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Workforce Development Board
Meeting Minutes
Broome Center
4119 N. Saginaw Street
Flint, MI 48505
Friday, January 23, 2009
8:00 a.m.

PRESENT: William Churchill, Jr., Jeff Deason, Erik Eastman, Kevin Keane, Jimmy King, Ron Logan, Willie W. Middlebrooks, Renita Mikolajczyk, Mark Miller, Lawrence Moon, Clarence Pierce, Jerry Ragsdale, C. Frederick Robinson, Amy Roddy, Aladin Rodrigues, Gary Smith, Mary Sumpter, Susan Theakston.

ABSENT: Ed Donovan, Cheryl Gifford (excused), Robert Hardy (excused), Suzanne Howell (excused), Norwood Jewell (excused), David Miller (excused), Robert Mitchell (excused)

STAFF PRESENT: Alicia Booker, Craig Coney, Sherry Adair-Goble, Helen Brown, Andre Holloway, Sharon Bowen, Shirley Eichenberg, Nathan Kammer.

CALL TO ORDER:

Chair Jimmy King called the meeting to order at 8:05 a.m.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

There were no public comments.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS:

Chair Jimmy King asked that Amy Roddy preside over the election of officers.

Amy Roddy referenced a slate (ballot) of nominees forwarded to board members indicating interest to serve. They were:

Chair – Jimmy King

Vice Chair – Kevin Keane

Treasurer – Vera Perry

Amy Roddy called for nominations for Chairperson. Seeing none, Amy Roddy called for a motion to close the nominations. Jerry Ragsdale moved to close the nominations. Lawrence Moon supported the motion.

Amy Roddy called for a roll call vote for the nominee (Jimmy King) on the ballot.

Roll Call

19 AYE

MOTION PASSED.

Amy called for nominations for Vice Chairperson. Seeing none, Amy Roddy called for a motion to close the nominations. Jerry Ragsdale moved to close the nominations. Vera Perry supported the motion.

Amy Roddy called for a roll call vote for the nominee (Kevin Keane) on the ballot.

Roll Call

19 AYE

MOTION PASSED.

Amy Roddy called for nominations for Secretary. Kevin Keane nominated Amy Roddy. Amy Roddy declined the nomination. Jimmy King nominated Mary Sumpter. Amy Roddy called for a motion to close the nominations. Jimmy King moved to close the nominations. Gary Smith supported the motion.

Amy Roddy called for a roll call vote for the nominee (Mary Sumpter).

Roll Call

19 AYE

MOTION PASSED.

Amy Roddy called for nominations for Treasurer. Seeing none, Amy Roddy called for a motion to close the nominations. Lawrence Moon moved to close the nominations. Gary Smith supported the motion.

Amy Roddy called for a roll call vote for the nominee (Vera Perry) on the ballot.

Roll Call

19 AYE

MOTION PASSED.

Chair Jimmy King thanked Amy Roddy for her assistance. The officers for 2009 are as follows:

Jimmy King-Chairman

Kevin Keane- Vice Chairman

Mary Sumpter-Secretary

Vera Perry-Treasurer

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Chair Jimmy King called for a motion to accept the minutes of the November 21, 2008 meeting. Kevin Keane moved to accept the minutes as written. Amy Roddy supported the motion.

Chair Jimmy King called for corrections or amendments. No corrections or amendments were noted.

Call for a vote on the motion to accept the November 21, 2008 minutes as written.

All present voted AYE.

MOTION PASSED.

BUDGET UPDATE:

Shirley Eichenberg presented the Career Alliance Budget update.

Clarence Pierce moved to accept the budget. C. Frederick Robinson supported the motion.

All present voted AYE.

MOTION PASSED.

Jimmy King introduced the new WDB members- Mark Miller of GM and Aladin Rodrigues of Job Corps. Welcome new members.

AGENCY UPDATES:

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- A. **EAG:** Fred Stanley stated the EAG attended the National Conference. Tech Prep is ahead of the game. Currently there are 16 programs identified in Genesee County that will require additional courses, including a 4th year of math. The goal is to work more closely with CAI and increase the private sector membership. The EAG is working with Tim Herman and the other Chamber members to increase membership.
- B. **MDeLEG Rehabilitation Services:** No report.
- C. **Department of Human Services:** Ron Logan stated that DHS continues to work toward improving the work participation rates. The implementation date for the Bridges program is April 17.

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS:

President's Update:

- I attended a meeting in December regarding Infrastructure Projects. We are preparing to develop a comprehensive plan for the stimulus projects to have a greater impact with the people receiving training through our system. At this point, everything is in the preliminary stages, but we anticipate a large increase in funds and want to be prepared once funds are released.
- The State has identified the Michigan Energy Conservation Corps as one potential project for our area. The plan would be to develop these Corps in the Cities of Promise locations throughout the State. The focus of the project would be to assist the area land banks.
- We are releasing a proposal for a Workforce Survey. The workforce has changed dramatically and we need current information about local employers and existing emerging industries in order to determine the training needs of the region.
- We are working to help inform the community that Career Alliance is not the Unemployment Agency. We operate the employment services through our sub contractor. Although we do not handle unemployment insurance, we have experienced increased demand from job seekers needing to register for work. We have expanded our employment services by adding 42 computer stations and 3 additional phone banks. We are responding to the need. We plan to operate two labs at our Genesee County location until mid April
- The Census Bureau is continuing testing for jobs for the 2010 census. The One Stop Centers in Genesee and Shiawassee Counties are testing sites.
- The RCAR program started on Tuesday. The program is designed to train 20 participants for careers in road construction. We plan to ask for additional funds for this program to expand it into Shiawassee County.
- We continue to attend rapid response sessions.
- Our 2008 audit should be available by the end of the month. The draft will be presented at the next Budget and Finance Subcommittee meeting.
- The Goodwill/Vet Biz grand opening is today at the Career Alliance headquarters.
- At the February meeting we will be addressing the changes to the CAI board as mandated by the State of Michigan. A 30 day notice is required to amend the by-law. We are also planning on amending the by-laws to include the Vice Chair as a signatory. We will vote on this amendment at the February meeting.

- The by law changes have been mailed. So you should have received them.
- We have not concluded union negotiations.
- We have reduced our staff from 53 to 31.

Chair's Update:

- Mr. King requested a meeting with the executive committee members to discuss Alicia's Paid Time Off and her request to carry her unused time forward to 2009.
- CAI's Human Resource Manager drafted a shared time off policy which will be sent to the board for review. Implementation of this policy will allow unused time to be shared with CAI employees who exhaust their time due to personal or family illness.

Jimmy King thanked the Board and CAI staff for the work they have done. The next meeting will be February 27, 2009.

Chair Jimmy King opened the floor for comments. Seeing none, he called for a motion to adjourn.

Clarence Pierce moved to adjourn the meeting. Erik Eastman supported the motion.

All present voted AYE.

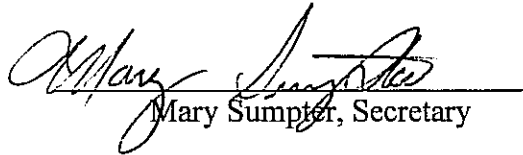
MOTION PASSED

ADJOURNMENT:

Meeting Adjourned: 8:45 am

Recorded by:

Sherry Adair-Goble


Mary Sumpter, Secretary

Date: _____

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