

**Chief Elected Officials
And the
The Boone and Winnebago Counties
Workforce Investment Board, Inc.**

MINUTES OF March 2, 2010

Site: The Workforce Connection, 303 N. Main Street, Rockford, IL 61109

- I. **WIB Call to Order:** WIB Chairman Richard Mowris called the Boone and Winnebago Counties Workforce Investment Board meeting to order at 7:33 a.m.

CEO Call to Order: Judy Barnard (designee for Chairman Christensen) called the CEO meeting to order at 7:34 a.m.

WIB Present (23): Allen Barsema, Jon Bates, Dr. Jack Becherer, Karen Brown, Paul Callighan, Linda Campos, John Cressman, Pedro Enriquez, Dr. Richard Fairgrievies, James Fehlharber, Steve Gibson, Dick Mowris, John Oller, Amy Ott, Dan Parod, Mark Podemski, Maureen Rosenberg, Jesús Sáez Gimeno, Mary Beth Scholten, Mark Stefanic, Nord Swanstrom, Shirley Walker, Mike Williams **Absent (19):** Shirley Burks, Michele Caldwell, Angela Hite-Carter, Lynn Godina, Luanna Grimes, Ingrid Hargrove, Matthew Jones, Todd Kindred, Stephanie Lueder, Tim McGuire, Larry McKay, Kate McMahon, Dave Morgan, Grant Nyhammer, John Phelps, Jim Pirages, Jim Ryan, Elton Turner, C. Mark Williams

CEO's Present (2): Boone County – Bob Walberg, Winnebago County – Judy Barnard (designee for Chairman Christensen)

CEO's Absent (1): City of Rockford

WIB Staff Present: Darcy Bucholz, Pamela Fettes, Trudy Jackson, John Strandin

Partner Staff Present: Dan White – Rock River Training Corporation; Granada Williams – Rock Valley College; Linda Sullivan – disabilityWorks; Tom Austin – IDES; Amy Massoth – Rock Valley College Refugee and Immigrant Services

Guests Present: Sean Driscoll – Rockford Register Star

- II. **Consent Agenda:** Chairman Mowris noted a change in the minutes presented for approval from February 2, 2010. No further discussion.

Motion: Bates

Second: Swanstrom

Approved

- III. **Booker Washington Association Youth Program Contract Termination:** Mike Williams, Executive Director, Rock river Training Corporation, gave a report on the status of Booker Washington Association's corrective action plan for the out-of-school youth program they provide. Booker has not made progress toward meeting the requirements of youth engagement and will not meet performance measures. Last year the Youth Council awarded 1 year of funding for Booker Washington Association to find and successfully exit the 39 youth that were still active on the books. As of 2/28/10 only 7 youth had been reengaged, which puts Booker in a failure status with no way to change it before the end of the fiscal year. RRTC staff recommendation to the WIB/CEO's and Youth Council is to terminate the contract effective 3/31/10.

Youth Council held a special meeting on 3/1/10 to discuss this situation. The Council supports the recommendation to end the contact, and recommends the concurrence of the WIB and CEOs. Individuals currently participating in the Booker program, estimated to be no more than seven individuals, will be given an opportunity to transfer to another out-of-school program.

Motion: Fairgrievies

Second: Swanstrom

Approved

