

**MINUTES
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
March 19, 2010**

I. Introductions/Call to Order

The Workforce Investment Board (WIB) of Solano County met on Friday, March 19, 2010 at the Solano County Office of Education located at 5100 Business Center Drive, in Fairfield. Mr. George Dudikoff, Board Chair, called the meeting to order at 8:11 a.m. The following members, staff and guests were present.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Dee Alarcon
Rhuenette Alums
Kim Beiner
Darrin Berardi
Robert Bloom
Carlos Borba
Stephanie Cabral
Paul Castro
Brian Chikowski
George Dudikoff
Patrick Duterte
Lou Franchimon
Fadi Halabi
Jowel Laguerre
William Reardon
Jon Riley
Dennis Scott
Catherine Tapia

MEMBERS EXCUSED

Mike Ammann
Bob Brewer
Bill Cawley
Frank Crim
Chris Daniels
Pam Englund
Deborah Fries
Debb Jachens
Brett Johnson
Kevin Johnson
Cynthia Johnston
Christine Kelichner
Elizabeth Mueller
Lorenda Sanchez
Maggie Sanchez
Sherri Stegge
Sue Vaccaro
Stephanie Wong
Dick Zampa

STAFF PRESENT

Cheryl Joseph, Business/Employment Services Manager
Kitt Lee, Fiscal/Information Manager
Kristen Vaughan, Business Services Coordinator
Marion Aiken, Workforce Services Manager
Tamara L. Moon, Board Liaison
Jesse Stewart, One-Stop Navigator

GUESTS

Tim Ray, AT&T

Board Chair, Mr. George Dudikoff, welcomed the Board of Directors and the meeting was convened.

II. Additions To or Deletions from the Agenda

Board Chair, Mr. George Dudikoff, called for any additions or deletions to the agenda. There were none.

III. Approval of the Agenda

MOTION #1

A motion was made and seconded to approve the Agenda.

(Chikowski/Borba) MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

IV. Public Comment

Board Chair, Mr. George Dudikoff, opened the floor to Public Comments at 8:12 a.m. – none were presented.

V. Informational Updates

A. Board Chair Report

The following informational updates were presented by Board Chair, Mr. George Dudikoff:

- ▶ Mr. Dudikoff reported that he and Robert Bloom attended the National Association of Workforce Boards Conference in Washington, D.C. along with 1,600 other members. Mr. Dudikoff enjoyed the trip and “walked away with a sense of pride”.
- ▶ Mr. Dudikoff announced that there are two Business Representative vacancies on the Board and asked members to make recommendations and forward contact information to him or Mr. Bloom directly.

B. Executive Director/President Report

The following informational updates were presented by the Executive Director, Mr. Robert Bloom:

- ▶ Mr. Bloom announced that 270,000 computer training vouchers are being distributed among the 49 California WIBs to those seeking updated computer skills under a program called Elevate America. These vouchers are being issued for Microsoft Certification Exams for Microsoft Windows and Office online training, Microsoft Business Certification Exams and Advanced Technical Professional level online training. Out of the 270,000 vouchers, 1,700 will be distributed in Solano County.
- ▶ Mr. Bloom reported that a \$1 million grant was received through NBEC – Sonoma County is the lead and Solano WIB is a sub-contractor. The grant is being referred to as the CCEWTP (California Clean Energy Workforce Training Program). Solano County has received \$225,000 to serve 75 unemployed/underemployed construction workers to offer training in green building codes and other specialized areas. Mr. Bloom explained that the start date was put on hold since the proposals came back unexpectedly high. Another RFQ went out with a deadline of 5:00 p.m. on March 18, 2010. By Monday, March 22, 2010, WIB should have a new list of potential training opportunities.
- ▶ Mr. Bloom reported that the first \$500,000 increment of funding for the VetLink Program ended in December 2009. WIB was due to receive \$500,000 for the second increment of funding in January 2010; however, to date, no money has been received. Mr. Bloom expects the funding to come any day now since WIB has been asked to submit their budget and participation plan. The second increment of funding is to serve 60 recently separated Vets.
- ▶ Mr. Bloom announced that WIB will not be moving forward with the Pre-apprentice Welding program. This decision was made based on an unexpected training session for Fresno City College being conducted at the Benicia site.

- ▶ Mr. Bloom reported that the Ex-offender Program (New Start) was due to receive funding of \$112,000; however, there is the possibility that all/some of the funding will be rescinded. Patrick Duterte, Director, Solano County Health and Social Services, offered assistance to Mr. Bloom to help his efforts in obtaining the funding and encouraged all Board members to get involved and “make noise” for this cause.

C. Program Success Story

Mr. Jesse Stewart, One-Stop Navigator, reported on the success of a Re-entry client.

VI. Member Discussion

George Dudikoff, Board Chair and President, Dudikoff Insurance, along with Ms. Rhuenett Alums, Area Director, AT&T, and Mr. Fadi Halabi, President, Duracite spoke briefly about how the economic impacts on our County were affecting their businesses.

VII. Consent Calendar

A. Approval of the January 15, 2010 Meeting Minutes

Board Chair, Mr. George Dudikoff, asked if there were any changes to the minutes of the January 15, 2010 meeting, which were included in the March 19, 2010 Board Package. No changes were reported.

MOTION #2

A motion was made and seconded to approve the January 15, 2010 meeting minutes. (Alarcon/Laguerre) MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

VIII. Scheduled Calendar

A. Items Pulled From the Consent Calendar - None

B. Review and Approval of the 2009-2010 Budget and Participation Enrollment Modification

Executive Director, Mr. Robert Bloom, reviewed item VIII.B, **Review and Approval of the 2009-2010 Budget and Participation Enrollment Modification**, which was included as part of the agenda package and incorporated herewith. Mr. Bloom stated that the Budget Committee of the Workforce Investment Board reviewed the proposed modification of the agency-operating budget for the 2009-2010 program year at its March 15th meeting and is recommending the approval by the full Board. Ms. Kitt Lee, fiscal/Information Manager, reviewed and explained Attachment A (page 10-A.1) in the agenda package.

MOTION #4

A motion was made and seconded to approve the 2009-2010 Budget and Participation Enrollment Modification. (Reardon/Chikowski) MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

C. Preliminary Program Plans for 2010 WIA Summer Youth Program

Executive Director, Mr. Robert Bloom, reviewed item VIII.C, **Preliminary Program Plans for 2010 WIA Summer Youth Program**, which was included as part of the agenda package and incorporated herewith. Mr. Bloom referred members to a handout and gave an overview of the preliminary program design parameters for the 2010 WIA Summer Youth Employment Program. Mr. Bloom emphasized that staff is working on updating all worksite agreements to ensure that all participants are viewed as “trainees”

and not employees of the agency. Mr. Bloom also reviewed and explained the funding sources, program eligibility and program services.

IX. Reports No Action

Board Chair, Mr. George Dudikoff, asked members if they had any questions or comments about reports A – J. These items were informational and did not require any action or discussion by the Board.

X. Other Business

Board Chair, Mr. Dudikoff, called for any further business. Mr. Bloom referred members to the WIB Regional Career Fair flyer and encouraged everyone to attend the event on Thursday, April 1, 2010.

XI. Adjournment

With no other business, the meeting adjourned at 10:05 a.m.

The next regular meeting of the Workforce Investment Board (WIB) of Solano County is scheduled for **Friday, May 21, 2010, from 8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m., at the Solano County Office of Education, 5100 Business Center Drive, Fairfield, CA 94534**

Respectfully submitted by:

Tamara L. Moon, Board Liaison