

**ULSTER COUNTY
WORKFORCE INVESTMENT BOARD
MINUTES**

DECEMBER 17, 2010

MEMBERS PRESENT

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| Michael Berg | Frank Falatyn | Robert Hirsch | Dorothy Marable | James Rhein |
| James Bracco | William Flynn | Thom Kleiner | Chris McKeever | Bruce Solomkin |
| David Dittmann | March Gallagher | Howard Korn | Joyce Minard | Barbara Sorkin |
| Brian Doyle | Barbara Gill | Eileen Larocca | Robert Normann | Elaine Trott |
| Tanja Driever | Tammy Gillon | Jon Levin | Kathryn Reed | |

MEMBERS EXCUSED

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| Ozzie Beichert | Norman Kestin | Lance Matteson | Christopher Marx | Todd Ravinett |
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MEMBERS ABSENT

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| Terry Breitenstein | Heidi Rosborough | Patricia Stovall | Michael Warren |
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ALSO PRESENT

Nancy E.K. Schaef, WIB Director
Michael Hein, County Executive
Marshall Beckman, Deputy County Executive
Cynthia Baran, Deputy Director
Janet Rigaux, Youth Council Chair
Nancy Bell, NYSDOL Field Monitor
Marcia Lima, OET Administrative Assistant
Linda Corsones, SUNY Ulster representative

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 12:40 pm by Vice Chair, Tammy Gillon. Tammy explained that Todd Ravinett, Board Chair was absent due to illness.

Approval of Minutes: Motion to accept the minutes from September 24, 2010 was made by Elaine Trott, seconded by James Bracco and carried unanimously.

Introduction of Special Guest Speaker: Ulster County Executive Michael Hein was introduced and welcomed to the WIB meeting. Executive Hein updated the Board on the impacts of the 2011 Ulster County Budget to the Ulster business community and the strategies of the Executive's office toward building jobs and economic development opportunities in Ulster County. Also discussed were concerns for our youth, our

emerging workforce, and how best to train them for careers within the local economy. Work readiness training and manufacturing training are significant trainings required for us to strengthen our workforce for local businesses. Having a trained workforce builds our attraction to new businesses interested in moving into the area. Executive Hein thanked Board members for their contribution to the Board activities which makes an enormous impact in our community.

Financial Report: Cynthia Baran, OET Deputy Director presented the fiscal monthly report for November, 2010 WIA Expenditures. Members praised the charts Ms. Baran presented and said they were much easier to Understand than prior reporting methods. Cindy reported that the State has made supplemental Dislocated Worker dollars available – approximately \$38,000. If we accept the dollars, 75% must be accrued by the end of March and fully expended by the end of June. The State will also increase our expenditure rate to 80%. Though we plan to accept the dollars, we recognize the importance of having to meet this higher rate of risk of expenditures. Motion to accept the financial report was made by Michael Berg, seconded by David Dittmann and carried unanimously.

WIB & OneStop updates: Nancy E.K. Schaef, OET & WIB Director notified the Board that William Flynn has retired from Central Hudson and is resigning from the Board. We thank him for his service to the Board and to the community.

Nancy reported that Ulster County WIB is one of thirteen WIB's awarded \$70,000 under the Disability Employment Initiative Program to provide funding for our Disability Program Navigator and to expand our services to persons with disabilities seeking employment and training.

Strategic Planning Committee: The Committee has chosen as its primary focus to build better relationships between businesses and education in Ulster County. The Committee has a meeting scheduled for next month.

Marketing Committee: A web development company, 33 Delivered, located in Kingston, has been working with the Marketing Committee pro bono to build a web site for the Ulster Works OneStop. The website is close to completion as we approach the design phase of its construction. The website will permit businesses to enter Job Orders directly onto the site as it will be integrated with the New York State Dept. of Labor site. There is also a plan for the website to include social networking methods of communication such as Facebook and Twitter.

Youth Council: The Youth Council met in November at the Ulster County Jail. Invited by Superintendent Jim Hansen, the Council representatives meet with incarcerated youth who reside in A-Pod. The members of these organizations were able to offer their services directly to these young men and women upon their release. A meeting also took place with educators from the Kingston School District who provide GED and work readiness training to these young people. Building these types of relationships are important in better serving these at-risk youth of our community.

Other Business:

In accordance with the WIB By-Laws, the Board will have four full Board meetings a year with the emphasis on monthly sub-committee meetings. Anyone not assigned to a committee please notify the Director, Nancy Schaef which committee you would like to be assigned.

Adjourn: Motion to adjourn at 1:55 pm was made by Kathleen Reed, seconded by Robert Normann and carried unanimously.