

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/GCSSSD
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