from Northwestern University and an MBA from The Wharton School at the University of Pennsylvania. He is a graduate of the Broad Residency in Urban Education.

Next, Mr. Damato noted that the Executive Committee and the Workforce Policy Committee passed a resolution to accommodate the additional stimulus funds that reaffirms the qualifications any new vendor must possess, along with the importance of focusing on growth industries when expanding current programming.

Youth Council Update

In the absence of Reg Foster, Chair of the Youth Council, Mr. Damato directed the Board to the NYC Department of Youth and Community Development (DYCD) Youth Board/Youth Council update memo in the Board book.

Keynote Presentation

Mr. Damato introduced the guest speaker – Bruce Herman, the Deputy Commissioner for Workforce Development at the New State Department of Labor. Mr. Herman oversees regional DOL offices that work in partnership with county and local workforce agencies to operate One-Stop Centers. In addition to his responsibilities within the department, Mr. Herman is an agency and state representative on numerous multi-state initiatives.

Following the introduction, Bruce Herman provided some insight on State activities and the National Emergency Grant that was recently awarded to New York, Connecticut and New Jersey, including:

- Workforce Investment Act formula grants for adults, dislocated workers and youth
- The expansion of Trade Act Adjustment assistance program
- Workforce funding strategies for building skills in New York State (BUSINYS)
- Layoff Aversion

Following the presentation, Mr. Damato facilitated a discussion between Bruce Herman and the members.

Stimulus Update

Melinda Mulawka, Deputy Director and Stephanie Martinez, Policy Director of the WIB gave a high-level update on the federal stimulus dollars that were expected to flow to the City, and the plans the New York City Department of Small Business Services (SBS) and DYCD have in order to implement the funds programmatically.

Conclusion

The meeting was adjourned. Mr. Damato announced that the next quarterly WIB meeting would be on June 19th.