

MINUTES
Workforce Development Board Meeting
January 12, 2017

Members Attended

Harold Mayer, Esq.	Forchelli, Curto, Deegan
Veronica Rose- Craig	ACCES-VR
Jay Fund	Hunter Business School
Barry Greenspan	NYS Empire State Development
Roslyn Goldmacher	Long Island Development Corp.
Jon Siskind	Bowne AE & T Group
Keith Sperling	National Grid
Jill Gunzel	AVZ
Bill Kurz	Kurz Group
Yvonne Coleman for Sunita Manjrekar	Nassau County Department of Social Services
Stacy Tuckmann for Gemma LoPresti	Local 1102
Edmund Koeppel	Nassau Community College
Doug Kowalczyk	HiTempco

Absent Members

Elvira Lovaglio-Duncan

Mario Martinez
John Lekstutis
John Durso
Joseph Larocca
Cheryl Davidson
Tom Bruno
Raj Mehta
Martin Murphy, Ph.D.
Glen Wolther

Urban League Mature Worker Program

Port Washington CAC
LiRo Group Ltd.
Long Island Federation of Labor
Advantage Payroll Services
North Shore LIJ Health System
Hicksville Youth Council
Infosys International, Inc.
LI-RAEN/NYSED-ACCES
All Round Bakery Products

Others in Attendance

Denise Marcel	Nassau BOCES
Laura Gibbs	Nassau BOCES
Michele Cohen	Nassau BOCES
Steven Delligatti	Oyster Bay-North Hempstead-Glen Cove LWDB
Linda Scalera	Oyster Bay-North Hempstead-Glen Cove LWDB
May-Whei Lin	Oyster Bay-North Hempstead-Glen Cove LWDB
Dennis Palmieri	Oyster Bay-North Hempstead-Glen Cove LWDB

WDB Minutes January 12, 2017

Harold Mayer, Chairman of the Workforce Development Board, called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. After welcoming members and other attendees, Chairman Mayer put forth the minutes from the September 15, 2016 meeting for acceptance. The board unanimously accepted the minutes. Chairman Mayer announced that Steven Delligatti, Director of the Workforce Development Board will introduce Jill Gunzel, Partner at AVZ as a new WDB member.

Chairman Mayer introduced Felicia Fleitman, CEO of Savvy Hires to give an overview of the Launchpad model and the focus of her business. Ms. Fleitman explained the great innovation that is taking place at Launchpad and how true progress is being made by having so many businesses working together under one roof. Ms. Fleitman said that Launchpad is an ideal place for a start-up company to get its footing. Information was then shared further on rent options and space usage.

Ms. Fleitman then continued on to speak about her own business Savvy Hires. Savvy Hires helps to find linkages between job seekers and businesses through a proven internship model. Savvy Hires is based in Launchpad Westbury and has strong ties with some of the largest universities, colleges and employers in the region. In addition, Ms. Fleitman explained to the board some of the pitfalls that those with disabilities have in finding work and how to overcome them.

Director Delligatti then introduced Roy Smitheimer, Deputy Director of Business and Tourism at the Town of North Hempstead. Mr. Smitheimer presented to the Board on the overwhelming success of the Business Seminar hosted by various partners of the board. The seminar was held at the Woodlands Catering Hall on the grounds of the Town of Oyster Bay Golf Course. Mr. Smitheimer also reported that several business have commented about the success and the direct hiring that took place on behalf of the seminar. He concluded by stating that it would be a good idea to plan and host another seminar in the near future.

Director Delligatti presents to Workforce Board Policies and the legislation change to WIOA. He asks the board for approval for the language change and change to policies regarding Classroom Training. The first eight policies have been directed towards classroom training policy. Director Delligatti proposed they be condensed into one policy. The board unanimously approved this change.

There was a motion to close the meeting at 10:50 am. Accepted by all members.