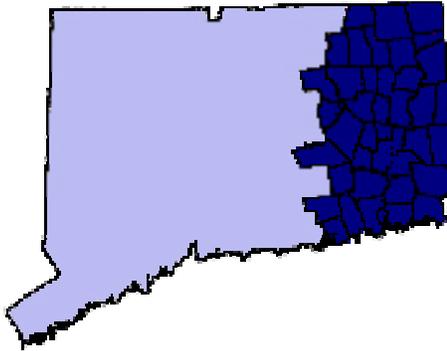


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CHIEF ELECTED OFFICIALS OVERSIGHT COUNCIL

MINUTES

DECEMBER 10, 2009

ATTENDEES

MEMBERS: Joseph Jaskiewicz, *Montville*; Edward Haberek, *Stonington*; Joyce Okonuk, *Lebanon*; Richard Matters, *Franklin*; & Brian Sear, *Canterbury*.

OTHERS: Jim Butler, Mark Paquette, John Beauregard, & Virginia Sampietro

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Jaskiewicz called the meeting to order at 8:45 A.M.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Members reviewed the minutes of the October 22, 2009 meeting. A **MOTION** was made to approve the minutes, as presented (*Matters/Haberek*). **ACTION:** Unanimously approved.

CORRESPONDENCE, COMMUNICATIONS, & MEDIA

Mr. Beauregard highlighted several items in the report including the rescissions that Gov. Rell made to the current year's funding. He also noted that CT has finally received approval to the WIA waiver request for increasing the reimbursement of On-the-Job Training (*OJT*) funding.

COUNCIL BUSINESS

- Budget/ARRA Stimulus Updates/Economic Update

The group reviewed several points from the State's Economic Advisors:

1. Unemployment continues to deteriorate and jobs are still declining,
2. Employers will be slow to add new workers, opting to expand the work-week and utilizing overtime instead,

3. Cyclical job losses (*due to business cycles*) are far out-numbered by structural job losses (*changing industry skills*), and this has been increasing the demand for retraining ~ the demand for training in the last 5 months is greater than the last 5 years.
- OJT Program

The group reviewed workforce training through OJT. Members received a brochure and noted that the Chambers throughout the region were also marketing the program. He stated that feedback from employers received through the *CTWorks-East* Business Services Team has been that they are not currently able to bring someone on full time and that the salary requirement (*to meet the WIA performance standards*) is more than they are currently paying for positions. Mr. Beauregard asked the Council to consider eliminating the wage requirements for OJT ~ with the understanding that this may cause EWIB to miss one (1) or more of its WIA Performance Standards. After discussion, a **MOTION** was made to authorize staff to eliminate the wage requirement in the On-the-Job Training Program ~ with the understanding that this action may negatively impact the WIA Performance Standards (*Okonuk/Haberek*). **ACTION:** Unanimously approved.
 - Funding to Regional Companies

Mr. Beauregard reviewed the map of 37 companies that had been awarded over \$300,000 in Incumbent Worker Training funding. These funds will train more than 800 workers in Eastern CT and represents an investment of more than \$700,000 when the employer contributions are added to the award. Mr. Beauregard noted that 50 companies had applied for the funding.
 - Councils of Government Bi-Monthly Report

Ms. Sampietro updated the Council on the Weatherization Program. EWIB has received funding from the Office of Workforce Competitiveness to coordinate the partners involved (*ACCESS Agency, TVCCA, QVCC, TRCC, DSS, & DECD*) and provide the funding for the direct weatherization contractor training (*OJT & Incumbent Worker Training*). A statewide training vendor will provide initial weatherization training in the region, and the Community Colleges, in combination with the Vocational High Schools, will then continue. Although we do not expect the contractors to hire a large number of new employees, there are also openings in utility companies and other home builders, especially for the higher-energy auditor skills.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

- Ratification of EWIB Board Actions

Mr. Beauregard briefly reviewed each of EWIB's Board Resolutions that had been passed at the recent Board of Directors meeting and are currently before the Council for ratification. A **MOTION** was made to approve Resolution EWIB-09-12 through and including EWIB-09-14 (*Haberek/Sear*). **ACTION:** Unanimously approved.
- CEO Resolution Approval (CEO-09-01)

Mr. Beauregard also introduced CEO Resolution CEO-09-01 that authorizes the EWIB Chairman to execute contracts directly affected by actions of the CT State Legislature as part of the Deficit Mitigation Plan Implementation on behalf of EWIB. A **MOTION** was made to approve CEO Resolution CEO-09-01, as presented (*Haberek/Matters*). **ACTION:** Unanimously approved.

ADJOURNMENT

A **MOTION** was made to adjourn the meeting (*Matters/Sear*). **ACTION:** Unanimously approved.

The meeting adjourned at 9:45 a.m.

Meeting minutes respectfully submitted for the Eastern CT Workforce Investment Council of Chief Elected Officials Secretary, Joyce Okonuk, by Virginia Sampietro.