

**GOVERNOR'S WORKFORCE BOARD RI
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
JUNE 5, 2012**

MINUTES

Committee Members Present: Connie Howes, Robin Coia, Ray DiPasquale, William McGowan, Brandon Melton, Sharon Moylan, Martin Trueb

GWB Staff Present: Rick Brooks, Nancy Olson, Maureen Mooney

DLT Staff Present: Sean Fontes, Lisa D'Agostino

Others in Attendance: Judy Jones, Economic Progress Institute; Malcolm Baxter, BIS

Location: RI DLT, Conference room 73-2

Chair Howes called the meeting to order at 8:05 a.m.

A motion was entered to approve the minutes of the 2-7-12 Executive Committee meeting.

VOTE: B. Melton moved to approve, seconded by W. McGowan. All were in favor, the motion was approved.

Chair Howes asked Rick Brooks to provide a brief update on the budget currently before the RI General Assembly. R. Brooks indicated it is possible that the \$2.3M in general revenue from the last fiscal year may be restored and carried into FY13. He stated that if this occurs it could provide additional investment opportunities for the GWB. He mentioned that the funding for current staff support for the Career Pathways Systems Task Force will be exhausted by the end of the fiscal year. He indicated he is awaiting approval of a GWB staff position to support the career pathways work and the statutory requirements for submission of a biennial plan and the Workforce Development Expenditure Report.

WIA Funding Formula – Providence/Cranston Workforce Investment Area

Chair Howes reported that Workforce Solutions of Providence/Cranston (WSPC) has requested that an alternative formula be adopted for the state allocation of the Workforce Investment Act (WIA) adult and youth funds. She explained that the State receives federal money which is divided between the WSPC and the Workforce Partnership of Greater RI (WPGRI) and that any change in the formula would affect both workforce boards. C. Howes indicated that it is the role of the GWB to inform the Governor of any change in the formula and that he will make the decision on this issue. She stated that if there is a change there would be an amendment to the State plan. She indicated that the request to adopt an alternative formula is on the agenda today for the Strategic Investments and Evaluation Committee meeting.

Board Retreat

Chair Howes acknowledged the work accomplished at the December 2011 board retreat. She asked committee members for their suggestions for holding a follow up retreat in the fall. Suggestions included focusing on setting priorities for funding which could include an

opportunity to brainstorm about different ways of investing. It was mentioned that an educational component be included. The consensus was that October would be the best time frame for the retreat which would allow planning for FY14 and for the 2013 legislative session. Chair Howes indicated a date would be determined and forwarded to the board.

Board Appointments

Chair Howes mentioned there is a vacancy on the board for a business position which was formerly held by the Director of the Economic Development Corporation (EDC). She asked for recommendations from the committee and noted that the Governor would make the appointment. Several suggestions were offered.

Adjournment

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

VOTE: M. Trueb moved to approve, seconded by B. Melton. All approved.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:56 a.m.

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Respectfully submitted,

Maureen Mooney