

Executive & One-Stop Operations
January 15, 2020

Members Present

Les Vail, WDB Chair

Tom Bianco, GC Economic Development

Sam Ferraino, Apprenticeship & Industry Devel.

Stephen Hart, DWD

Michelle Shirey, GC WDB Executive Director

Eileen Gallo, WDB Staff

Michael Girone, WDB Vice Chair

Robert DeMarco, NJLWD

Heather Faulkner, GC Housing Authority

Kimberly Quigley, St. John of God

Glen Donelson, MASCEC

Bridget DiGiambattista, WDB Staff

Members Absent

Anthony Bellia, Marketing & Business Outreach

Cleve Bryan, Youth Development

Michael Dicken, GCIT

Hunter Kintzing, Resource Analysis & Budget

Stacey Smith, DVRS

Ralph Bingham, GC Library System

Lisa Cerny, GC Human & Disability Svcs.

Katie Doyle, GC Div. Social Services

Brigette Satchell, RCSJ

Denise Taguwa, NJLWD

Les opened the meeting at 2:30 pm

The Oath of Office was administered to re-appointed WDB members Stephen Hart and Robert DeMarco by Tom Bianco.

A motion to approve October 16, 2019 meeting minutes was made by T. Bianco, seconded by S. Hart.

New Business

Approval 2020 WDB Committee Schedule - A motion to accept and approve the 2020 WDB Committee meeting schedule noting Community Needs Assessment/Literacy/Disability January 16 meeting will be moved to January 30, was made by T. Bianco, seconded by S. Ferraino.

Approval WDB Bylaws – A motion to accept and approve the WDB Bylaws was made by S. Ferraino, seconded by T. Bianco.

Les stated ballots will be emailed to all voting members for nomination for WDD Chair & WDB Vice Chair by February 1, 2020. Voting will take place at the Full WDB Membership Conference on March 11, 2020. Tom Bianco will replace Dr. King as Chair of the Nomination Committee.

Michelle stated we forwarded to the Board of Chosen Freeholders / Freeholder Director vacancies (Dr. W. King) on the Workforce Development Board and we waiting on feedback.

Michelle reported the ACE Program will resume with information sessions scheduled for Jan. 22, Jan. 29, & Feb. 5 at RCSJ. This year we have sponsors and during the training sessions being held in March & April, an ACE representative will be attending as a sponsor. The sponsor will help the participants understand the expectations of being employed by ACE. They are expecting job announcements in April. Michelle stated she, Tom, and Jeff Schwarz are working on identifying other companies with the same energy industry skill sets.

Announcements

Les announced the State of the County will be held Friday, January 17, 2020, at Rowan University. Cheryl Norton, President of New Jersey American Water will be the keynote speaker. The panel discussion will be on 'Eds Meds Commerce Corridor/Rt. 55', panelists include Fred Keating, Ali Houshmand, John DeAngelo, & Senator Stephen Sweeney.

The Employer Legislative Committees (ELC) breakfast will be held Friday, January 24, 2020, at Courtyard Marriott in Glassboro, Senate President Steve Sweeney will be the keynote speaker.

Stephen reported the AJC has set up testing for the ACE program, they will test every Friday and have a dedicated computer for ESL. Appointment letters are prepared listing location and information about testing.

Robert reported the Census Bureau will holding a recruitment on Jan. 24 at the AJC. The Rapid Response Team will be going to AC Moore, JaNea W. is the contact person.

Kim reported St. John of God hosted the southern region meeting on Jan. 14 for transportation issues for those with disabilities requested by Senator Sweeney with CRP's. Questions/comments will be presented at State Senate Select Committee on NJ Transit meeting on Jan. 16, 2020, a representative from south jersey will be attending.

Glen Donelson, MidAtlantic States Career & Education Center in addition to working with inmates in the Salem County Correctional Facility, they also receive calls from employers they have worked with looking to hire. Stephen stated Walt Donelson and Victoria Carpenter are helping with the expungement program at AJC and are creating a PowerPoint presentation for the clients.

Heather reported the GC Housing Authority continues to look for veterans for Camp Salute. Veterans vouchers are still open.

Sam reported they are now representing new business (maintenance engineering), which offers prevailing wage, benefits, & 401K. He stated when the business gets a new contract, they need employees. Michelle said we'd be happy to do recruitment at the AJC. Sam reported on the concern over the loss of retail workers due to technology (self-scanning).

A motion for adjournment was made by T. Bianco, seconded by S. Ferraino.

The next meeting will be held on April 15, 2020.

Respectfully submitted,

Bridget A. DiGiambattista, WDB Staff