

Greater New Bedford Workforce Investment Board, Inc.
Executive Committee
3/03/2010
Fairhaven MIS Conference Room

Executive Committee members present: Chair David DeJesus, Jr., David Cabral, Richard Mello, Peter J. Muise, John Fernandes, Ronald F. Rheaume

Executive Committee members absent: Maria O. Pinarreta (sent written Proxy to Chair); David J. Ferreira (sent written Proxy to Chair); Christopher J. O'Neil (sent written Proxy to Chair); Charles R. Simpson, Jr. (sent written Proxy to Chair)

WIB Staff: Len Coriaty, Steven Grant, Annie Massicotte, Sean McGauley

Workforce Development Staff: Edward J. Dennehy, NDSI; Joseph Notini, DCS

QUORUM PRESENT

Chair's Welcome

Chair Dave DeJesus began the meeting at 4:56pm. He announced he had received 4 proxies, as follows: David J. Ferreira, Christopher J. O'Neil, Maria O. Pinarreta, and Charles R. Simpson, Jr.

Consent Agenda: John Fernandes moved to approve the 01/27/10 meeting minutes, and WIB Treasurer's Report through 01/31/10 – seconded by Peter Muise. All were in favor, motion passed unanimously.

Scorecard Reports

Executive Committee

Dave noted assignments have been made for the review of the bylaws and the WIB/CEO Agreement. On 2/10 Dave, Len, Ed, Wendy, Craig, Jean, Brenda and Norm Audette met with the Mayor. The Mayor's view is that the Career Center(s) is the place employers should be going when they need employees. 385 employers to date use the Career Center(s). The tone of the meeting was positive. The Mayor made recognition of good work being done, but is pushing to move beyond the status quo. He was very explicit on what he'd like to see for Marketing (stated Ed D.). The next scheduled meeting with the Mayor is for the end of March.

Chair DeJesus mentioned that 3 WIB members (himself, David Cabral and John Fernandes), as well as Len Coriaty will be attending the National Association for Workforce Boards (NAWB) national conference. They are scheduled to leave on Saturday, March 6th – returning on Monday, March 8th.

Chair DeJesus also noted that he and Len Coriaty will also be reviewing the present WIB staff pay scale – which hasn't been reviewed in about 5 years. Currently there is a pay freeze, but they will report back to the Executive Committee with their results.

Finance and Performance Measurement Committee

Peter Muise pointed out that all of the Executive Committee members present had just sat through the explanation of the most recent Charter Rewrite recommendations, as well as the vote that was taken at the Finance and Performance Measurement Committee. He thanked the Charter Rewrite Working Group for the time and effort that was put into the Charter Rewrite. With no further ado Peter Muise made a motion to vote the Charter as amended and written. David Cabral seconded the motion, and it carried with abstentions from Edward J. Dennehy and Joseph Notini.

Mr. Muise also stated that his committee was continuing with the High Performing Board Certification process.

Business Development Committee

Staff member Sean McGauley stood in for Chris O'Neil who was not able to be present at the meeting.

Sean presented the logo that was voted on at the 2/24/10 BDC voted to move forward with logo #3 updated with darker colors (brown and blue) from logo #4; and the WIB acronym incorporated, and have Medium Studio draw up a "style guide" with the logo concept arranged in different ways.

A Motion was made by Peter Muise, seconded by David Cabral, to accept BDC's recommendation on logo layout. Len Coriaty stated that he was on vacation during the BDC vote and this was the first time he was seeing the chosen logo and color scheme and requested that the logo be considered with other color schemes too. Mr. Muise suggested that

BDC consult with Logo, Stationery, and Office Graphics professionals to consider other color schemes and ensure the recommended color scheme is suitable for all WIB print purposes and media. The motion passed unanimously.

It was also concluded the Executive Committee does not need to take any further action on logo and/or color selection, however, BDC will vote the final color scheme at their next meeting scheduled for Wednesday, 4/21 @ 8:30am.

Youth Council

John Fernandes noted that the Council was on track with their Score Card, noting they held their quarterly meeting on the afternoon of March 2nd. At that meeting he met the two Youth from the Mayor's Youth Council. The Youth are looking for a place to hold a City Wide Dance and would like help from the Youth Council to put it all together, as well as to help with running summer activities for In-School youth.

He also noted that the YC Planning and YC Executive Committee met and agree NOT to go forward with a IS and/or OOS procurement this year, due to the fact that amount of available funding is up in the air, not to mention that last year bidders were given 2 year contracts.

He noted that Connecting Activities was on the top of their list of things to work on. He and Jean Fox recently met with Ed and Wendy to setup timelines for Summer Jobs. He'd like to see an improvement over last year.

He also stated that the Youth Council has put together a comprehensive and continually updated directory. They also reissued the Survey for Youth Service Providers.

Other Business

1. The WIB was monitored a couple of weeks ago and it was noted that there was no supporting documentation that the WIB had ever voted on the Unified Complaint Policy that the Career Center has been using for some time now, amended on September 15, 2009. Therefore, to be in compliance, the WIB needs to vote on this policy prior to the next WIB Certification in FY '11.

A copy of what the Career Centers, as well as the state, uses now was emailed to the Executive Committee on March 1st.

A motion to approve the Unified Complaint Policy as written (a requirement of Federal Funding) was made by John Fernandes, and seconded by Richard Mello, and it passed unanimously.

2. Len handed out written testimony that was distributed by him to the Joint Committee on Ways and Means which held a hearing on Tuesday, March 2, 2010.
3. Len also announced that an amendment to HR 4123 was offered on the Senate floor by Senator Patty Murray (D-WA). Senator Murray's amendment (# 3356) would include \$1.5 billion for summer jobs funding this year. Len plans to send a letter to Senator Brown on behalf of the WIB, asking for his support on Senator Murray's amendment.
4. Len also announced that the WIB and NDS would be jointly presenting a Recognition Breakfast for WIB and DCS/NDS staff. It will be held on Friday, 3/19 at 9:00am. The full Board is invited to drop by, but at a minimum he would like to see the Executive Committee members there.

Adjourn

On a motion by Richard Mello, and seconded by Dave Cabral, the meeting adjourned at 5:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Annie Massicotte
Business Office Manager