

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

May 13, 2009

At the New York City Department of Small Business Services  
110 William Street, 7th Floor

**MINUTES**

**Members in Attendance:**

Reg Foster	Stuart Saft
Kathleen Kearns	Robert Walsh

**Also Present:**

Tracie Abbott	Angie Kamath
Will Abrams	Lea Kilraine
Rebecca Brown	Stephanie Martinez
Deborah Buyer	Melinda Mulawka
Chris Cesarani	Chris Neale
John Cirolla	Deldreana Peterkin
Katy Gaul	Hector Ramirez
Susan Haskell	Matt White

Stuart Saft, Committee Chair, called the meeting to order.

**Approval of Minutes**

The minutes of the February 10, 2009 Committee meeting were approved.

**Introduction**

Mr. Saft began the meeting by welcoming new WIB Executive Director Phil Weinberg. He noted that many of the members had already spent time meeting with Phil, and reiterated on behalf of the members that they were looking forward to working with him. Mr. Saft proposed that in order to move the system to align with the business community, that Mr. Weinberg should take the title of Workforce Investment Board President, as opposed to Executive Director. The Committee agreed, and moved to pass a resolution recommending the title change to the full Board.

Next, Mr. Saft explained that there were multiple action items that needed to be addressed at the meeting, including approval of the 2009-2010 Workforce Investment Act budget for Adult and Dislocated Worker funding, and reviewing and updating WIB policies in order to be compliant with the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. Prior to starting Mr. Staff directed the members to the Executive Directors Update behind TAB 1 of the board book, which provided the Committee with an overview of staff activities.

**2009-2010 Adult and Dislocated Worker Workforce Investment Act funded budget:**

Angie Kamath, Deputy Commissioner for Workforce Development at the NYC Department of Small Business Services (SBS), walked the Committee through a detailed overview of the Adult and Dislocated Worker (DW) Workforce Investment Act (WIA)

budget. These funds support the operation of the Workforce1 Career Centers, Individual Training Grants, NYC Business Solutions and administrative costs of operating the system. She detailed that for FY 2010 are projected to be \$61 M. She noted that their conservative budgeting approach, in addition to two supplemental allocation, have allowed SBS to expand services in light of budget cuts. Ms. Kamath explained that SBS is also required to absorb a \$4.68 M cut from the Center for Economic Opportunity, which supports several successful programs including Community Outreach Teams and NYC Business Solutions Training Funds, which will now be maintained with WIA funds. Finally, she detailed the new expenditures as a result of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act totally \$31.7 M. These investments will focus on an expansion of occupational training, a new sector center, and career advancement programming.

Next, Susan Haskell, Assistant Commissioner at the NYC Department of Small Business Services, provided the Committee with a brief update on what DYCD intended to present to the Youth Council, in regards to the Youth WIA budget for FY 2010.

The Committee approved the 2010 budget for the Local Workforce Investment Act area, as well as a resolution regarding the procurement of dislocated worker services.

#### **Policy Updates**

Next, Mr. Weinberg walked the members through the updates required for the WIB's Supportive Service and Priority of Service policies. He explained the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) required the WIB to update local policies to reflect changes in requirements and allowable activities. In particular, the Supportive Services policy was approved to enable the local system to provide ARRA funded supportive services including transportation, child care, dependent care, housing and needs related payments. The approved Priority of Service policy established that as related to the ARRA funded programs, priority would be given to recipients of public assistance, low income individuals, veterans and eligible spouses.

The meeting was adjourned.