

Monmouth County Workforce Development Board
Minutes of December 5, 2019

Members Present

Robert Connolly, Chairman
Roseann Isasi, Vice-Chairman
Patricia Carlesimo, Trustee
Brian Wallace, Trustee
John Brown
John Ciufu
Paul Dement
Chris Femiano
John Gagliano
Kay Harris
Dallas Hlatky
Rene Kurowski
Tim McCorkell
Violeta Peters
Susan Rakoci-Anderson
Joseph Robinson
Robert Shimko
Judy Van Brunt
Benjamin Waldron

Members Absent

Wyatt Earp
Stephen Hornik, Sr.
William Salcedo
Jeff Schwartz
David Stout

Staff Present

Larry Sternbach
Yolanda Taylor
Lucy Rivera

Guests

Joan Scocco, Brookdale Community College
Juan Gonzalez, DOL Industry Partnerships
Arati Chaudery, Kaizen Technologies
Kara Kopach, FMERA
Sara Giberson, FMERA

CALL TO ORDER & READING OF PUBLIC MEETING LAW:

- Robert Connolly, Chairman of the WDB, called the meeting to order at 10:12 a.m. at the office of the Fort Monmouth Economic Revitalization Authority.
- N.J. Provisions of the Public Meeting Law, Chapter 231, P.L. 1975, and its revisions, were satisfied by publication of a Public Notice in Asbury Park Press and the Star Ledger newspapers.

ROLL CALL:

- Attendance was taken with sufficient number of WDB members present to constitute a quorum.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- Mr. Connolly entertained a motion to approve the minutes of the June 6, 2019 WDB meeting. ***John Gagliano made a motion, which was seconded by Violeta Peters to approve the minutes of the September 5, 2019 WDB meeting as written and distributed. No corrections or changes were offered, and the motion was unanimously approved.***

ANNOUNCEMENT:

- Ben Waldron, Executive Director of the Monmouth-Ocean Development Council announced that the Monmouth County Workforce Development Board will be receiving the Economic Development Award at MODC's 55th Silver Gull Awards Dinner scheduled for May 7, 2020. The nomination was submitted by Brookdale Community College.

FMERA PRESENTATION ON FORT MONMOUTH:

- Sarah Giberson and Kara Kopach from the office of the Fort Monmouth Economic Revitalization Authority gave a powerpoint presentation on the redevelopment of Fort Monmouth, which detailed the following:
 - Fort Monmouth is an 1100 acre of land and it's the largest redevelopment project in the state of New Jersey
 - 1st phase of redevelopment started in 2014 and 2nd phase of redevelopment started in 2016
 - Fort Monmouth is now integrated into the following three towns: Tinton Falls, Eatontown and Oceanport.
 - The Board which consists of the mayors of Tinton Falls, Eatontown and Oceanport and also the Monmouth County Board of Chosen Freeholders help implement the redevelopment.
- Currently the following projects have been completed:
 - Commvault
 - Aaske Technology
 - Trinity Hall (Private High School for girls)
 - 116 Residential Units
 - AcuteCare Health System (former Paterson Army hospital)
- Projects to be completed:
 - Partnership with RJW Barnabas (Cancer Center)
 - Renovation of Gibbs Hall
 - Squires Hall will become NJ City University in September 2020. A 3rd and 4th year campus offering cyber security.
 - Lodging Area – Somerset Development to build 180 residential units on the water.
 - Hotel, River Walk and Restaurants
 - Post Office
 - Commercial and Retail space
 - Theatre and recreation space
 - Museum
- The projection is that 10,000 permanent jobs will become available when projects are completed.
- There was discussion on how the workforce development can support the companies that are coming in and how they can work together to provide the workforce that is needed in anticipation of the jobs that will become available.
- A workgroup consisting of the workforce development and the stakeholders will be established to discuss what types of jobs will be available and where and how the Workforce Development can help.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

- **Pathways to Recovery Grant Update:**
 - Program started in September 2019
 - Currently there are 60 individuals being served.

- **Re-Alignment of WDB Committees:**
 - Because the information shared at committee meetings is sometimes redundant, and attendance is a challenge, it was decided to undertake a review of the WDB committees.
 - Some of these WDB committees were created under WIA, but the law has changed.
 - Under WIOA, the State and Employment Training Commission (SETC) mandates that the WDB have the following four committees:
 - Basic Skills & Literacy
 - One-Stop Operations
 - Services to People with Disabilities
 - Youth Council

- **Recommendations:**
 - Reduce the number of WDB committees and adjust committee responsibilities to address realignment.
 - Revise the WDB By-laws to reflect new committee structure.
 - Add the Executive Committee to the mandated list.
 - Eliminate the following committees, which are not mandated by SETC.
 - Oversight, Compliance and Quality Assurance
 - OCQA is a responsibility of every committee and therefore would be integrated in the committees.
 - Welfare-to-Careers
 - Integrate this committee into the One-Stop Operations Committee
 - Create the following Sub-Committees within the Executive Committee:
 - Awards
 - Membership
 - Sub-Committee Chairs would remain on the Executive Committee.
 - Schedule each committee to meet quarterly.
 - Ensure that each Board member participates in committee activity by:
 - Voluntary participation
 - Assigning each Board member to a minimum of one committee.
 - The Executive Board recommended the option of conducting an Executive Board meeting, if needed, prior to the full Board meeting.

- The Executive Committee approved the reduction of the committees and its realignment at their meeting of November 7, 2019. They asked that the Executive Director revise the WDB By-Laws to reflect the committee revisions and to email to the Executive Committee for review and approval.

- The Executive Committee approved the By-Laws, which were then emailed to the Full Board for a 30-day review period.
- Robert Connolly entertained a motion to approve the committee realignment in the WDB By-Laws. ***Patricia Carlesimo made a motion to approve the committee realignment in the WDB By-Laws, second by Judy Van Brunt. Motion was unanimously approved with David Stout abstaining from the vote.***

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- In the interest of time, the WDB Chairman stated that a summary of the all committee reports was emailed to the board prior to the meeting, and it was also included in the meeting folders.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC: None

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- WDB General Board Meeting – March 5, 2020 – 10:00 AM – WDB Office, Eatontown

ADJOURNMENT:

- ***There being no further business to come before the WDB, the meeting was adjourned at 11:28 AM upon a motion from Violeta Peters. The motion was seconded by Patricia Carlesimo and unanimously approved.***