

FINGER LAKES WORKFORCE INVESTMENT BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, September 21, 2016, 8:30-10:00am

WFL-BOCES, Newark, NY

ATTENDANCE:

Members T. Albanese, S. Bischooping, L. Brennan, P. Churchill, D. Culeton, J. DeVault, R. Doeblin, D. Hellert, M. Kauffman, M. Manikowski, J. McGregor, J. Moran, K. Morgan, J. Mueller, R. Nye, L. Parish, J. Pellerite, R. Plympton, M. Rusinko, C. Schillaci, J. Sheppard, B. Trouskie

Guests: S. Bentley, J. Celso, A. Cook, V. England, L. Freid, M. Lynch, L. Principio, M. Whirtley, C. Yonge, B. Lindsay, E. Roethal, E. Fairben

Staff: K. Springmeier, D. Brennan, A. Lesterhuis, M. Woloson

Absent: M. Burnell, M. Davis, T. Facer, M. Fortune, J. Hamm, C. Kramer, B. Percy, A. Scheetz, D. Stuck

Mr. Mueller called the meeting to order at 8:30a.m. Introductions were made.

ECONOMIC NEWS AND UPDATES

Economic Issues/Trends/Concerns:

- Mr. McGregor noted that the winery industry has been looking good in the Finger Lakes. There has been a severe drought but the wine grapes have not suffered, unlike table grapes that have. Tourism in the Finger Lakes is booming and will continue to do so through September and October.
- Ms. Churchill noted that a lot of staff has been retiring in Wayne County, and new employees have been hired. The Wayne County Job Fair will be held on November 17th at the Palmyra VFW from 1-4:30pm. Ms. Churchill congratulated Optimax on 25 years of business. The celebration was at the Rochester Museum and Science Center.
- Mr. Plympton noted that the advanced manufacturing industry had a slow start to the year but is finishing up strong. There continues to be hundreds of jobs in the industry to fill just in our area.
- Mr. Manikowski noted that a lot of the positions open in Ontario County are in the advanced manufacturing sector. Openings are due to increase in wage rates and a smaller labor pool overall.
- Mr. Kauffman noted that the retail industry is relatively flat but will inevitably pick up in the fourth quarter with the holidays.
- Mr. Mueller noted that corn is at 75% of average crop and hay is at ½ crop. There is enough feed for the dairy cows but it remains a struggle.

Program Changes:

- None.

Privilege of the Floor:

- None.

SUCCESS STORY

Ms. Fairben from Wayne-Finger Lakes BOCES presented on the Summer Advanced Manufacturing Experience (SAME) program. For more information please contact Ms. D. Brennan.

COMMITTEE UPDATES:

- Finance & Audit: Mr. Doeblin
Mr. Doeblin noted that staff is focusing on the closing out of the fiscal year that concluded as of June 30th. The audit presentation will be done at the November board meeting.
- Governance & Membership: Mr. Manikowski
Mr. Manikowski noted that there are a few new board members.
- Marketing & Communications: Ms. Culeton
Ms. Culeton noted that the committee has asked for direction and a few ideas have been brought up. An idea to partner with FLTV for a television show is being discussed and updates will be provided in the future.
- Performance & Evaluation: Mr. Mueller
Ms. Mueller noted that the committee is looking for a new Chair of the committee. The unemployment rates are historically low, but the traffic at the career centers remains flat. All performance goals have been met for the previous program year except one youth goal. The youth counselors and committee have created a Performance Improvement Plan and will work to increase performance for this year.
- Economic Development Committee: Mr. Manikowski
Mr. Manikowski noted that the committee heard from Adecco representatives on the process of a temp agency.
- Youth Committee: Ms. Parish
Ms. Parish noted that there are about 876 students registered for the Finger Lakes Works... *with their hands!* All schools in our region are registered.
- Consortium/ Business Services: Mr. Woloson
Mr. Woloson noted that the consortium has put together a sub-committee of staff to review workshops. Yates County has hired a new business service rep, Lisa Principio. There is an October 20th ADA information session from 8:30am-10am at the FLWIB offices with ACCES-VR for employers.

- FAME: Mr. Plympton
My. Plympton noted that about 50 companies have agreed to the 5% pledge. Mr. Mandina, the founding Chair of FAME, will be passing the reigns to Dave Phillips of GW Lisk in February at the annual event.
- Director's Report: Ms. Springmeier
Ms. Springmeier noted that she has been focused on administrative needs and governance of the board over the summer. Staff has been assisting del Lago Resort and Casino in their hiring needs. The FLWIB is losing their Regional Assessment Coordinator. She will be re-assessing the duties by all staff.

NEW BUSINESS/CONSENT AGENDA:

- **Minutes**
 - A motion to approve the March 16, 2016 meeting minutes and all Resolutions in block format was made by Mr. Sheppard, seconded by Mr. Doebelin. All in favor, motion carried.

BOARD PRESENTATION

Mr. Roethal and Ms. Lindsay presented on the PTECH School. For more information, please contact Ms. D. Brennan.

OTHER BUSINESS

- Mr. Bischooping gave a thanks to the board for using the new WFL-BOCES conference room for the meeting. He noted that any tours of the facility would be available following the meeting. The rooms in the center are available for lease.

Next Board Meeting – Wednesday, November 16, 2016 – **FLCC-Victor Campus**

A motion to adjourn was made by Ms. L. Brennan, seconded by Ms. Churchill. All in favor, meeting adjourned. The Meeting was adjourned at 9:59a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Dinah Brennan
Executive Assistant