

MINUTES
WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD MEETING
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Virtual via Zoom/ In Person

MEMBERS ATTENDED

John Sarcone	WDB DIRECTOR
William Kurz	Kurz Planning, Inc/Chair
May-Whei Lin	NYS Department of Labor
Jon Siskind	Independent Consultant
Hal Mayer	Town of Oyster Bay
Edward Eisenstein	United Network Associates
Larry Forni	NYSED ACCESS - VR
Maria Themistocleous-Frey	ECNY Corp. / ECNY Foundation
Anthony Porcelli	Hofstra University
Bridget Headley (For Jay Fund)	Hunter Business School
Sagar Mehta	Town of North Hempstead
Camille Byrne	City of Glen Cove
Nick Spinelli	NYSED
Leticia Villa (For Elvira Lovaglio-Duncan)	Urban League of Westchester
Matthew Berger	Barnes, Iaccarino & Shepherd LLP
Veronica Rose-Craig	ACCES-VR
Walter Markowitz, Ed.D	Hofstra University
Kathleen Maffucci	BOCES

ABSENT MEMBERS

Edmund Koepfel	Nassau Community College
Glen Wolther	All Round Bakery Products
Nicole Grodner	Northeast Regional Adult Education Network
Sunita Manjrekar	Nassau County Department of Social Services
John Keating	PSEG
Tom Bruno	Hicksville Youth Council
Barry Greenspan	Empire State Development – Regional Office Long Island
Martin Murphy	Long Island Regional Adult Education Network
Gemma DeLeon-Lopresti	Local 1102
Jill Gunzel	Albrecht, Viggiano, Zureck & Co. P.C.
Douglas Kowaiczik	Hi Tempco

Keith Sperling
John Durso
Ryan Schlotter
Mario Martinez

National Grid
Long Island Federation of Labor, Local 338
Oyster Bay Brewing CO.
PT. Washington Community Action Council

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE

Frank V. Sammartano	Commissioner of TOB IGA
Leanne Allocca	Town of Oyster Bay IGA
Linda Scalera	Town of Oyster Bay IGA
Christine D'Amico	Town of Oyster Bay IGA
Rick Bellando	Town of Oyster Bay IGA
Gail Paraninfo	Town of Oyster Bay IGA
Michele Oliva	Town of Oyster Bay IGA
Claudia Devlin	Town of Oyster Bay IGA
Rich Carozza	Town of Oyster Bay IGA
Lionel Chitty	Nassau County Office of Minority Affairs

Welcoming remarks made by Chairman Kurz.

Opening comments by John Sarcone.

Acceptance of the minutes from previous WDB meeting of November 12, 2021.

Lionel Chitty- welcome comments and explains services offered.

John Sarcone- speaks about in-school youth RFP to be explored, developed and executed. Will be published in all Towns website and newspapers (NYS Websites as well).

CRT appeals discussed:

- 1) **DR. JOHN MAURELLO** – CHIROPRACTIC PRACTICE, SEEKING TO GET FUNDED FOR CDL LICENSE TRAINING. FUNDING WAS DENIED AND IS ON APPEAL. LINDA SCALERA, ALONG WITH RICH CAROZZA PRESENTED THE CASE FOR JUSTIFICATION OF DENIAL FOR FUNDING DUE TO THE FOLLOWING REASONS; HAS OWN BUSINESS, HAS SKILLS, AN ADULT,
 - GAIL SUGGEST TO SEND HIM A LETTER TO JUSTIFY HIS APPEALS AND NEEDS FOR THE TRAINING AND TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL INFORMATION.

- MARIA FREY ALSO MAKE A RECOMMENDATION TO HELP HIM THAT'S POSSIBLE.

MOTION TO VOTE:

- HAROLD MAYER – SHOULD NOT DENY IT YET TILL FURTHER INFORMATION AVAILABLE
 - LINDA SCALERA – HOLD TO VOTE TILL MORE INFO TO JUSTIFY THE APPEALS
 - MAY-WHEI LIN - NEED TO PROVIDE MORE INFO T JUSTIFY
 - GAIL – WIOA ADULT POLICY, EARNINGS MUST BELOW SUFFICIENCY. HE HAS SKILLS, MUST PROVIDE EARNING SUFFICIENCY.
 - JOHN SARCONI, CONCUR TO SEND LETTER TO PROVIDE MORE INFORMATION TO JUSTIFY APPEALS WITHIN 15 DAYS to revisit.
- 2) **ASHLEY DAMIS** – LOOKING TO BE FUNDED FOR ESTHETICIANS, COSTING \$10,595 AND WIOA WILL PAY FOR MAX OF \$8,000. APPLIED IN JUNE, 2020 AND DIDN'T DO ANYTHING TILL DECEMBER. REVISITED IN OCTOBER, 2021 AND FOUND THAT SHE HAS BS IN BROADCASTING AND IN PROCESS FOR MASTER IN DIGITAL MARKETING. SHE HAS MARKETABLE SKILLS AND WAS OFFERED TO HELP WITH HER JOB SEARCH WITH SEVERAL JOB DEVELOPERS. BUT SHE WAS UPSET THAT SHE DIDN'T GET THE FUNDING AND WAS APPEALING.
- MARIA FREY – FUNDING IS GIVING SOMEBODY THE OPPORTUNITY WHO NEEDS HELP.
 - GAIL – SHE HAS SKILLS, WHAT'S THE REASON WHY NOT PURSUE EMPLOYMENT WITH HER SKILLSETS.

MOTION: FUNDING DENIED JUSTIFIED UNANIMOUSLY

LETTER WILL BE SEND TO ADVISE THE DECISION AND MAY-WHEI LIN IS ON AWARE IF FURTHER APPEALS OCCUR.

Old Business/New business.

Meeting adjourned.