

Southern Illinois Workforce Investment Board Meeting
Family Opportunity Center, 120 Southtowne Shopping Center, Du Quoin
Thursday, March 19, 2009

Minutes

Call to Order – SIWIB Chair Mary M. Roe called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm with a quorum present. Members present were: Chair Mary Roe, Vice Chair William Armstrong, Vice Chair John Alongi, Vice Chair Jim McPhail, Parliamentarian Milton Maxwell, Treasurer Kathy Lively, Mary Ellen Bechtel, Wayne Bigham, Randall Crompton, Rex Cusumano, John Hammack, Victor Harris, John Rednour, Mary Sullivan, Alan Summers, Jack Struck, and Gail West. Present via telephone conference call were: Vice Chair Janice McConnaughy, Debra Jackanicz, and Tyler Young Jr. Others present included: Dr. John Washburn, Roxanne Brewer-Coffey, Michelle Cerutti, Rosie Robinson and Tammy Kirk.

Approval of Minutes – Mr. Armstrong made a motion to approve both the December 11, 2008 SIWIB meeting minutes and the March 1, 2009 Executive Committee meeting minutes as they were presented. Mr. Summers seconded the motion. There was a voice vote and the motion passed without objection.

Chair's Report – SIWIB Chair Mary M. Roe reported on the Youth Council meeting from the night before and their report for the Board's consideration. The Youth Council makes the following recommendations to the SIWIB relevant to the stimulus dollars allocated for the summer youth program for LWIA 25:

- Age range of youth to be served: 16-24 years
- Hourly wage to be paid:
 - \$8.00 minimum for all youth
 - \$8.50 if the youth has a high school diploma or GED
 - \$9.00 if the youth has an Associate degree or above
- Number of hours per week:
 - Minimum of 20 hours with a maximum of 32 hours based on worksite needs
- Parameters for program:
 - Staggered starting dates for in-school youth and out-of-school youth. Program will last seven to eight weeks. (Guidelines allow for participation from May 1, 2009 through September 30, 2009.)
- Project name: *Summer Works*

Ms. Lively made a motion to accept and approve the recommendations of the Youth Council for a summer youth program with a second by Ms. Bechtel. There was a voice vote and the motion passed without objection.

Consent Agenda – Mr. John Rednour made a motion to accept and approve the consent agenda as presented with a second by Mr. Milton Maxwell. There was a voice vote and the motion passed. Approved were the Treasurer’s Report and the Administrative Report.

Old Business – There was no old business.

New Business

Presentation – ARRA Local Affects on WIA Programs – Dr. John Washburn provided the SIWIB with a Power Point presentation on the details of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) as they relate to the Workforce Investment Act (WIA).

Pinning – As Chair Mary M. Roe was unavoidably called away from the meeting. She left the meeting in the capable hands of Vice Chair William Armstrong. Vice Chair Armstrong presented Mr. Wayne Bigham with a SIWIB lapel pin and asked him as a new member of the SIWIB to wear it with distinction at SIWIB and WIA functions. Vice Chair Armstrong asked the membership to provide Mr. Bigham with a warm welcome.

Miscellaneous – CEO Lively explained the need to modify the local workforce plan and submit a letter to Mr. Michael Baker at DCEO to extend the local workforce plan until June 30, 2010. In accordance with WIA Notice No. 08-NOT-33, the local plan was also being modified to incorporate the increases in funds and service levels to accommodate the recovery act (ARRA) funding. Ms. Bechtel made a motion to accept and approve the local plan modifications requested by DCEO and submitted to the Board for their approval. Ms. West seconded the motion. There was a voice vote and the motion passed without objection.

Matters from the Floor – There were no matters from the floor.

Recognition of Guests – Vice Chair William Armstrong recognized Dr. John Washburn, who provided the presentation earlier.

Adjournment – With no other business to come before the SIWIB, Dr. Struck made a motion to adjourn the meeting with a second from Vice Chair Alongi. There was a voice vote and the motion passed. Vice Chair William Armstrong adjourned the meeting.