

Meeting Minutes: WDB Full Board

September 13, 2018 | 400 Paramus Road, Paramus, NJ 07652 | Bergen Community College TEC-128

Attendance

Member (Alternate)	Organization	Feb 1	May 10	Sep 13	Nov 1	Total
Adina Yacoub	Bergen County Board of Social Services	X	X	NA		
Allan DeGiulio (Figen Tabakci)	Greater Bergen Community Action, Inc.	X	X	X		
Amanda Missey	Bergen Volunteer Medical Initiative (BVMI)	X	X	NA		
Anne Prisco (Deirdre Christofalo)	Felician College		X			
Brian Maher	Berkeley College			X		
Damaris Ramirez	The Healthcare Network					
David Hollenbeck	PSE&G	X	X			
Etta Denk	Bank of America		NA			
George Charne	SAX LLP	X	X	NA		
Gerard Carroll	Bergen County Technical Schools	X	X			
Howard Lerner (John Susino)	Bergen County Technical Schools & Special Services					
Jackie Lue Raia	Fairleigh Dickinson University	X	X	NA		
James Tedesco (Marc Schrieks)	County of Bergen, County Executive	X	X			
Jayne Jacobson	SCORE Northeast NJ	X	X	X		
Jim Thebery	County of Bergen, Disabilities Services	X	X	X		
Joanne Cimiluca (Donna Spoto/Michael McPartland)	County of Bergen, Economic Development		X			
Joseph Zarra (Sharon Rosario)	NJ Department of Education, Bergen County			X		
Kathy Walsh	Arc of Bergen & Passaic	X	NA			
Kevin Tarantino	SUEZ	X	X	X		
Lorraine Joewono	County of Bergen, Senior Services	X	X	X		
Lynn Bartlett	Housing Authority of Bergen County		X	X		
Mark Bocchieri	Verizon	X	X	X		
Martin Devaney	Human Resources Executive	X	X	X		
Maryann Cavallo	Speech Language Specialist	X	X	X		
Maxine Becker (Jorge Delgado)	Bergen One-Stop Career Center, DVRS	X	X	X		
Michael Redmond (Christine Gillespie)	Bergen Community College	X	X	X		
Michele Talamo	Human Resources Consultant	X	X	NA		
Patrice Goldfarb	Employee Benefits Advisors Group	X	X	X		

Patrick Welton (Joseph Horowitz)	Residence Inn Marriott Saddle River	X	X			
Paula Wills	Bergen One-Stop Career Center, Employment Services	X	X	X		
Shannon Lazare	M&T Bank	X		NA		
Thomas Eastwick	Eastwick College	X	X	X		
Tracy Zur	County of Bergen, Board of Chosen Freeholders	X	X			
Vince Vicari (Kathleen Cronin)	Bergen Small Business Development Center (SBDC)	X	X	NA		
Walter Hecht	WCH7 Consulting	X	X	P		
Advisory Members (Non-Voting)						
Dan Ritson	Wasch & Ritson LLC					
Greg Janz	Bergen One-Stop Career Center	X	X	X		
Lou Weiss	WFM Project & Construction Assoc., LLC					
Tedd Kochman	Littler Mendelson, P.C.					
Vincent Morelli	Aflac					
Staff & Standing Guests (Non-Voting)						
Carol Polack	Bergen County Workforce Development Board	X	X	X		
Donna Todd	Bergen One-Stop Career Center	X	X	X		
Tammy Molinelli	Bergen County Workforce Development Board	X	X	X		

Legend: (X) Present; (P) Phone; (NA) Notified Absence; (blank) Un-Notified absence; (-) Not Applicable

Additional Guests: Nina Nardone, John Fugazzie, Cinzia D'Iorio, Denise Bartone, Tisha Mender, Diane Scarangella, Abbe Greenberg, Alex Prodomo, Dwight Threepersons, Michael McLean, Ruth Rodriguez, John Cays, Mary Santorella, Krithicka Raghunathan

- **Meeting Opening.** Chairman Bocchieri called the meeting to order at 8:55 AM. Roll call taken by C. Polack. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited, Open Public Meetings Act Statement and Conflict of Interest Statements were read. There was no quorum.
- **Special Presentation.** T. Molinelli presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Dr. Allan DeGiulio, Past Chairperson, to recognize him for his leadership, strategic planning, and his support of workforce development.
- **Old Business.** None to report.
- **New Leadership and Updated Goals.** M. Bocchieri said there would be a new focus on Board member and Committee member engagement. One of the goals will be to allow each committee to be knowledgeable of others so that direct linkages can be shared. He noted this is a 43-member Board. Another focus is youth. The past year's presentations on career pathing for high school students will be brought to Morris County.
- **WDB Orientation/Re-Orientation.** T. Molinelli presented an overview of the Board, the role members play, and their impact. She said all this information, including budgets, can be found on the website. T. Molinelli then presented an overview on the One-Stop Career Center, and the type of clients served. Some recent successes of the WDB include: NJP-Summit Business/Millennials, Career Pathing event and Video; Soft Skills Academy continuation; Project Search – year two graduation; Completion of Youth/Welfare RFP; Small Business Survey with EANJ; Assisted New Bridge Medical Center with job fair and hiring; Served 300 Out-of-School Youth, 145+ graduated with HSE; BCTS and BCC Apprenticeship pilot – German American Chamber; Apprenticeship: Patient Care Technician; High School Outreach – Middle Skill Jobs Education initiative; NJTPA – TNJ: Events to discuss the skill needs of biz to be communicated to Education; MRCC – Education Committee.

2018-19 Projects: Small Business survey – EANJ; Focus: WFNJ-Youth Programs; High School Outreach – Middle Skills Job Education Initiative; Board Development; Project ABLE; Employer Profile: Hiring people with Disabilities; Explore Project Search for Adults.

T. Molinelli reviewed opportunities for members to contribute, including attending and participating in quarterly board meetings, participate on a committee, or attending site visits. T. Molinelli invited everyone to visit the One-Stop.

There was an inquiry about the Bloustein study of Millennials, initiatives of the new administration, and work with manufacturers. T. Molinelli said the SETC would be distributing the study and would be shared with membership and on the WDB's website. Regarding the new administration, there is a strong focus on apprenticeships. The NJMEP (New Jersey Manufacturing Extension Program) is actively working with NJ manufacturers. This is a collaboration of State, Federal and local manufacturers. SCORE and SBDC were mentioned as good sources for information on small businesses. Literacy, and its scope and definition, was discussed, including a digital component, career pathways, and occupational skills with a direct link to employers.

Approval of Consent Agenda. M. Bocchieri said the Board is one-person shy of a quorum. Approval of consent agenda will be deferred to the next meeting. He thanked board members for their input and urged everyone to get involved.

Announcements. Suez was selected as the GSETA (Garden State Employment & Training Association) 2018 Corporate Partner. The company is being recognized for its extensive work with local and Regional WDBs and One-Stops. K. Tarantino will accept the award at a luncheon on October 3, 2018. T. Molinelli asked for nominations for the 2nd Annual Excellence in Disability Employment Awards. Membership shared upcoming events. The meeting concluded at 10:15.