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Workforce Development Board

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Ulster County Workforce Development Board Meeting May 17, 2023 Minutes

- MEMBERS PRESENT** – Tony Marmo, Don Mapes, Jim Ferraro, John Eickman, Ashima Butler, Tina Buono, Chris Marx, Mike Iapocce, Joe McDole, Alejandro Cordova, Frank Falatyn, Peter Harris
- MEMBERS ABSENT** - Angela Patella, Anthony Mignone, Brian Amthor, Desiree Lyle, Jess Davis, Maura McMahon, Michael Berg, Tamika Dunkley, Bill McKnight
- ALSO PRESENT** – Sharon Williams, OET Director/WDB Director, Faith Golden, OET Deputy Director, Amanda LaValle, Deputy County Executive

The meeting was called to order at 8:05 am by Tony Marmo, WDB Chair. There was a quorum.

1. OPENING – TONY MARMO, BOARD CHAIR:

Tony welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – TONY MARMO

Tony asked for a motion to approve minutes from March 2023. Motion made by Jim Ferraro, seconded by Mike Iapocce. All in Favor, none opposed. Minutes approved.

3. FINANCIAL REPORT – FAITH GOLDEN, OET DEPUTY DIRECTOR

Faith presented the charts and graphs for the April 2023 Report on Adult, Youth and Dislocated Worker funds.

We are a little bit ahead on Adult spending, a little behind on Youth and a little more behind on DW spending. Permission was requested and approved at the last Board meeting to transfer funds from Dislocated Worker to Adult funds (\$40,000 of the DW funds will be transferred to Adult funding). This also gets approved at the State. Discussion followed about the funding. There will be an increase in funds received toward DW this year.

4. FOLLOW-UP FROM WORKFORCE SUMMIT – WORK FROM GROUP 3: ENGAGING HISTORICALLY EXCLUDED POPULATIONS (STEPS) – FRANK FALATYN

Workforce Summit III is scheduled for June 15th, 2023 at SUNY Ulster Kingston Location. Each of the Summits has raised a question, how are we going to address shrinking workforce across the Hudson Valley? Frank gave a presentation regarding the Engaging Historically Excluded Populations group and what WIOA is. He went over his slides and discussion followed and feedback was given.

Tony asked for a Motion to conceptually approve the plan that has been submitted. Motion made by Don Mapes and seconded by John Eickman.

Peter Harris from Ulster BOCES and Amanda LaValle, Deputy County Executive were introduced.

5. POLICY UPDATES – SHARON WILLIAMS/FAITH GOLDEN

DISRUPTIVE CUSTOMER – The forms have been refreshed that customers have to sign that come in to the Career Center. Anyone not conducting themselves according to the Code of Conduct, may possibly be banned from the Career Center for a period of time. Motion made by Frank Falatyn, seconded by Tina Buono.

PRIORITY OF SERVICE – has not changed. What is different now is that they are trying to enforce the 50.1% of the Adults to be served are required to fall into one of the following categories: Recipients of public assistance, other low-income individuals, or individuals who are basic skills deficient and, in addition, Veterans must continue to receive priority of service. Motion made by Jim Ferraro, seconded by John Eickman.

6. WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD TERMS 2023 – SHARON WILLIAMS, WDB DIRECTOR

WDB calendar year ends June 30th. The new calendar year starts immediately on July 1st. Tony's term as Chair will end on June 30th; Jim Ferraro will be the new Chair. Also, there are some renewals of Board Members. Tamika Dunkley will be the new Vice-Chair and we have lost a few members. We will continue to look for new Board members – we need 51% to be business industry members. Commitment is 2 years. The Board Engagement Committee will go through a vetting process.

7. DIRECTOR'S REPORT – SHARON WILLIAMS, WDB DIRECTOR

Summer Youth Employment Program (SYEP) – The deadline will likely be extended to May 30th. Our goal is to try to get about 140 completed applications to be vetted for 125 jobs as some applicants will not be able to participate in the program. Ages are 14-20 years old and must have their working papers.

8. MOTION TO ADJOURN – TONY MARMO

Tony asked for a Motion to Adjourn – Motion made by Don Mapes, seconded by John Eickman. Meeting adjourned at 9:15 am.

**ULSTER COUNTY WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD
NEXT MEETING:**

**Wednesday, July 19, 2023
8:00 AM**