

**Minutes of the
WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL
Thursday, Aug 12, 9:30 am
830 Punchbowl Street, Rm. 310
Honolulu HI 96813**

Members Present

Allen Chung, Will Espero, Michael Gleason, Signe Godfrey (Vice-Chair, chaired meeting in absence of Chair Gregg Yamanaka), Daniel Hamada, Michael Gleason (via videoconference) Carl Hinson, JoAnn Imanasu, Carla Kurokawa (via videoconference), Steven Lee, Steven Lupkes, Nani Medeiros, Deborah Kim Morikawa, Ron Nelson, Peter Quigley, Karl Rhoads, Norman Sakamoto, Marcia Taira, James Wataru, and Pearl Imada Iboshi.

Other Attendees

Vaughn Baker, Francisco Corpuz, Marilyn Matsunaga (OWIB), Angela Meixell (State Office of Career and Technical Education), Jan Miyamoto (County of Kauai), Kathleen Nielsen (County of Hawaii), Elaine Young (WDD). WDC Staff: James Hardway, Amita Aung-Thwin, Stanford Fichtman, Anna Powell, and Maile Horita.

Call to Order

Vice-Chair Signe Godfrey called the meeting to order at 9:41 a.m.

Public Input on Agenda

There was no public input.

Approval of the May 13, 2010 Minutes

The minutes were approved.

Q&A on LWIB, WDD, and WDC Staff Reports

There were no comments on the submitted reports.

Introduction of New Member and Staff

Signe Godfrey introduced and welcomed new WDC staff member Maile Horita, who will be working as a Program Specialist on the SESP Grant. Three interns, who will be working until September 15 were also introduced.

Action Items

1. College Access Challenge Grant (“CACG”)

The Chair requested volunteers to score the companies submitting bids for the CACG Grant. Peter Quigley, Leslie Wilkins, Steve Lee, and Nani Medeiros volunteered.

2. Approval of Proposed USDOL ETA Waivers

A motion was made by Marilyn Matsunaga and seconded by Will Espero to waive the requirements for the State to provide incentive grants to LWIBs. Motioned passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Will Espero and seconded by Michael Gleason to use the existing Eligible Training Providers list for Youth Programs. Motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Michael Gleason and seconded by Allen Chung to provide on-the-job training reimbursement on a sliding scale. Motion passed unanimously.

There was no voting on the use of Common Measures in Hawaii WIA reporting. Members agreed to have more discussion on this item.

3. Appointment of Carl Hinson

A motion was made by Marilyn Matsunaga and seconded by Marcia Taira to appoint Carl Hinson as a replacement for Gregg Yamanaka as the WDC representative to the statewide Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy Council. Motion passed unanimously.

4. 2010 WIA Annual Performance Report

A motion was made by Will Espero and seconded by Michael Gleason to request that the Performance and Evaluation Committee develop and approve 2010 WIA Annual Performance Report on behalf of WDC. Motion passed unanimously.

5. WIA/Wagner-Peyser State Plan

Discussion on modification of WIA/Wagner-Peyser State Plan to amend rules regarding Eligible Training Providers (“ETP”) to allow accredited schools to be automatically designated an ETP was deferred. There was no discussion.

Presentation and Discussion

- **APEC Summit 2011**

Maurice Anderson gave a presentation on the Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation (“APEC”) Summit 2011. He mentioned that there will be about 20,000 participants from 21 Economies (including Taiwan and Hong Kong) and nearly 2,000 media attendees over 8-10 days. Participating member countries are US, Canada, Peru, Mexico, Singapore, Hong Kong, China, Taiwan, Australia, New Zealand, Japan, Korea, Philippines, Chile, Indonesia, Vietnam, Malaysia, Thailand, Brunei, Papua New Guinea, and Russia.

- **Workforce Information Core Products and Services Grant**

Francisco Corpuz gave an overview presentation on the Hawaii Workforce Information Core Products and Services Grant (www.hiwi.org). The DLIR Research and Statistics Office is asking for user feedback. Members presented two ideas—add Chamber of Commerce links for each island and link hiwi.org on Chamber sites; and add Google trackers to help identify usage.

- **NGA Summer Meeting and WDC Workforce Forum**

Vice-Chair Signe Godfrey gave a Powerpoint presentation on the NGA Summer Meeting and WDC Workforce Forum. During the discussion it was noted that off shoring is still an issue. The meetings also highlighted that there is a lack of communication between education and employers.

New Business and Announcements

The next regular meeting of the WDC will be held on Thursday, November 18, 2010 from 9:30 am to 12 noon. Location TBA.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:42 am.