

**NEW YORK CITY WORKFORCE INVESTMENT BOARD
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

June 8, 2011
110 William Street, 7th Floor

MINUTES

Members in Attendance:

Kathleen Kearns	Mark Elliot
Horace Barker	Reg Foster
Les Bluestone	Rob Walsh

Also Present:

Christina Burgess	Suzanne Lynn
Cesar Cardenas	Deldreana Peterkin
Chris Cesarani	Andrew Schwartz
Alan Cheng	Phil Weinberg
	Matthew White

Angie Kamath

Kathleen Kearns, Committee Chair, called the meeting to order.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the February 4th, 2011 Committee meeting were approved.

Introduction and Chairman's Report

Ms. Kearns opened the meeting by reviewing the agenda for the meeting and asking Phil Weinberg, President of the NYC WIB, to provide an update on WIB membership and member recruitment. Mr. Weinberg shared that two new members were appointed to the WIB since the previous meeting and four members had departed due to their terms expiring. He detailed the efforts underway to recruit additional members during 2011 and expected that two to four new business members would be appointed during the remainder of 2011.

Workforce Investment Act Budget

Ms. Kearns then introduced Angie Kamath, Deputy Commissioner, and Matt White, Assistant Commissioner, at the NYC Department of Small Business Services (SBS), to provide an overview of the fiscal year 2012 Workforce Investment Act (WIA) budget for Adults and Dislocated Workers.

Ms. Kamath and Mr. White provided a detailed review of the FY2012 budget of \$40.8 million. They indicated that the New York City WIA allocation was down \$3.6 million, or 7.2%, from the previous year. New York City was able to mitigate some of the WIA decreases through supplemental revenues from New York State and cost savings measures enacted during fiscal year 2011. Ms. Kamath shared that even with the decreased funding, SBS expected to effectively deliver core services and reach strategic priorities for 2012, including 35,000 job placements in calendar year 2011. Mr. White also reviewed the other city funds, such as those through the NYC Center for Economic Opportunity and those for the new Workforce1 expansion centers, that would be supporting SBS workforce programming in FY2012. Member Mark Elliott advised that the city's commitment of funds, which comprised nearly 30% of the workforce

budget, was a significant development in New York City and should be included in our advocacy efforts to punctuate Mayor Bloomberg's strong commitment to our public workforce system.

Following questions and a discussion of the budget, implications for SBS programming and service delivery, and expectations for the fiscal year 2013 budget, the Committee unanimously approved a Board Resolution to approve the \$40.8 million budget for fiscal year 2012 for Adults and Dislocated Workers.

Following approval of the budget resolution, Ms. Kearns introduced Suzanne Lynn, Deputy Commissioner of the NYC Department of Youth and Community Development, who provided an overview of the Workforce Investment Act Youth budget for fiscal year 2011. Members engaged Ms. Lynn in a discussion of the Youth budget.

Additional Items and Announcements

Following the budget discussion, Ms. Kearns invited members and staff to raise any additional issues or announcements. Mr. Weinberg briefly updated the Committee on federal advocacy efforts, including a planned visit to Washington DC the following day on June 9th to meet with policy-makers from the Senate and House of Representatives. Commissioner Rob Walsh of SBS extended an invitation for the Committee members to attend the Neighborhood Achievement Awards at Gracie Mansion on July 12th.

The meeting was adjourned.