

**GOVERNOR'S WORKFORCE BOARD RI
EMPLOYER COMMITTEE MEETING
MAY 24, 2013**

MINUTES

Committee Members Present: Martin Trueb, Chair, Connie Howes, Mike Grey, Juana Horton, Brandon Melton, Sharon Moylan, Robert Nangle

Committee Members Not Present: Cathy Streker

GWB Staff Present: Rick Brooks, Elizabeth Jardine, Maureen Mooney

DLT Staff Present: Connie Parks, Sue Chomka

Others Present: Malcolm Baxter, BIS

Location: RI DLT, Conference room 73-2

Call to Order

Chair Trueb called the meeting to order at 8:03 a.m. and welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Meeting Minutes 3-8-13

Chair Trueb asked for a review of the minutes of the 3-8-13 meeting. He asked if there was a motion to approve the meeting minutes.

Vote: B. Melton motioned to approve the minutes of the 3-8-13 meeting. S. Moylan seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous; the motion passed.

Employer Advisory Group Meeting

Chair Trueb indicated that the focus of the meeting is to draft the agenda for the upcoming Employer Advisory Group (EAG) meeting scheduled for Thursday, June 13th at 8:30 a.m. He emphasized the importance of reprising the key issues identified at the last EAG meeting and of highlighting actions taken by GWB in response.

After discussion, the agenda items were determined. They include:

- Presentation of the GWB annual meeting video "Learning from Experience"
- EmployRI update (Sue Chomka)
- Presentation and feedback on the work readiness credential (Elizabeth Jardine)
- A review and discussion led by Commissioner Gist on Rhode Island's high school graduation requirements. There would be up to one hour appropriated for this presentation.

Meeting Schedule

Chair Trueeb reviewed the Employer Committee/EAG meeting schedules and asked for suggestions for possible topics for the October EAG meeting.

There was a lengthy discussion about internships covering such topics as:

- job design (a suggestion was made to include career and technical centers)
- developing an internship structure that works for businesses, students and colleges
- current work in progress surrounding internships such as Bridge.jobs and the RI Partnership Project
- dispelling the perceived barriers to internships such as legal ramifications, worker's compensation, wage and salary issues
- customizing internships to individual businesses
- Rhode Island Student Loan Association (RISLA) and its loan forgiveness program

Chair Trueeb emphasized the importance of providing a summary of the work of the Employer Committee and of formally reporting back to the board and to the Governor.

Rick Brooks suggested that the Industry Partners report to the board and/or Employer Committee on their work. After discussion, it was decided that the Industry Partners report quarterly to the Employer Committee. A brief summary of the work of each partnership could be presented to the board.

Adjournment

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

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

The meeting was adjourned at 8:57 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Maureen Mooney