



GOVERNOR'S WORKFORCE BOARD RHODE ISLAND
Annual Board Meeting
May 21, 2015
RI Convention Center, Providence
8:00 – 10:00 AM, Ballroom A

MEETING MINUTES

ATTENDANCE

BOARD MEMBERS (*DENOTES NOT PRESENT)

Suzanna Alba	John Gregory	George Nee
Mario Bueno	Mike Grey	Nina Pande
Timothy Byrne	Constance A. Howes, Chair	Stefan Pryor, Vice Chair
Channavy Chhay	Scott Jensen	Janet Raymond
Robin Coia	Steve Kitchin	Susan Rittscher
Monica Dzialo	Paul MacDonald	Bahjat Shariff
Deborah Gist*	Cheryl Merchant	Martin Trueb

Call to Order and Welcome

Chair Howes called the meeting to order at 9:43 a.m. and welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Meeting Minutes

Chair Howes asked if there was a motion to approve the minutes of the Governor's Workforce Board's meeting held on 4-16-15.

VOTE: Paul MacDonald moved to approve, seconded by George Nee. All were in favor, the motion passed unanimously.

Chair's Comments

Chair Howes announced \$1.7 million in matching funds will soon be available to businesses to train their current employees. To be more responsive to business needs, she noted the new Incumbent Worker Training Grants will be available on a rolling, "on-demand" basis. Chair Howes thanked the administration for their support in the implementation of the new process. She provided an update on the Workforce Innovation Grants, stating 23 proposals have been received and awards will be announced at the next Board meeting on June 18, 2015. A total of \$2.3 million was allocated to support these grants for business and education partnerships to provide skills training, work readiness, experiential learning, and jobs to unemployed or underemployed Rhode Islanders. Lastly, Chair Howes discussed the Comprehensive System Improvement Plan (CSIP) and WIOA planning and implementation, noting the two planning efforts required by State and Federal Law will be led by the GWB and will include the involvement of many partners and stakeholders. She added the CSIP will look at ways to make the workforce system more effective and efficient and the WIOA Unified State Plan will establish goals and policies to implement the new Federal Law. Chair Howes noted each of these efforts will be focused on retooling the workforce system to support Governor Raimondo's business-led, sector-focused, job creating workforce development strategies.

Upcoming Events

Referring to the meeting agenda, Chair Howes discussed the upcoming GWB committee meetings and events. She announced the May 29th Employer Advisory Group meeting has been cancelled. Chair Howes encouraged those interested in learning more about the National

Career Readiness Certificate to register for the Manufacturing Summit scheduled for May 28, 2015.

Adjournment

With no further business, Chair Howes asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

VOTE: George Nee moved to approve, seconded by Tim Byrne. All were in favor, the motion passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 9:46 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Amelia-Anne Roberts