

**GOVERNOR'S WORKFORCE BOARD RI
ADULT EDUCATION AND LITERACY COMMITTEE MEETING**

**SEPTEMBER 4, 2008
MEETING MINUTES**

Committee Members Present: Jack Warner, Chair, Joseph MarcAurele, Mario Bueno, Robert Nangle, Robert Paniccia, George Nee, Paul MacDonald
Committee Members Absent: Armeather Gibbs
Others Present: Johan Uvin, Jane Nugent, Deborah Anthes
GWB Staff Present: Michael Koback, Nancy Olson, Maureen Mooney

With a quorum present, Chair Warner called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

Chairman's Report

Chair Warner welcomed everyone to the meeting and reported that the focus of this meeting will be a review of the key events and decisions of the past 3 years of adult education reforms. He indicated there is a good story in spite of serious fiscal challenges and that we should celebrate the accomplishments.

Approval of minutes of 5/22/08

A motion was entered to approve the Adult Education and Literacy Meeting Minutes of May 22, 2008.

VOTE: R. Nangle moved to approve, seconded by G. Nee. All approved.
The motion passed.

Three Year Impact: Update on Positive Outcomes and Summary of How All Reforms Have Been Implemented

Johan Uvin provided an overview of the key events leading up to the present of adult education reform in the state. He reported on the 6 major tasks leading to more effective adult education programs including consolidation and adequate assignment of staff and the creation of a strong board to assist in the integration of adult education and workforce development. He also noted the accomplishments of creating an interagency forum, developing a professional development system as well as a program improvement process. Also of importance was the adoption of a common core of content standards. J. Uvin reported that all of the 6 recommendations were implemented. He thanked the Committee Chair J. Warner, committee members and GWB Board Chair, Joseph MarcAurele for the support with this effort. J. Uvin reported on the impact to date of adult education reform as well as strategies to further improve outcomes. Details are listed in the handout.

Outline and Discussion of Next Major Steps

J. Uvin discussed initial ideas regarding strategies to further improve outcomes of adult education reform. These strategies are listed on the handout on page 4. He indicated that of primary importance is the true integration between workforce development and adult education. He reported that at the next committee meeting on November 6th, John O'Hare will report on the Unified Plan and impact of this plan on adult education.

Other Business

Chair Warner asked if any further business was to come before the committee. J. Uvin suggested holding a celebratory event to recognize the exceptional progress of the adult education programs funded by the GWB. J. Nugent noted that United Way would assist in supporting this event and suggested a meeting with M. Koback, J. Uvin and herself to assist with coordinating this effort.

Chair Warner asked for a motion to adjourn.

VOTE: R. Nangle moved to adjourn, seconded by P. MacDonald. All approved.

The meeting adjourned at 9:45 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Maureen Mooney