

**GOVERNOR'S WORKFORCE BOARD RI  
ADULT EDUCATION AND LITERACY COMMITTEE MEETING  
NOVEMBER 12, 2009**

**MEETING MINUTES**

Committee Members Present: Steven Maurano, Chair, Mario Bueno, Robert Nangle, Robin Coia  
Committee Members Absent: Joseph MarcAurele, George Nee, Paul MacDonald  
Others Present: Lori Norris, DLT, Deborah Anthes, RIDE  
GWB Staff Present: John O'Hare, Dan Brown, Maureen Mooney

**Chairs Welcome and Remarks**

Chair Maurano called the meeting to order at 8:35 a.m. and welcomed everyone to the meeting. He mentioned that John Uvin would be leaving his current position to work as a senior advisor to Brenda Dann-Messier, U.S. Assistant Secretary of Education in Washington. He thanked Johan for his work as the State Adult Education Director and as staff support for the GWB Adult Education and Literacy Committee.

**Approval of Minutes of 10/1/09**

A motion was entered to approve the Adult Education and Literacy Committee meeting minutes of October 1, 2009.

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

**Funding Requests**

***Public Use Data Module Proposal \$100,000***

Chair Maurano asked J. Uvin to present the funding request on the proposal for a public use information module, which he noted originated from the Adult Education Committee. J. Uvin indicated that the request is for the RI Department of Education (RIDE) to develop a web-enabled public information service that would allow Rhode Islanders to view the adult education opportunities that are available. This information service would also indicate where the services are available, the schedule for these services and the procedure to sign up for classes. J. Uvin noted that the proposal utilizes a phase-in approach which would spread over 2 fiscal years. The cost for this module is estimated at \$100,000 and involves the coordination with developers of other websites including RIDE, the Department of Labor & Training (DLT), Office of Higher Education, RI Higher Education Assistance Authority (RIHEAA), GWB and the Governor's Office. J. Uvin noted that the proposal would focus on functionality and that no new data would be required because the information module would link the adult education component to already existing modules.

A motion was entered to recommend funding for the Public Use Data Module proposal in the amount of \$100,000.

**VOTE:** R. Nangle moved to approve seconded by M. Bueno. All approved. The motion passed.

**Co-Investment Contextualized RFP (ARRA/Formula) \$1-2m**

Chair Maurano asked J. Uvin to present the funding request on the Co-Investment in Contextualized Learning Capacity Building and Demonstration Project. J. Uvin reported that the DLT has partnered with the Office of Adult and Career and Technical Education at RIDE to develop and issue a Request for Proposals for a two-year capacity building and demonstration project. The purpose is to expand contextualized education and training opportunities for low-skilled job seekers and incumbent workers tied to career pathways in nine critical and emerging sectors. A primary focus is partnership development between education and training providers and industry partnerships to create demand drive curricula and instruction leading to education and industry-recognized credentials. He noted that a major outcome would be to have more options available for the One Stop Career Center customers whose current skills prevent them from accessing advanced training. He indicated funding would consist of \$1.5m in state set aside stimulus/formula funding available through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA). In addition, RIDE through its adult education RFP would set aside up to \$1.5m per year for five (years) of which year 1 and year 2 funding would be a direct co-investment.

A motion was entered to recommend funding for the Co-Investment Contextualized RFP in the amount of \$1.5m.

**VOTE:** R. Coia moved to approve seconded by M. Bueno. All approved. The motion passed.

**Recommendations for Governor Carcieri and PK16 Council for Further Reform**

Chair Maurano asked J. Uvin to provide an overview of the draft recommendations regarding the next sequence of adult education reforms. J. Uvin noted that the recommendations are consistent with the goals, objectives and strategies related to adult education in the Strategic Workforce Plan for Rhode Island. The recommendations are organized by the key questions that were used to structure the public hearings. It was suggested that a working session with Janet Durfee Hidalgo of the Governors Office occur prior to the January meeting of the PK-16 council meeting.

A motion was entered to approve the recommendations in draft form with the understanding that it would be incumbent upon meeting with Janet Durfee Hidalgo of the Governor's Office prior to structuring these recommendations in an appropriate way to be presented to the PK-16 council.

**VOTE:** R. Nangle moved to approve seconded by M. Bueno. All approved. The motion passed.

With no further business, a motion was entered to adjourn the Adult Education and Literacy Committee meeting.

**VOTE:** R. Nangle moved to approve seconded by R. Coia. All approved. The motion passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Maureen Mooney