

## EXECUTIVE & ONE-STOP OPERATIONS

April 19, 2023

### **Members Present**

Les Vail, WDB Chair

Tom Bianco, GC Economic Development

Robert DeMarco, NJLWD

Stephen Hart, DWD

Brigette Satchell, RCSJ

Stacey Smith, DVRS

Allison Spinelli, WDB Staff

Michael Girone, WDB Vice-Chair

Glen Donelson, MidAtlantic States Career & Edu. Ctr.

Kimberly Gober, Housing Authority Gloucester County

Carolyn Oldt, GC Library System

Michelle Shirey, AVP Workforce Innovation/RCSJ

Eileen Gallo, WDB Staff

Bridget DiGiambattista, WDB Staff

### **Visitor**

Lani Allen-Davis, MidAtlantic States Career & Edu. Ctr.

Tom opened the meeting at 2:30 pm.

A motion to approve Jan. 18, 2023 minutes was made by M. Girone, seconded by R. DeMarco.

### **Nomination for WDB Chair & Vice Chair**

Tom Bianco, Chair of Nominating Committee reported that ballots were emailed to all voting members and two people were nominated. Les Vail was nominated to serve as WDB Chair and Michael Girone was nominated to serve as WDB Vice-Chair, no other nominations were received. A motion to accept the election of Les Vail for WDB Chair and Michael Girone for WDB Vice-Chair was made by K. Gober, and seconded by Brigette Satchell.

### **New Business**

Update Governance Policy Adhoc Committee. – Les reported those on this committee are: L. Vail, M. Shirey, F. Keating, M. Girone, A. Spinelli. We need to develop & appoint members to the ad-hoc procurement committee, please let Les know if you are interested.

A motion to approve the Approval of Conflict of Interest Policy; Approval of CEO/WDB MOU; and Youth Follow-Up Policy was made by T. Bianco, seconded by K. Gober.

### **Announcements**

Michelle reported a meeting will be scheduled in May with Dr. Keating and Dimension Renewable Energy to discuss a partnership.

R. DeMarco reported they will be interviewing ES trainees. The State is offering a summer intern program (June-end of August), and he will be scheduling interviews with potential interns.

S. Hart reported they continue doing outreach and since they do not have the number of clients coming in as they did in the past, they are visiting community-based organizations, adult probation/child support, CTE students, the nursing program at RCSJ to engage the community where they are & provide info about their services. They recently met with Gill Memorial Library. They are using the gaming app 1Huddle with adult probation and drug court to get the clients interested in our services through the gaming app. He has been speaking with a few businesses to help them understand there are programs to train their staff and create a greater workforce.

S. Smith reported they recently held an assessment day for Project Search. They interviewed 7 students, 5 from Gloucester County and 2 from Camden County. They will be accepting all 7 students. They still have the ability to accept more students because according to National, Project Search allows 8-10 students. The current Project Search had 5 students participate and 2 of the students will be offered a job by the host business – Jefferson Health. This current Project Search has the first 2 students who are deaf/hard of hearing. They were able to provide an interpreter and

worked with Easter Seals of NJ to visit Jefferson Health to help them develop ways to communicate with the 2 students since they would be wearing masks during work.

B. Satchell reported that Save the Dates will be going out for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Re-Entry Career & Resource Fair which will be held on September 15, 2023, at RCSJ/Gymnasium. Information sessions will begin in May for the Wind Turbine Technician Training program.

A motion for adjournment was made by S. Hart, seconded by M. Girone.

The next meeting will be on July 19, 2023.

Respectfully submitted,

Bridget A. DiGiambattista, WDB Staff