



Board of Directors Quarterly Meeting Minutes of Wednesday, March 24, 2021

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Attendance: J. Daniels, L. Lemieux J. Bahena, P. Correia, R. Kidder, C. Taber, H. DaSilva-Hughes, J. Patnaude, A. Wainer, C. Williams T. Silvia, D. Slutz, M. Graham, P. Kuechler, J. Pelletier, D. Santos, S. Cunha, C. Rezendes, D. Jenkins, H. Kennedy, D. Hurley, L. Jochim

Staff: J. Oliveira, J. Lopes, A. McLaughlin, D. Meggison, J. Sylvia, B. Silva-Boutwell, A. Despres. T. Nichols-Xavier

Guests: E. Perry, B. Costa, D. Lopes, M. Rosario, R. Ledbetter

Greetings and Call to Order by J. Oliveira, GNBWB Executive Director/CEO - 12:06 pm

J. Oliveira read the Remote Public Meeting Guidelines and took roll call to begin the meeting

Announcements

- D. Slutz announced B. Silva-Boutwell promotion to Connecting Activities Senior Coordinator and welcomed T. Nichols-Xavier as new Program Monitor and Administrative Assistant of the Workforce Board.

Consent Agenda (Votes)

- December 23, 2020 Quarterly Meeting Minutes and Treasurer's Report through March 4, 2021 for approval – motion to approve D. Hurley, seconded by P. Correia– verbal roll call all in favor.

Report Outs: Executive Director Report - J. Oliveira

Discussion surrounded happenings/projects completed during this last quarter and upcoming projects/funds/grants. Career Center Certification updates were provided and report given for recommendation for certification to be voted on by the full board to ratify vote taken at the Ex-Comm meeting on 3/17. Discussed upcoming FY21 monitoring review and its associated elements to be conducted over span of two weeks and by both program monitor and the state. Provided update on internal strategic planning developments and intent to incorporate focus groups from the board to start thinking about industry related initiatives. New current initiatives, grants and training opportunities for industry sectors were additionally presented. Internship prospects and recent RFR to maintain and fund Apprenticeship Manager for the next 3 years were also mentioned; Update given on manufacturing grants, virtual welding training at VOKE, youth programming grant for summer and funding associated. Discussed how CDBG funds were utilized and where money will be allocated. Other internal projects were discussed and stated efforts to secure other possible grants for the workforce board system and partners. Congratulations to Finance Director, A. Despres for clearing past financial findings by the state.

Masshire Career Center Certification-

Career Center scored very well and certification vote was brought to Executive committee. Full board needs to ratify vote of the Ex-Comm. Ex-Comm did not have any concerns and Masshire Career Center performing well and meeting most of performance indicators. Minor issues are being worked on regarding marketing area which is being currently addressed. -R. Kidder motioned to ratify the Ex-Comm's decision to recertify the career center, seconded by P. Correia. - verbal roll call all in favor.

Nominating Committee- R. Kidder

Reported that 10 members of this board are up for re-election. Currently in process of formulating the final names for the nominating committee. The nominating committee will be bringing forth slate of officers for executive committee and members for the organization of the board and potential for new members of the board. Must be mindful of mandated partners and percentage of board members that represent the private sectors. Currently being put together for final ratification for meeting in June.

MassHire Career Center Report- J. Daniels

Thank you to the board for the certification. Center has been working on recruitments and virtual job fairs and job fair recruitment efforts and outcomes were presented. Focusing on job development and job placements to get people to work again. Discussed struggles of customers wanting to remain on unemployment. Also working on workshops and conversion of workshops into Spanish as part of virtual services. Working with marketing working group on getting the word out about services. Preparing for large number of customers coming into the center in summer time. Working on upcoming summer jobs program and continues to work with IAC to service shared customers. Working on FY21 monitoring process that began this week. J. Oliveira added that MCC going to spend down training dollars.

Other Business & Community Input- No other business or input was provided

Adjourned at 2:42 PM – verbal roll call all in favor