

FULL WDB MEMBERSHIP CONFERENCE

February 14, 2018

Members Present

Les Vail, WDB Chair

Tom Bianco, GC Economic Devel. Director

Brian Mattei, Apprenticeship Coordinator

Jason Newman, NJLWD

Lisa Cerny, GC Health & Human Services

Mike Dicken, GCIT/GCSSD

Ralph Bingham, GC Library System

Kristin Wilson, RCGC-PIT

Jerry Knast, St. John of God

Mike Dugan, NJLWD

Kim Alexander, GCIT

Robert DeMarco, NJLWD

Stephen Hart, DWD

Jack Fisher, Business

Susan Perron, Abilities Solutions

Heather Candeleria, DBVI

Leta Aiken-Walton, Ctr. for Indep. Living

Daniele Spence, Freeholder Aide

Eileen Gallo, WDB Staff

Michelle Shirey, WDB Executive Director

JaNea Wilson, NJLWD

Andrea Rivera, DVRS

Danny Sulpizio, Business

Peter Kaprielyan, Business

Steve Shultz, VOADV

Stacey Smith, DVRS

Bill Lang, GC Div. Social Services

Marie Rafter, GC Probation

Patty Claghorn, RCGC

Stanley Hershey, DWD

Thomas Fletcher, Business

Kimberly Gober, GC Housing Authority

Fred Keating, RCGC

Anne Wodnick, GC Library System

Allen Magid, RCGC

Freeholder Heather Simmons

John Furfari, WDB Staff

Bridget DiGiambattista, WDB Staff

Visitors

Melissa Perry, Rowan University

Liz Hatfield, Inspira Health Network

Jen Veneziani, DVRS

Rob Tumas, Rowan University

Denise Taguwa, NJLWD

Andrea Askie-Rosario, CBVI

Michelle opened the meeting at 8:30 am.

Members Slated the Flag

Verification of quorum was made

Open public meetings act was read

A motion to approve 11/1/17 minutes was made by D. Sulpizio, seconded by S. Hart.

Special Remarks

Freeholder Simmons announced the Pureland East West Shuttle continues to break records every month. The Revolving Loan Fund has loaned out \$3.5 million to businesses in Gloucester County, there have been no loan defaults. RCGC was awarded a \$1.2 million grant from NJLWD for the Financial Services Talent Development Center, the first one in the State. Career Connections is available at all county library branches and each library has trained navigators to assist visitors with using the software.

Oath of Office-New/Reappointed WDB Members

Freeholder Heather Simmons administered Oath of Office to newly appointed WDB member present- Stephen Schultz.

Presentation

Melissa Perry and Robert Tumas of Rowan University, Rowan Global Learning & Partnerships. Rowan Global takes care of programming for graduate, online, degree completion, hybrid, off site and partner programs. Melissa & Robert provided power point presentation on Rowan Global. They also announced an invitation will be sent for the inaugural Construction Utilities Talent Network Targeted Industry Partnerships (TIPS) meeting for Gloucester and counties south.

WDB Update

Michelle announced the new Mobile Job Center. This will innovate the way we do outreach and recruitment for our clients and the business community, residents, and students. The new phone based initiative will allow those that register to receive texts and updates alerting them to new businesses, hiring events, and update information on current job openings in the county and the region. She extended special thank you to the WDB Marketing & Business Outreach Committee.

The AJC Open House will be held February 21, 2018.

RCGC – Patty announced on March 14, 2018, RCGC will host the Education & Workforce Conference at the Business & Corporate Center. RCGC Spring Open House will be held March 22, 2018. The GC MEGA Job Fair & Resource Event will be held March 23, 2018. Suit a Student event will be held April 5, 2018, Fine Arts Center.

GCLS – Anne announced they are holding a food for your fines program in conjunction with the GC Cares About Hunger food campaign. Fines will be forgiven if you bring in a food item.

Ralph announced the innovation studio (maker space) on RCGC campus is open. It is open to faculty, students, and to the public.

Michelle announced Gloucester County and the Workforce Development Board have been chosen to participate in a National AJC Cohort. We will work with the NJLWD to implement best practices & technology into AJC's. We will be able to take this information and put the technology into not only Mobile technology but the physical location as well so job seekers & businesses can utilize all they need.

Michelle invited members to volunteer to assist the job seekers at the MEGA Job Fair & Resource Event on Friday, March 23, 2018.

Michelle congratulated Dan Sulpizio on being recipient of GC Chamber Community Service Award /Business Person of the Year.

A motion for adjournment was made by T. Bianco, seconded by B. Mattei.

The next Full WDB Membership Conference will be held May 9, 2018.

Respectfully submitted,

Bridget A. DiGiambattista, WDB Staff