

*workforce*CONNECTIONS

Local Elected Officials Consortium

MINUTES

March 26, 2013

8:30 a.m.

Culinary Academy of Las Vegas

710 W. Lake Mead Blvd.

Parlors C & D

North Las Vegas, NV 89030

Members Present

Commissioner Lawrence Weekly	Councilwoman Gerri Schroder
Councilman Bob Beers	Councilwoman Peggy Leavitt
Commissioner Ralph Keyes	Councilwoman Anita Wood (phone)

Members Absent

Commissioner Adam Katschke	Commissioner Butch Borasky
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Staff Present

Ardell Galbreth	Suzanne Potter	Tom Dang	Bobbie Montgomery
Heather DeSart	Carol Turner	Chris Shaw	Amanda Aseph

Others Present

Mark Wood, Legal Counsel	Charles Perry, NVHCA Perry Foundation
Derrick Berry, DETR	Dan Rose
Earl McDowell, DETR	

(It should be noted that not all attendees may be listed above)

1. CALL TO ORDER, confirmation of posting, roll call

The meeting was called to order by Chair Commissioner Lawrence Weekly at 8:40 a.m. Staff confirmed the meeting had been properly noticed and posted in accordance with the Nevada Open Meeting Law. Roll call was taken and a quorum was present.

2. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION: Approve the Agenda with inclusions of any emergency items and deletion of any items

A motion was made to approve the agenda as presented by Councilwoman Gerri Schroder and seconded by Commissioner Ralph Keyes. Motion carried.

3. FIRST PUBLIC COMMENT SESSION

None

4. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION: Approve the Minutes from the Local Elected Officials Consortium Meeting of February 12, 2013

A motion was made to approve the Minutes from the Local Elected Officials Consortium Meeting of February 12, 2013 by Councilwoman Peggy Leavitt and seconded by Councilwoman Gerri Schroder. Motion carried.

5. INFORMATION: Welcome Las Vegas City Councilman Bob Beers to the LEO Consortium and workforceCONNECTIONS' Board

Las Vegas City Councilman Bob Beers was welcomed to the LEO Consortium. Councilman Beers stated that he is new to the Council and is learning all that he can and will be serving on the Workforce Connections' Board. Also, that he has attended a couple industry sector council meetings in the last month or so.

Councilwoman Schroder asked which sector councils he serves on. Councilman Beers replied none. Councilwoman Wood welcomed Councilman Beers.

6. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION: Approve Board Member Appointments:

Commissioner Weekly stated that in the future the LEOs would also like to have a selection of applicants to choose from as well as to be a part of the selection process in terms of who is being considered. Commissioner Weekly stated that it is nothing personal toward these applicants and that they have all served well and have done a great job.

Councilwoman Gerri Schroder asked Mujahid Ramadan to disclose his title at the NAACP. Mr. Ramadan replied that he is the 2nd Vice-President of the NAACP as well as a member of the Urban Chamber of Commerce.

Attorney Mark Wood stated that Mr. Ramadan does not qualify under the business category as stated on his application. Mr. Wood read the criteria for the business category.

Ardell Galbreth stated that Mr. Ramadan does own his own business, MR Consulting.

Councilwoman Schroder suggested that Mr. Ramadan represent the community based organization category.

Following discussion the LEO Consortium voted to approve the following Board Member appointments to represent the categories indicated:

- a. Tommy Rowe / Category: Other/Rural Nevada
- b. Bart Patterson, Nevada State College / Category represented: Education/Business
- c. Dr. David Lee, Las Vegas Taiwanese Chamber of Commerce / Category represented: Business
- d. Charles Perry, NVCHA Perry Foundation / Category represented: Business
- e. Valerie Murzl, Station Casinos LLC / Category represented: Business
- f. Mujahid Ramadan, NAACP / Category represented: Community Based Organization
- g. Daniel Rose, Local #88 Sheet Metal Training Center / Category represented: Labor
- h. Mark Edgel, Laborers Union 872 / Category represented: Labor

A motion was made to approve Board Member Appointments as presented by Councilwoman Gerri Schroder and seconded by Councilwoman Peggy Leavitt. Motion carried.

7. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION: Executive Director Report ~ Ardell Galbreth

Ardell Galbreth presented the Executive Director report as provided on page 47 of the agenda packet and addressed the following items:

Sequestration: Notification from the Department of Labor was received regarding our funding indicating that the state of Nevada overall will not lose any resources or funding; however, there was a slight decrease (2%) in Adult/Dislocated Worker funds. On the other hand, there was a slight increase (4.6%) in Youth funds. Mr. Galbreth stated that we do not anticipate a reduction in funding for the upcoming year; in fact, we anticipate we may get a little increase in the initial allocation

because according to the information provided from DETR they will not recoup the full 25% Dislocated Worker funds for Rapid Response Services. A good portion of this money will be allocated to the local boards. Similar to what happened earlier this year when the local boards received approximately \$2 Million in Dislocated Worker funds.

Special Projects: Staff will be initiating special projects for approval by this Board, including serving special populations (re-entry, youth and adults with disabilities, foster care youth, and veterans); working with the Nevada Barber's Health and Sanitation Board to try and establish a good, qualified barber school locally; and looking at a logistics training center that is friendly to ex-offenders.

Workforce Connections recently provided input to Nevada State Assembly Bill No. 61. Mr. Galbreth thanked Assemblywoman Irene Bustamante-Adams for her efforts in making this happen. A recommendation was made to appoint the executive directors/chief executive officers from the local workforce investment boards (one each from the North and South) as non-voting members of Nevada's Board of Economic Development. This will provide insight as to how funds and resources could be allocated for new businesses as well as provide the opportunity for the executive directors/chief executive officers to provide critical WIA workforce development expertise to the Board of Economic Development.

Regarding service delivery, Mr. Galbreth stated that some individuals still are not getting access to WIA services; however, staff is working with the funded partners and meeting with the Executive Directors one-on-one to seek ways to serve clients better. The objective is to get clients quickly enrolled, in training and/or gainfully employed.

Commissioner Weekly asked if there will be other funds to allocate for programs. Mr. Galbreth replied yes and that staff is in the process of working with the Regional Housing Authority to arrange for summer job training for youth attached to the public housing system. The program will most likely be provided through one of the existing youth funded partners because in order to get the program running it needs to be done now rather than wait for the Housing Authority to submit a proposal and get staff on board. The list of individuals that need services will be provided by the Housing Authority. The amount allocated for this training initiative is \$400,000 and is scheduled to begin right away pending the list of clients from the Housing Authority and establishing where the training dollars should be targeted.

Mr. Galbreth stated that staff is working with FIT to provide additional services for ex-offenders. Training funds have been allocated for funded partners that are running low. Also, Latin Chamber of Commerce Community Foundation has made a request for additional youth funds. Mr. Galbreth stated that staff will present a full report during the Operations update at the Board Meeting.

8. SECOND PUBLIC COMMENT SESSION

None

9. LEO Consortium Member Comments

Councilwoman Leavitt asked if the LEO Consortium will be meeting in April. Staff replied that there is a meeting currently scheduled.

10. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:07 a.m.