

**Governor's Workforce Board RI
Strategic Investments Committee Meeting
June 7, 2010**

Meeting Minutes

Committee Members present: Joseph MarcAurele, Chair, William McGowan, Brandon Melton, George Nee
Committee Members absent: Martin Trueb
GWB Staff present: Lisa D'Agostino, Nancy Olson, Maureen Mooney, Dan Brown
GWB members present: Director Powell
DLT Staff present: David Tremblay
Others Present: Deb Anthes, RIDE; Paul Harden, RIEDC; Judy Jones, Poverty Institute; James Glover, Workforce Solutions of Providence/Cranston; Deborah Varga, Trades Training Center

Call to Order

Chair MarcAurele called the meeting to order at 8:08 a.m. He welcomed everyone to the meeting and provided an overview of the agenda items.

Minutes of 5/10/10

Chair MarcAurele asked for a review of the meeting minutes of 5/10/10 for the Governor's Workforce Board (GWB) Strategic Investments Committee. He asked for a motion to approve the meeting minutes as presented.

VOTE: B. Melton moved to approve. G. Nee seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous, the motion passed.

Funding Request – Industry Partnerships

Chair MarcAurele asked Nancy Olson to present the funding request for the Industry Partnerships. N. Olson reported that the Industry Partners have two types of contracts funded through the GWB. She identified the training piece as the Industry Skills Development Initiative which is handled through the local workforce investment boards. She indicated that the funding request is for up to \$125,000 which would allow the IP contracts to run through September 30, 2010 noting there are staggered end dates. N. Olson mentioned that budget and program modifications have been submitted and that she has confirmed with the fiscal staff that there is funding available. She noted that any expenditures will incur in the new fiscal year.

Chair MarcAurele asked for a motion to approve the funding request as presented.

VOTE: B. Melton moved to approve. G. Nee seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous, the motion passed.

Incumbent Worker Training Grants FY 11

Chair MarcAurele asked N. Olson to present the request for additional funding for the Incumbent Worker Training grants. N. Olson reported that at the last Strategic Investments Committee meeting, \$1M was requested to fund the Incumbent Worker Training grants with approval for \$500,000 immediately and an additional \$500,000 if the \$1M is restored to the Job Development Fund (JDF).

She indicated that in order to provide an equitable cut off point for the top rated scores an additional \$62,000 would be needed. She reported that with this funding of \$62,000 a total of 26 companies would be funded with the lowest score at 95.

Chair MarcAurele asked for a motion to approve the funding request of \$62,000.

VOTE: G. Nee moved to approve. B. Melton seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous, the motion passed.

Adult Education Awards

Chair MarcAurele asked Deb Anthes from the RI Department of Education to provide further information on the Adult Education funding request for FY11, approved at the May 10, 2010 Strategic Investments Committee meeting.

D. Anthes reported that 40 proposals were received, with each proposal incorporating aspects of 10 different initiatives. She noted that the total request was more than \$15M. She indicated that the proposals integrate contextualized education and workforce development strategies and include distance learning objectives. The proposals were reviewed by 7 teams consisting of 29 raters and reviewers. D. Anthes indicated she is waiting for some of the scores and that in a few weeks she will have results by agency with funding and program information. There was a general discussion on the timetable and process of ranking the agencies by performance results.

Other Business

Chair MarcAurele reported that the House Finance Committee recommended using \$240,000 from the Human Resource Investment Council (HRIC) funds for three new positions to address workforce development initiatives at the Community College of Rhode Island (CCRI). These positions will oversee the implementation and delivery of employer based training programs based on the needs of employers and industry. A general discussion about the commission report followed.

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

VOTE: G. Nee moved to approve. B. Melton seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous, the motion passed.

The meeting adjourned at 8:55 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Maureen Mooney