

**GOVERNOR'S WORKFORCE BOARD RHODE ISLAND**  
**June 18, 2009 BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

**ATTENDANCE**

**BOARD MEMBERS (\*DENOTES ABSENT)**

Mario Bueno	William McGowan	Sandra Powell
Mia Caetano Johnson	Brandon Melton	Lorna Ricci
Armeather Gibbs*	Sharon Moylan	Cathy Streker*
Paul MacDonald*	Robert Nangle	Martin Trueb
Joseph MarcAurele	George Nee	Jack Warner

**GWB STAFF:** John O'Hare, Nancy Olson, David Francis, Dan Brown, Maureen Mooney

**DLT STAFF & GUESTS:** Approximately 175 were in attendance at the annual meeting. An attendance list is available in the board meeting file.

**LOCATION:** Rhodes on the Pawtuxet, Cranston, RI

**Welcome**

John J. O'Hare, Acting Executive Director of the Governor's Workforce Board (GWB) welcomed everyone to the annual meeting and provided an overview of the agenda. He acknowledged the work of the board, committees and staff in the objectives achieved this past year.

**Chairman's Address**

Chairman of the Board, Joseph MarcAurele welcomed everyone to the meeting and acknowledged there was a quorum to conduct the Board's business. He noted that the board members have the meeting packet which includes the meeting minutes and consent agenda.

Chair MarcAurele requested a motion to approve the Governor's Workforce Board meeting minutes of May 14, 2009.

**VOTE on motion to approve:** R. Nangle moved to approve, seconded by B. Melton. All approved. Motion to vote passes.

**VOTE** to approve May 14, 2009 Governor's Workforce Board meeting minutes. All approved. May 14, 2009 meeting minutes approved.

**Consent Agenda (Items 1-8)**

Chair MarcAurele noted that board members received the consent agenda by email one week prior for their review. He reported that all of the items on the consent agenda have been presented to the appropriate committees and are recommended for approval to the Board.

Chair MarcAurele requested a motion to approve the Consent Agenda.

**VOTE on motion to approve:** G. Nee moved to approve, seconded by M. Trueb. All approved. Motion to vote passes.

**VOTE** to approve the Consent Agenda. All approved. Consent Agenda approved.

## **Chairman's Address**

Chair MarcAurele provided an overview of the accomplishments and investments of the board and the important work done on the 5-year Strategic Workforce Plan for Rhode Island. He thanked board members for their leadership and work throughout the year and particularly thanked Bill McGowan, Brandon Melton, Sharon Moylan and Jack Warner for their work as committee chairs. He acknowledged the leadership of John J. O'Hare as the Acting Executive Director of the GWB and the hard work of the staff.

## **Governor's Address**

The Honorable Donald L. Carcieri spoke to the meeting attendees about the work of the Governor's Workforce Board and its impact on workforce development in the state. He also provided an overview of the upcoming budget and other issues relating to the workforce and the RI economy.

## **Strategy in Action**

Chair MarcAurele noted that the theme of this year's annual meeting – Strategy in Action – celebrates the completion of the board's 5-year Strategic Workforce Plan for Rhode Island. He mentioned the positive impact the goals and strategies will have on the state. He invited Nancy Olson, Acting Chief of the GWB and Bill McGowan to the stage for a presentation. He explained that Bill McGowan is the Vice Chair of the GWB and the Chair of the Planning and Evaluation Committee, which played an integral role in the development and implementation of the strategic plan.

Vice Chair McGowan provided an overview of the strategic plan citing a key goal is to align policies among all stakeholders to create a unified plan to improve the skills of the Rhode Island workforce. He discussed goals one through four and the specific strategies to achieve these goals. He noted that an established Plan Management Team will be involved in creating an annual strategic work plan that prioritizes strategies and tactics aimed at accomplishing the goals set forth in the plan.

Nancy Olson presented an overview of the Industry Partnerships representing 7 different industry sectors in health care, manufacturing, bioscience, construction, marine trades, information technology and hospitality and tourism. She also discussed industry-specific training, youth greenhouses and green initiatives across all of the partnerships.

Other presentation highlights included the Workforce Expansion Grant program. N. Olson explained that the GWB works with the RI Economic Development Corporation (RIEDC) to fund the Workforce Expansion program to assist companies that are hiring. She noted that Pentair is hiring 75 people and is a recipient of a workforce expansion grant. She introduced Kenneth Lasalle of Pentair to share his success story on expanding his workforce in RI. N. Olson mentioned the Newport Skill Alliance program and the work being done to assist workers in gaining the skills needed for industry specific training. Susan Bottomley, a participant in the Newport Skills Alliance program, spoke about her experience. N. Olson introduced Marilyn Coppolla from the World of Work (WOW) program and Carl Croft, a student, to provide testimony on that program.

**Presentation of Awards**

Chair MarcAurele and the Governor presented the Workforce Innovation Award to Ananke IT of Providence. John Conway, President & CEO of Ananke, joined Chair MarcAurele and the Governor to receive this award.

Chair MarcAurele and the Governor presented the Board Appreciation Award to William McGowan for his commitment to the work of the board. Chair MarcAurele particularly noted the work that W. McGowan accomplished on the development and completion of the Strategic Workforce Plan for Rhode Island.

The meeting adjourned at 9:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Maureen Mooney