

Meeting Minutes
FEBRUARY 11, 2016 3:30 PM – 5:30 PM
7201 CORPORATE CENTER DRIVE
HANOVER, MD 21076



MEMBERS PRESENT

Francis "Hall" Chaney, III, (Chair)
Gary Batey
Carol Beatty
Michelle A. Bell
Gary Bockrath
Adrian Chapman
Veronica A. Cool
Chris Desauteis
Louis Dubin
James D. Fielder
Bernie Fowler
Alvin Hathaway
Tony Hill
Allan Kittleman
Andrew B. Larson
Dawn Lindsay
Fred D. Mason, Jr.
Brian Mattingly
Roya Mohadjer
Kirkland "Kirk" Murray
Stephen K. Neal
Michael J. Pantelides
Ronald R. Peterson (Vice Chair)
Mike Posko
P.C. Price
Charles Ramos
Edward C. Rothstein, Col Ret
Lisa Rusyniak
Kelly M. Schulz
Marty Schwartz
Karen Tomasello
Matt Turpin
Michelle J. Wright

MEMBERS ABSENT

Sam Abed
Vanessa Atterbeary
Timothy R. Campbell
Katarina Ennerfelt
Christopher M. Ensey
R. Michael Gill
Steve Groenke
Frank Kelly
Charles Ketner
Rona E. Kramer
Sandra Kurtinitis
Larry Letow
Sam Malhotra
Stephen R. Moyer
Alexander Núñez
George W. Owings, III
Douglas J.J. Peters
Jack Smith

GWIB STAFF

Mike DiGiacomo
Valerie Edwards
Darla Henson
Brett Ogden
Diane Pabich

GUESTS

Knowlton Atterbeary
Jeff Beeson
Andrew Bertamini
Jobina Brown
Brandon Butler
Dina Gordon
Willis Gunther
Cynthia Gurne
Jeanne-Marie Holly
Kenneth Jessup
Sara Muempfer
Marsha Netus
Phil Nichols
Denise Nooe
Vincent Pacelli
Darlene Peregoy
Eric Ratchford
Erin Roth
James Rzepkowski
Bret Schreiber
Annabelle Sher
Vicki Simek
Mary Sloat
Patrice Sowah
Walt Townshend
Jeff Trice
Francine Trout
Patricia Tyler
Charlene Wade
Stacey Wagner
Liz Williams
Alice Wirth

INTRODUCTIONS AND WELCOME OPENING REMARKS

Francis “Hall” Chaney, III, Chair, Governor’s Workforce Investment Board (GWIB), called the meeting to order at 3:35 p.m. and welcomed all members to the February 2016 Quarterly meeting. Mr. Chaney, also welcomed new board members: Bernie Fowler, Founder and President Farming 4 Hunger, Inc.; Dawn Lindsay, President, Anne Arundel Community College; James D. Fielder, Secretary, Maryland Higher Education Commission; Karen Tomasello, Owner Sello’s, Inc.; and Michael J. Pantelides, Mayor City of Annapolis and asked that Board members introduce themselves.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A quorum was present and a motion was made and seconded, to approve the minutes of the December 9, 2015, GWIB Quarterly Board meeting.

CHAIRMAN’S REMARKS

Chairman Chaney provided an update on the GWIB Workforce Taskforce Groups, Advanced Manufacturing, Changing Demographics, Cybersecurity, Healthcare/Life Sciences, Information Technology, Marketing and Branding and Skilled Trades. This multi-industry taskforce will supply the necessary policy solutions that will provide a road map to follow so that we can have a highly skilled workforce that is essential to Maryland’s job creation and economic recovery in our state.

The GWIB Workforce Task Force Chairs are:

- Secretary Carol Beatty, Maryland Department of Disabilities
- Veronica Cool, Founder & Managing Director Cool & Associates, LLC
- Louis Myerberg Dubin, Managing Partner Redbrick LMD
- Katarina Ennerfelt, President/CEO ARCON Welding Equipment, LLC
- Roya Modhadjer, Senior Technology Strategist Lockheed Martin
- Lisa Rusyniak, President, & CEO Goodwill Industries of the Chesapeake, Inc.
- Matt Turpin, President, and CEO ZenTech Manufacturing, Inc.

The GWIB Taskforce Chairs will report out at the June 1, 2016 Board meeting.

REGIONAL COLLABORATION STRATEGIES PRESENTATION

Chairman Chaney introduced Stacey Wagner, CEO Principal, at the Jarrett Wagner Group, LLC. Ms. Wagner provided an overview on the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) and the key differences between Workforce Investment Act (WIA) and WIOA. Among one of the key changes is the role of state boards in coordinating and aligning workforce programs and adds functions to develop strategies to meet worker and employer needs through State sector approaches.

WIOA COMBINED WORKFORCE STATE PLAN DISCUSSION

Michael R. DiGiacomo, GWIB, Executive Director provided an update of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA), and the major content areas of the Maryland’s Combined Workforce State Plan that includes the strategic and operational planning elements. He gave a short synopsis of the strategic

planning elements that includes analyses of Maryland's economic conditions, workforce characteristics, and workforce development activities. He pointed out that these analyses drive the vision and goals for this Combined State Plan.

Mr. DiGiacomo stated at this time he would like to introduce his colleague Brandon Butler, Deputy Assistant Director, DLLR, Division of Workforce Development and Adult Learning who will summarize the operational aspects of this State Plan. Mr. Butler opened by sharing that the operational planning elements identifies the efforts of ongoing work of approximately 300 subject matter experts who were consulted in the development of the initial draft of the Maryland Combined Workforce State Plan that would soon be available for public comment. This section of the state plan ensures that Maryland has the necessary infrastructure, policies and activities to meet the strategic goals, to implement its alignment strategy and support ongoing program development and its coordination. He identified that the State plan is the Governor's blueprint for workforce development. A discussion took place regarding the Combined State Plan. After a brief discussion, Mr. DiGiacomo thanked Mr. Butler and stated at this point, to turn the meeting over to the GWIB Chairman.

Chairman Chaney then asked Board members to finalize their review of the State Plan, in front of them. He made a motion to approve the State Plan, and it was seconded. All voted to accept the WIOA State Plan. Next, the Governor will review the State Plan, and then it will be submitted to USDOL before April 1, 2016.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Chaney thanked all for their participation, for the presentation and for feedback on the WIOA State Plan. He motioned to adjourn the meeting and the motion was passed.

Meeting adjourned at 5:15 p.m.