

**GOVERNOR'S WORKFORCE BOARD RI
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
NOVEMBER 9, 2009**

MINUTES

Committee Members Present: William McGowan, Brandon Melton, Sharon Moylan,
Steven Maurano
Committee Members Absent: Joseph MarcAurele
GWB Staff Present: John O'Hare, Nancy Olson, Maureen Mooney
Location: RI DLT, Conference room 73-2

Vice Chair McGowan called the meeting to order at 9:10 a.m.

A motion was entered to approve the minutes of the 9-10-09 Executive Committee meeting.

VOTE: B. Melton moved to approve, seconded by S. Moylan. All approved.

Board Resignations

Vice Chair McGowan reported that board members Armeather Gibbs and Lorna Ricci have resigned and that letters of resignation are in the meeting packet. He suggested that letters be sent to the resigning members thanking them for their service to the board.

John O'Hare reported that a letter has been sent to the Governor from Chair MarcAurele on the remaining 2 vacant board positions. (These positions were previously occupied by Saul Kaplan and Lorna Ricci).

Board Appointment

Vice Chair McGowan reported that Pheamo Witcher has been appointed to the board by the Governor. Pheamo is the Executive Director of the Genesis Center and replaces Armeather Gibbs.

GWB Committee Assignments

Vice Chair McGowan referred to the GWB Committee listing for comments on committee assignments. It was suggested that new board member Pheamo Witcher become a member of the Planning and Evaluation and Board Development committees since those committees are short of members. J. O'Hare indicated that GWB staff will review committee assignments with P. Witcher.

Committee Chair Updates

S. Maurano indicated that the Adult Education and Literacy Committee would be meeting on Thursday, November 12, 2009. Vice Chair McGowan noted that the Planning and Evaluation Committee would be meeting on Tuesday, November 10, 2009. S. Moylan reported that the Board Development Committee would be meeting on December 2, 2009. She indicated agenda items include a discussion around the annual review of the by-laws and the planning process for the annual meeting.

Other Business

Vice Chair McGowan commented on issues surrounding K-12 education in Rhode Island and inquired about having a discussion with Commissioner Gist from the RI Department of Education. A discussion followed on the best method of engaging the Commissioner with the board on these issues and reforms. It was suggested that the Commissioner be included in the board membership. J. O'Hare reported that in order to change board membership to include the Commissioner, it would require a waiver and as well as a modification to the State plan. It would also involve a public hearing. Donna Treglia of the State Workforce Investment Office (SWIO) would be the person responsible for initiating this waiver request. J. O'Hare indicated that the Planning and Evaluation Committee could recommend this action to the board.

Vice Chair McGowan provided an overview of the Employment Security Advisory Council (ESAC) and an update on the issues facing that committee of which he is chair.

Adjournment

With no further business, Vice Chair McGowan asked for a motion to adjourn.

VOTE: B. Melton moved to approve, seconded by S. Moylan. All approved.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:45 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Maureen Mooney