

## FULL WDB MEMBERSHIP CONFERENCE

January 25, 2023

### Members Present

Les Vail, WDB Chair	Michael Girone, WDB Vice Chair
Michelle Shirey, WDB Director	Danny Sulpizio, CBO
Candice Racite, RCSJ	Amy Charlesworth, People in Transition
Alisha Thompson, DWD	Stacey Smith, DVRS
Nick Bidinger, Local Union 322	Krista Lope, DVRS
Fran Harwell, FBO	Karen Rodriguez, NJLWD
Judeline Marcellus, NJLWD	Robert DeMarco, NJLWD
Patty Claghorn, RCSJ	Cheryl Casciano, DVRS
Janet Garraty, GC Chamber of Commerce	Christine Arpino, GC Probation
Kimberly Gober, Housing Authority of GC	Andrea Rivera, DVRS
Randee Davidson, RCSJ	Stanley Hershey, DWD
Jen Macchione, St. John of God Comm. Svcs.	Crystal Torres, People in Transition
Jeff Sanders, St. John of God Comm. Svcs.	Carolyn Oldt, GC Library
Lani Allen-Davis, MidAtlantic States Career & Educ Ctr.	

### Visitors

Nicole Wilson, Inspira Health	Shana Nilenberg, St. John of God Comm. Svcs.
Michelle Baylor, GC Health Dept.	Adam Morina, RCSJ
Ashley Herr, DVRS	Cody Miller, RCSJ
Adriana Lockman, GC Probation	Irene Perez, DVRS
Dominic Puggi, RCSJ	Judith Pissano, GC Library
Eric Fisher, GC Senior Services	

Les opened the meeting at 9:00 am  
Salute the Flag  
Verification of Quorum was made  
Open Public Meetings Act was read

A motion to approve November 2, 2022 meeting minutes was made by D. Sulpizio, seconded by A. Thompson.

The oath of office was administered to re-appointed / newly appointed WDB voting members in attendance by Les Vail to the following - Robert DeMarco, Janet Garraty, Nick Bidinger, Stacey Smith

### WDB Update

Governance Policy – Michelle stated our governance policies and conversations are ahead of schedule. The schedule is pretty aggressive scheduled for MOU's, training from SETC, structure funding agreements, etc. which all take time. Les will be asking for motion to establish an adhoc committee and she would like to be transparent in that the adhoc committee volunteers will be busy with many meetings happening over the next 6 months to 1 year.

Les stated with WDB, Economic Development & the Chamber of Commerce on RCSJ have allowed the government, business, and community to come together and work together to help improve what he feels is already best in the state.

Once we become formally a part of RCSJ, as a workforce development board, this gives us greater access to resources the college offers and greater access to the results of what we are doing.

## **New Business**

Establish ad-hoc committee for Governance Policy – Approval of Les Vail & Michael Girone as Co-Chairs. A motion to approve establishing an ad-hoc committee for Governance Policy & appointment of Les Vail & Michael Girone as Co-Chairs of the Governance Policy ad-hoc committee was made by K. Gober, seconded by C. Oldt.

Establish an Ad-hoc Nomination Committee for WDB Chair / Vice Chair-Approval of Thomas Bianco as Chair.

A motion to establish an ad-hoc committee for WDB Chair/Vice Chair & approve the appointment of Thomas Bianco as Chair of ad-hoc nomination committee was made by D. Sulpizio, seconded by K. Gober.

Voice vote to extend current MOUs/IFA's agreement with One Stop Partners until sufficient guidance is given by NJDOL.

A motion to approve the extension was made by M. Girone, seconded by C. Oldt.

## **Announcements**

GC Library – C. Oldt reported they are becoming a LEAP Library, working with NJ Commission for Blind & Visually Impaired, they will have instructors from NJ State Library to teach visually impaired Braille on their iPad and iPhones. The Library is partnering with Gloucester County for transportation. Classes will be held March 14 – April 18 for seniors 55 years of age and older who are visually impaired.

RCSJ – P. Claghorn reported the college has a new degree program and certificate program in Entrepreneurship to help people decide if they want to go into business. They will be partnering with the GC Chamber of Commerce for an event on March 29, it will be both a panel and interactive workshop to help budding entrepreneurs consider the resources available to them.

Michelle reported the mega job fair will be held Friday, March 24, 2023. The RCSJ/Foundation is working on an HR Direct Program, we will align our business contacts to the college so they can have the same access to businesses and HR contacts. We will be expanding the job fair by adding a lunch & learn for HR managers to attend immediately following the job fair. We will have a panel of our partners and resources to answer questions. Cody announced any business that signs up with the college, will post their job openings and their employees will receive a 25% tuition discount to take classes at RCSJ. Michelle stated we have seen major organizations announcing layoffs. She started using LinkedIn as our way to message potential students, and potential employers for employees is something we will do more going forward. She asked that everyone 'share' any info that is posted.

C. Casciano from DVRS asked about inquiries for Cannabis Apprenticeship. Michelle responded to forward anybody with interest in the program to Bridget DiGiambattista as she is keeping the list. Rowan University is the grant recipient and will roll out the program in April.

RCSJ – Randee reported the college is actively involved in apprenticeship and has several partners now. Along with our partnership with NJCCC we have a pre-apprenticeship and apprenticeship tool kit for employers and will send it out as soon as we get approval from USDOL. The current partnerships we have are: Certified Recovery Specialist, partner Center for Family Services; Industrial Maintenance Mechanic, the partner is Ardox; CNA, the partner is Shady Lane.

A motion for adjournment was made by M. Shirey, seconded by R. DeMarco.

Respectfully submitted,

Bridget A. DiGiambattista, WDB Staff