



## Board of Directors Quarterly Meeting Minutes of Wednesday, June 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2022

Full Audio Recording available upon request

**Attendance:** Bonnie Mello, David Cabral, David Slutz, Duarte Silva, Jane McArdle, Jean Breault, Jeffrey Pelletier, Jennifer Patnaude, Margarita Graham, Pam Kuechler, Ron Melbourne, Aaron Polansky, John Fernandes, Michael Tavares, Christopher Mittell

**Staff:** Donna Ramos, Jim Oliveira, Joe Lopes, Jacquie Sylvia, Abbey Despres, Deborah Meggison, Taylor Nichols-Xavier, Deven Robitaille, Justin Grota, Kyra Greco, Debbie Hartman, Matt De Oliveira

**Guests:** Elizete Perry, Michael Dunne

**Greetings and Call to Order** by David Slutz- Chair – Opened meeting at 3:56PM

**Announcements-** Chair, David Slutz

David Slutz welcomed all to the annual meeting and began with introductions of all present board members and guests. David Slutz also introduced Michael Dunne, Regional Director of Equus Workforce Solutions, the new operator of the MassHire Greater New Bedford Career Center.

**Consent Agenda (Votes)**

- Approval of Minutes JUNE 2022 Special Meeting
- Approval of Treasurer's Report
  - David Slutz called for a motion to approve both June special meeting minutes and the Treasurer's report. Margarita Graham made a motion to accept items, seconded by Duarte Silva. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

**Votes to Approve – Jim Oliveira**

- **To award the two bids for WIOA Title 1 Youth service providers to both Pace Youth Build and Northstar Learning Center (Heal, SSYI, and Shannon).**
  - Motion to approve made by Margarita Graham, seconded by Jeffrey Pelletier. A majority of the board voted in favor with one dissenting vote.
- **To approve the integrated budget as presented to initiate FY23.**
  - Motion to approve was made by Ron Melbourne, seconded by Margarita Graham. All voted in favor and the motion carried.
- **To approve nomination waivers of Chair, Treasurer, and Secretary to continue to serve beyond 3-year term as noted in MassHire Greater New Bedford Workforce Board by-laws.**
  - Motion to approve made by Jeffrey Pelletier, seconded by Duarte Silva. All voted in favor and the motion carried.
- **To accept and approve Nomination Committee's proposed slate of Officers for FY23.**
  - Motion made by Jeffrey Pelletier, seconded by Dave Cabral. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

**Executive Director & Deputy Executive Director Report - Jim Oliveira/Joe Lopes**

Jim Oliveira highlighted key aspects of his CEO report relative to the board. He made mention of the Mass Workforce Association's plan to hold their annual meeting in New Bedford next year. Jim Oliveira emphasized grant opportunities that have come across his desk, such as collaboration with Mayflower Wind in the offshore wind industry. Jim briefly reviewed Joe Lope's Deputy Executive Director report and what he has been working on in recent months. Both reports are included on the Live Binder and can be made available upon request.

**Other Business & Community Input-**

FY23 Committee Meeting Schedules have been developed and will be distributed by the end of the week.

**Adjourned at 4:19PM**– verbal roll call all in favor - Motion to adjourn made by Duarte Silva, seconded by Margarita Graham

**Next Meeting:** September 28<sup>th</sup>, 2022

**Location:** TBD