

**NEW YORK CITY WORKFORCE INVESTMENT BOARD
WORKFORCE POLICY COMMITTEE**

Meeting of June 9, 2009

At the New York City Department of Small Business Services
110 William Street, 7th Floor
New York, NY 10038

MINUTES

Committee Members Present:

Bill Abramson	Colvin Grannum	Joseph McDermott
Robert Battista	Mary Kelly	Mia Simon
Rocco Damato	Marc Leff	

Also Present:

Deborah Buyer	Melinda Mulawka	Angela Tolosa
Angie Kamath	Naikyemi Odedefaa	Mohammed Uddei
Lea Kilraine	Deldreana Peterkin	Philip Weinberg
Stephanie Martinez	Allison Quigney	Matthew White
Apurva Mehrotra	Katie Schwab	

Rocco Damato, Committee Chair, called the meeting to order.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the March 5, 2009 meeting of the Workforce Policy Committee were approved.

Rocco Damato welcomed the Committee and provided members with an overview of the meeting agenda. Mr. Damato also announced the addition of a new Workforce Investment Board (WIB) intern, Pamela Corbett.

Training Resolution Revision

To present the first agenda item, Mr. Damato introduced Katy Gaul, Assistant Commissioner for Workforce1 Training and Advancement at the NYC Department of Small Business Services (SBS). Ms. Gaul oversees the training program at SBS including the issuance of Individual Training Grants (ITGs). Ms. Gaul presented a revision to a previously passed resolution that consolidated and clarified local policies for ITG training in New York City. This resolution, which approves a more comprehensive training policy paper regarding local training operations and programs, replaces all previously passed resolutions regarding ITG training.

Based on her presentation of the revisions, the Committee approved the presented resolution allowing these changes to the ITG program.

Self-Sufficiency Policy Resolution

To present the second agenda item, Mr. Damato introduced Stephanie Martinez, Policy Director for the WIB. Ms. Martinez presented the Committee with a resolution outlining new self-sufficiency policies for New York City. Workforce Investment Act (WIA) regulations require Local Boards to set criteria for determining whether employment leads to self-sufficiency. This resolution would update the current policy, passed in 2002, to set the Self-Sufficiency Standard

in New York City and four times the Lower Living Standard Income Level (LLSIL), as may be adjusted annually by the Secretary of Labor.

Based on her presentation of the revisions, the Committee approved the presented resolution allowing these changes to the Self-Sufficiency Standard.

Operator Consortium Update

To present the final agenda item, Mr. Damato introduced Mary Kelly, the New York State Department of Labor's representative on the Operator Consortium. Ms. Kelly presented an update on Operator Consortium (OC) activities including updates on the Workforce1 Career Center Survey and expansion of ITG training to all Workforce1 Career Centers.

Executive Director Update

To present the final agenda item, Mr. Damato introduced Philip Weinberg, Executive Director of the WIB. Mr. Weinberg provided an update on the WIB's goals over the next two quarters including business member recruitment and the role of the Workforce Policy Committee as a convener for larger local area policy issues.

Conclusion

Following the business described above, the meeting was adjourned.