

MINUTES
Workforce Development Board Meeting
January 31, 2018

Members Attended

Harold Mayer, Esq.	Forchelli, Curto, Deegan, LLP
Nick Spinelli for Veronica Rose–Craig	ACCES-VR
Sunita Manjrekar	Nassau County Department of Social Services
Jon Siskind	LIRO Group
Martin Murphy, Ph.D.	LI-RAEN/NYSED-ACCES
Jay Fund	Hunter Business School
Glen Wolther	All Round Bakery Products
Nicole Grodner	Northeast Regional Council of Carpenters
Walter Markowitz Ed.D	Hofstra University
Jill Gunzel Lemke	Albrecht, Viggiano, Zurech & Co. PC
Barry Greenspan	NYS Empire State Development
Leonard Feldman for Elvira Duncan	Urban League Mature Worker Program
John Durso	LI Federation of Labor
Doug Kowalczyk	HiTempco
John Keating	PSEG
Ryan Schlotter	Oyster Bay Brewing Co.

Absent Members

Gemma DeLeon Lopresti	Local 1102
William Kurz	Kurz Planning, Inc
Raj Mehta	Infosys International, Inc.
Edmund Koepfel	Nassau Community College
Keith Sperling	National Grid
Roslyn Goldmacher	Long Island Development Corp.
Tom Bruno	Hicksville Youth Council
Cheryl Davidson	Northwell Health
Mario Martinez	Port Washington CAC

Others in Attendance

Steven Delligatti	Oyster Bay-North Hempstead-Glen Cove LWDB
Ann Fangmann	City of Glen Cove CDA/IDA
Camille Byrne	City of Glen Cove CDA/IDA
Linda Scalera	Town of Oyster Bay
Denise Marcel	Nassau BOCES
May-Whei Lin	NYS Department of Labor
Shital Patel	NYS Department of Labor
Eugenio Martinez	NYS Department of Labor
Dennis Palmieri	Town of Oyster Bay
Rosalie Drago	WDI
Roy Smitheimer	Town of North Hempstead
Hon. Timothy Tenke	Mayor of the City of Glen Cove

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Hal Mayer, Chairman of the Workforce Board, called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Sign in sheets were handed out. Mr. Mayer thanked everyone for coming and introduced new members Ryan Schlotter Oyster Bay Brewing Co. and John Keating from PSEG.

Mr. Mayer introduced the Mayor Tenke of the City of Glen Cove. Mayor Tenke thanked the board for the work that they do while giving updates on all the impressive projects taking place throughout the City.

Mr. Mayer asked for a motion to accept the minutes from the last meeting. The minutes were accepted unanimously on a motion by Mr. Markowitz and seconded by Mr. Durso .

Mr. Mayer then introduced Rosalie Drago, Regional Coordinator at The Workforce Development Institute (WDI) to give a presentation to the board. Ms. Drago began with a brief overview of the function and purpose of her organization. WDI provides grant funding to businesses that are focused on addressing overarching concerns with workforce and economic development. Ms. Drago expanded on the focus of “middle skills” jobs (more than a high school diploma and less than a four year bachelor’s degree). Ms. Drago offered to provide the board with further data compiled about the rising industries on Long Island and the efforts to meet those needs. WDB Director Delligatti will coordinate with Ms. Drago and provide this information to the board when appropriate. Ms. Drago closed by providing information about a potential upcoming job fair in the North Hempstead Township. The date and location is to be determined.

Mr. Mayer then introduced Ryan Schlotter, Owner of the Oyster Bay Brewing Co. Mr. Schlotter explained the history of the brewing industry on Long Island and the great expansion that it has undergone. As a field that is booming, Mr. Schlotter has been able to grow his company from 4 full time employees to nearly 20 currently. The appeal of Long Island and the rich history of Oyster Bay had played a vital role in the selection to build the business. Mr. Schlotter stressed the importance of Social Media and marketing to development both through the workforce and economically. Mr. Schlotter then continued to talk about growth of the industry and specifically his own business through the help of Workforce Grants provided through various state agencies.

Mr. Steven Delligatti, Director of the Workforce Board presented the board with a variety of updates. Mr. Delligatti disseminated documents referring to the State of the State provided by Governor Andrew Cuomo. This document provided a bullet point list of items that impact workforce development in New York State (NYS). Additionally, other documents were circulated that announced the Regional Grant Winners for NYS funding through the Regional Economic Development Council (REDC). The REDC had awarded many grants, members and attendees were given the opportunity to talk about their grant with the board. Mr. Durso, REDC member, invited the board to an upcoming meeting on February 16th 2018.

Mr. Delligatti then asked the board to review the potential to develop an annual report. A sample of the Buffalo WDB annual report was circulated to allow for the board to better understand the project. Mr. Delligatti will convene a meeting in the future to discuss this further.

Furthermore, Mr. Delligatti had asked the board to review the by-laws, specifically the items in regards to expanding technology (i.e. conference calls, skype and online voting procedures). Language will be crafted and presented at the next scheduled board meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 10:45 a.m.

