

WORKFORCE INVESTMENT BOARD
MINUTES OF JULY 11, 2000 SPECIAL MEETING

A special meeting of the Workforce Investment Board was called to order by Chairman Lynn Blevins at 5:48 PM, Tuesday, July 11, 2000 at the One-Stop Career Center, 101 Main Street, Canton, New York.

Members Present: Jack Backus, Genevieve Baxter, Doug Beachard, Lynn Blevins, John Bogosian, Don Brining, Sue Caswell, Richard Daddario, Greg Davis, Donald Hooper, Joseph Kennedy, James McFaddin, Ron McDougall and Peter Phelan.

Members Absent: John Deal, Sherrie Furgison, Robert LaClair, Jr., John Lancaster, Cynthia Lottie, Joanne Novak, Walt Paul, Linda Randi, Walter Todd and Tim Weaver.

Others Present: Edmund J. Russell, Jr., Raymond Fountain and Gretchen Wood of the Office of Economic Development.

CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS

Chairman Blevins suggested to the Board having a Summer picnic meeting for the regularly scheduled WIB meeting in August. The time would be tentatively at 4:30 PM and the staff of the One-Stop Career Center would also be invited. Chairman Blevins indicated that this would be a good way for the Board and staff to intermingle and share ideas about WIA. Dr. Kennedy offered SUNY Canton at an area down by the river as a potential site. Board members were agreeable to this, and Chairman Blevins charged staff with making the preparations.

Chairman Blevins invited the Board to participate in the One-Stop "Inter-Agency Captain and Crew" golf tournament at the St. Lawrence University Golf Course, Canton, scheduled for Friday, July 21 at 1:00 PM. This is an annual golf tournament with Office of Economic Development, One-Stop Career Center and Partner agency personnel participating. Chairman Blevins suggested that any Board member wishing to participate should contact either Mr. Russell or Mr. Fountain.

MINUTES

Moved by Mr. McFaddin and seconded by Mr. Davis, the minutes of the May 31, 2000 meeting were accepted. Approved unanimously.

FINANCIAL AND PARTICIPANT REPORT

None.

OLD BUSINESS

Resolution Authorizing Approval of Five-Year Plan Program Performance Standards Renegotiation (as presented by the Executive Committee)

Mr. Russell directed the Board's attention to the supplemental chart provided with the resolution. The information colored in red indicates the changes that the Department of Labor has agreed to. Mr. Fountain added that the Department of Labor considered the standards provided by staff before making their re-calculations. Mr. Phelan moved, seconded by Mr. McDougall. The motion was approved unanimously.

Resolution Modifying Budget—Summer Youth Component (as presented by the Youth Committee)

Mr. Fountain indicated that the second half of the Youth Component allocation is available and will now raise the Summer Youth budget to \$354,465. Mr. McFaddin asked about the line item for Unemployment Insurance. Mr. Fountain stated that this is for both youth and employee coverage. Chairman Blevins indicated that he was aware that the Summer Youth Program paid participants minimum wage. He asked if that policy could be changed. Mr. Russell indicated that the Private Industry Council had established a policy by resolution for payment to be made at minimum wage, but it was certainly something that this Board could entertain if it wished. Mr. Daddario then inquired about the line item for Participant Fringe. Mr. Fountain explained that the word "fringe" in this case did not mean benefits such as paid holidays, etc., but was for Social Security and Worker Compensation that must be paid on wages. Dr. Kennedy moved, seconded by Mr. Beachard. The motion was approved unanimously.

Resolution Authorizing Operations Agreement between WIB and the Board of Legislators (as presented by the Executive Committee)

Mr. McDougall indicated that upon the Executive Committee's review of this resolution, a recommendation to amend the agreement was made in two areas. An addition to the Dispute Clause was made to include that if a majority decision could not be achieved, either party may bring the dispute to the Governor's attention for resolution. An item "J" was also added to permit amendments made to the agreement by written authorization of both parties. Mr. Russell then informed the Board that Ms. Baxter and the Services Committee passed this resolution at their July 10 meeting and that Ms. Baxter included the same amendments. Mr. McDougall moved, seconded by Mr. Daddario. The motion passed unanimously.

Resolution Authorizing Lease with County for One-Stop Operations Space (as presented by the Executive Committee)

Mr. McDougall reminded the Board that this resolution is still contingent on the Board of Legislators' decision whether a 60,000 square foot building is built. A discussion about the One-Stop's current lease ensued and Mr. Fountain stated that the current lease is up in February, 2001, and that prior leases were for three-year terms. Mr. McFaddin moved, seconded by Ms. Caswell. The motion passed by a 13-1 vote. Mr. Daddario voted nay explaining that his personal opinion is that the One-Stop remain independent of other County business. He did not, however, oppose the County building a new building.

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution Adopting By-Laws (as presented by the Executive Committee)

Mr. McDougall explained that the only difference between the set of by-laws attached to this resolution and the old Private Industry Council by-laws is that all reference to JTPA and PIC were changed to reflect the Workforce Investment Board. Mr. Russell advised the Board that Chairman Blevins and the rest of the Executive Committee would be reviewing the by-laws in depth at a later date, but that these by-laws, if acceptable to the Board, needed to be approved now. Mr. Phelan moved, seconded by Mr. Brining. The motion passed unanimously.

Resolution Establishing Budget—TANF Summer Youth Component (as presented by the Youth Committee)

Mr. Fountain explained that under WIA the Summer Youth Program receives less funding than under JTPA. The State has made available excess funds from the Department of Social Services and allocated the funds into TANF. Chairman Blevins asked if there was an excess of funds, would the Summer Program be extended as it has been in the past. Mr. Fountain indicated that if there is funding available, that the program would be extended and targeted more for out-of-school youth. Mr. McDougall moved, seconded by Mr. McFaddin. The motion passed unanimously.

Resolution Authorizing use of the Five Percent Low-Income Exception for Eligibility Consideration for Youth (as presented by the Youth Committee)

Mr. Fountain explained that WIA legislation authorizes an exception to permit up to five percent of youth to be served who are not low-income individuals but fall within one or more categories of barriers to employment. Currently the Summer Program has targeted eight youth who can be served under this exception. Mr. Davis moved, seconded by Mr. Daddario. The motion passed unanimously.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

None.

STAFF REPORTS

None.

MEMBERSHIP COMMENTS

None.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Blevins thanked Board members for attending the meeting. On motion of Mr. Daddario, the meeting adjourned at 6:14 PM. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Joanne M. Novak, Esq.