



Board of Directors Meeting
January 27, 2021 at 8:00am
Zoom Virtual Meeting Hartford CT

Attendees: Todd Andrews, Bettina Armour, Bill Bishop, Sheldon Bustow, Renata Dixon, Paula Gilberto, G. Duncan Harris, Richard McGeary, Sandy Mello, Fiona Mohring, Tom Mongellow, Phillip Montgomery, John Nimmons, Susan Pierson, Jonathan Richmond, Lisa Sementelli, John Simoneau, Dan Tapper, and Lyle Wray

Staff: Alex Johnson, Kim Staley, Laura Hitt, Richard Pearson, Jim Boucher, Latonia Tabb, Julie Watson, Laura Richardson, Alissa Johnston, and Liz Saunders

Absent: Bettina Armour, Jon Colman, Jennifer DiBella, Lindy Lee Gold, Mike Komaromi, Tracy Nixon-Moore, and Stephen Vaughan

Chairman Thomas Mongellow called the meeting to order at 8:04am

Chairman Mongellow welcomed and thanked everyone for taking the time to join us remotely this morning.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE – Chairman Mongellow

- Chairman Mongellow stated that there were no real surprises at the State Capitol Matt Ritter is the new Speaker of the House. Jason Rojas is the Majority Leader. Jason is a very nice man very pro education and workforce development. On the Senate side no real surprises. We picked up a few seats in the House. We are ready to do business we would like to see existing Legislature release some dollars from Bonding. We are hopeful that no rescissions will occur especially with the influx of tri-state people starting to pay taxes to the state. CT should be in a good place with appropriations come the beginning of the year. We will stay close and watch the Chairmanships.

Consent Agenda:

- 11/17/20 Meeting Minutes
- Accept WIOA Youth RFP Framework
- Accept Financials for period ending 11-30-2020

Outcome: Renata Dixon made a motion to approve all the items under Consent. Sheldon Bustow offered a second. All were all in favor; none opposed; the motion carried.

Committee Updates

One Stop Services – Kimberly Staley

- Renata stated that the Finance & Audit committee met earlier this month. We received a clean unmodified opinion. She said it was difficult due to COVID and having to do the audit remotely. All parties worked well together. Mike stated that we received a clean, unmodified opinion for our audit. He shared with the committee that it was a long and difficult audit. Being offsite for everyone involved presented some issues but we were able to secure everything they needed. The controller leaving just prior to the start of the audit presented some difficulty.

Governance Committee – Sheldon Bustow

Review Tenure/Term Limits Section of the By-laws – Sheldon Bustow

- Tabled until the January 27, 2021 meeting due to time constraints.

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Development Committee Work Plan– Alex Johnson

- President Johnson mentioned that we are looking at a Golf Tournament and a Virtual Auction as possible fundraising themes.

President/CEO Report – Alex Johnson

H1B One Workforce Grant

- President Johnson stated that CWP received some wonderful news on Tuesday January 19, 2021. We were awarded lead on a statewide \$10 million H1B grant that will focus on the IT and Manufacturing sectors and serve 2,000 individuals over the 4 years of the grant. CWP will receive \$4 million dollars and the remainder will be split up among the remaining workforce boards.

MISSION MOMENT – Issues Affecting CWP – Kimberly Staley

- Kimberly gave an in-depth report on who are customers are that use the American Job Centers. This summary covers the period of July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020. There was a total of 15, 152 individuals served with 11,823 being self-directed, 4,325 adult and 2,033 youth. 4% of the individuals were outside of our region. 1,471 Businesses served with 15% outside our region. 37 towns are represented in these numbers. Board members found this information to be very engaging. It was asked if we could do an intersectionality study and Kimberly responded yes. Sandy Mello responded that DOL provides an assessment for Veterans if they have a barrier which then allows them to meet with a counselor. Kimberly and Sandy will have a conversation. Paula Gilberto asked if we have any unmet needs for these populations and is there a way for us to partner to help meet the unmet needs.

ADJOURN

Chairman Mongellow called for a motion to adjourn at 9:31am. Sheldon Bustow made the motion which was seconded by G. Duncan Harris. All were in favor; none opposed; the motion carried.