

Meeting Minutes

Meeting Type: Full Board Regular Meeting

Date: April 22, 2015, 8:30am

Location: Bergen Community College, TEC128

Address: 400 Paramus Road, Paramus

Board Attendance:

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| Lynn Bartlett | Ellen Elias | Corethia Oates |
| X Steven Blumenthal (Chair) | Deborah Fredericks | Norah Peck |
| Mark Bocchieri | X Lori Friedman | Sharon Rosario* |
| Jerry Calabrese | X Patrice Goldfarb | Maggie Peters |
| Robert Calocino | X Walter Hecht | X Michele Talamo (Secretary) |
| X George Charne (Treasurer) | X Jayne Jacobson | Jim Thebery |
| X Jim Connors | X Greg Janz | Thomas Toronto |
| Dominick D'Agosta | X Lorraine Joewono | X Vince Vicari |
| X Dr. Allan DeGiulio | X Tedd Kochman | X Kathy Walsh |
| Figen Tabakci* | X Shannon Lazare | X Dr. Kaye Walter |
| X Etta Denk | Dr. Howard Lerner | X Lou Weiss |
| Martin Devaney (Vice Chair) | L John Susino* | X Paula Wills |
| Gerry Drummond | Jane Linter | |
| X Thomas Eastwick | Jackie Lue Raia | |

* Alternate/proxy for member listed above; Legend: (L) Arrived Late; (E) Left Early; (X) Present

Also in attendance:

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| Brandon Schoonover, NJ DOL | Claire Scarano, Teaneck Women Train and Work |
| Christina Herzog, SETC | Marc Shrieks, County of Bergen |
| Gerard Carroll, BCTS | Mark Van Kampen, NJ-DOL |
| Dan Ritson, Wasch & Ritson | Freeholder Tracy Zur, WIB Liaison |
| Gilda Escobar, DVRS | Lisa Schuetz, YMCA Bergen County |
| John Fugazzie, Neighbors Helping Neighbors | Treva Spencer-Dupree, United Water |

➤ **Meeting Opening**

Roll call was taken by C. Polack. S. Blumenthal led the Pledge of Allegiance. A quorum being present, S. Blumenthal read the open public meetings act statement and called the meeting to order at 8:45am. Introductions to place. A motion made by P. Goldfarb, seconded by S. Lazare, to approve the minutes of the January 13, 2015 meeting, was unanimously approved with an amendment to correct a typo.

➤ **Election of Board Officers**

The election of officers took place. The following individuals were duly elected to serve as Officers (July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2017) of the Bergen WIB as described:

Board Member	Secretary - Michele Talamo				Treasurer - George Charne			
	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Lynn Bartlett				X				X
Steven Blumenthal	X				X			
Mark Bocchieri	X				X			
Jerry Calabrese				X				X
Robert Calocino				X				X
George Charne	X				X			
Jim Connors	X				X			
Dominick D'Agosta				X				X

Board Member	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Dr. Allan DeGiulio Figen Tabakci*	X				X			
Etta Denk	X				X			
Martin Devaney				X				X
Gerry Drummond				X				X
Thomas Eastwick	X				X			
Ellen Elias				X				X
Deborah Fredericks				X				X
Lori Friedman	X				X			
Patrice Goldfarb	X				X			
Walter Hecht	X				X			
Jayne Jacobson	X				X			
Greg Janz				X				X
Lorraine Joewono	X				X			
Tedd Kochman	X				X			
Shannon Lazare	X				X			
Dr. Howard Lerner John Susino*				X				X
Jane Linter				X				X
Jackie Lue Raia				X				X
Corethia Oates				X				X
Norah Peck Sharon Rosario*				X				X
Maggie Peters				X				X
Michele Talamo	X				X			
Jim Thebery				X				X
Thomas Toronto				X				X
Vince Vicari	X				X			
Kathy Walsh	X						X	
Dr. Kaye Walter	X				X			
Lou Weiss	X				X			
Paula Wills	X				X			
TOTAL:	20	0	0	17	19	0	1	17

➤ **Board Actions/Consent Agenda**

On a motion made by M. Talamo, seconded by L. Weiss, the following resolutions were approved:

Res. No.	Subject	Amount/Summary
2015-07	Acceptance funds: Workforce Learning Link Program Additional Funds PY14	\$94,000.00
2015-08	Approval: Transfer of funds from Adult ITA to Dislocated Worker ITA PY14	\$580,000.00
2015-09	Acceptance funds: Hurricane Sandy Disaster NEG Recession PY12	-\$223,261.00
2015-10	Acceptance funds: Workforce Learning Link Rescission PY13	-\$618.00
2015-11	Acceptance funds: WorkFirst New Jersey Rescission PY13	-\$33,993.00
2015-12	Approval: Acknowledge receipt of PY14 Workforce Development Area Contract	

Board Member	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Lynn Bartlett				X
Steven Blumenthal	X			
Mark Bocchieri				X
Jerry Calabrese				X
Robert Calocino				X
George Charne	X			
Jim Connors	X			

Board Member	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Dominick D'Agosta				X
Dr. Allan DeGiulio/ Figen Tabakci*	X			
Etta Denk	X			
Martin Devaney				X
Gerry Drummond				X
Thomas Eastwick				X
Ellen Elias				X
Deborah Fredericks				X
Lori Friedman	X			
Patrice Goldfarb	X			
Walter Hecht	X			
Jayne Jacobson	X			
Greg Janz	X			
Lorraine Joewono	X			
Tedd Kochman	X			
Shannon Lazare	X			
Dr. Howard Lerner/ John Susino*				X
Jane Linter				X
Jackie Lue Raia				X
Corethia Oates				X
Norah Peck/ Sharon Rosario*				X
Maggie Peters				X
Michele Talamo	X			
Jim Thebery				X
Thomas Toronto				X
Vince Vicari	X			
Kathy Walsh	X			
Dr. Kaye Walter	X			
Lou Weiss	X			
Paula Wills	X			
TOTAL:	19	0	0	18

➤ **Executive Director Report**

T. Molinelli reported that the Business Development Committee is working with UPS to help write a grant to hire high-tech jobs. UPS is also interested in hiring incentives and recruitment services through the One-Stop Career Center. The WIB is working with Goodwill and the RHT Talent Network on a grant that engages retail employers. L. Friedman gave a summary of the career pathways grant funded by the Walmart Foundation. The grant aims to provide up-skill training to existing, mid-level retail employees leading them to a higher level position. The pilot program began in March, enrollment begins in August, and the program ends in January. The next step is hosting a series of retail employer roundtables starting in May. T. Molinelli introduced B. Schoonover (DOL Labor Market Analyst) and spoke about regional labor market demographics. The new legislation, WIOA, kicks in on July 1. The most significant change is the shift in funding from in-school youth (25%) to out-of-school youth (75%). The One-Stop Committee will be conducting a customer flow survey for this year's One-Stop evaluation. WFNJ vendor site reviews are complete. The Executive Committee is looking into an online workforce tool to help develop board members and staff. T. Molinelli was invited to speak on a regional conference panel about workforce development. She also attended a four day conference in D.C. about the impact of WIOA on the local systems. Employment Services is working on a new project with the drug court to present their clients with a One-Stop information session. The WIB and the business representatives met with the County Veterans Representatives to coordinate services. There a meeting tomorrow to kick off the County Job Fair planning. A Military Appreciation Day Ceremony is being held at the County Building on May 15 at 12:30pm. W. Hecht requested that an Economic Development report be given to complement the labor market information report.

➤ **Treasurer Report**

G. Charne presented the Treasurer's report, attached hereto.

➤ **Committee Reports**

The Business Development Committee (BDC) is changing its focus and planning a business expo focusing on no cost resources for small businesses. The BDC is also forming a subcommittee to vet out board member prospects. Anyone interested in serving on the subcommittee should contact T. Molinelli or C. Polack. There were no comments on the written committee reports distributed to the Members.

➤ **Old Business**

No old business was presented.

➤ **New Business**

No new business was presented.

➤ **Public Comment and Non-Agenda Items**

J. Connors started a discussion on apprenticeships. V. Vicari announced a Meet the Lenders event being held tomorrow, from 3pm to 6pm, at Ciarco Learning Center. J. Fuggazie announced the Ready to Work Grant designed to help the long-term unemployed return to work and gave an update on Neighbors Helping Neighbors. G. Escobar announced that DVRS is creating a job search protocol preparation class. T. Molinelli recognized C. Herzog, SETC liaison. C. Herzog reported WIOA has eight core project areas and that the SETC has over 35 projects next year to ensure alignment of resources in the local areas. She offered to make a presentation at the July board meeting.

➤ **Adjournment**

A motion made by P. Goldfarb, seconded by S. Lazre to adjourn the meeting, unanimously passed. Meeting was adjourned.