

WorkforceCONNECTIONS

**BOARD MEETING
MINUTES**

**May 22, 2012
10:00 a.m.**

**Culinary Academy of Las Vegas
710 W. Lake Mead Blvd.
Parlors C&D
North Las Vegas, NV 89030**

Members Present

Bill Regenhardt
Commissioner Tommy Rowe
Councilwoman Anita Wood
Dennis Perea
Ken LoBene
Michelle Bize
Valerie Murzl

Commissioner “Butch” Borasky
Councilman Bob Coffin
Councilwoman Gerri Schroder
Dr. David Lee
Maggie Arias-Petrel
Mujahid Ramadan
Vida Chan Lin

Commissioner Lawrence Weekly
Councilwoman Peggy Leavitt
Dan Rose
Hannah Brown
Mark Edgel
Sonja Holloway

Members Absent

Alex Garza
Dan Gouker

Charles Perry
Pat Maxwell

Commissioner William “Bill” Kirby
William Bruninga

Staff Present

Ardell Galbreth
Carol Turner
Sylvia Spencer
Madelin Arazoza
Jim Valade
Nicole Jacobs
Jeannie Kuennen
Faith Cannella
Jennifer Padilla

Suzanne Potter
Clentine January
Rick Villalobos
Chris Shaw
Heather DeSart
Jerrell Roberts
Rosie Boulware
Lori Thomas
Valerie Sims

Jim Kostecki
Kim Colagioia
Byron Goynes
Deb Collins
Melodye Stok
Janice R. Greer
Tish Carroll
Tom Dang

Others Present

Matt Cecil, Board Counsel
Janice M. Rael, Nevada Partners, Inc.
Elizabeth McDaniels, Goodwill
Marie Flores, BCA
Penny Hagen, FIT
Janet Blumen, FIT
Bishop James M. Rogers, Sr., GNJ Family Life Center
Helicia Thomas, GNJ Family Life Center
Monique Harris, So. NV Children First
Magann Jordan, Youth Advocate Programs, Inc.

Thresea Kaufman, NHA
Vince Miller, Goodwill
Steve Chartrand, Goodwill
Tracey Torrence, SNRHA
Jake McClelland, FIT
Nield Montgomery, The Learning Center
Doug Geinzer, SNMIC
Dr. Tiffany Tyler, Nevada Partners, Inc.
Rene Cantu, Jr., Latin Chamber
Gail Boyle, Tompkins & Peters CPAs, P.C.

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

1. Call to order, confirmation of posting, and roll call

The meeting was called to order by Chair Hannah Brown at 10:04 a.m. Staff confirmed the meeting had been properly 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 the inclusion of any emergency items and deletion of any items

A motion was made to approve the Agenda and move Agenda Item 10 to follow Agenda Item 6 by Councilman Bob Coffin and seconded by Bill Regenhardt. Motion carried.

3. FIRST PUBLIC COMMENT SESSION:

Doug Geinzer, CEO, Southern Nevada Medical Industry Coalition (SNMIC) stated that a year ago he came before the Board to present SNMIC's outcomes, which he had been doing for eight months and stated that SNMIC's outcomes were "second to none" and delivered nearly 100% recruitment, 100% placement, and wages of about \$26.00 per hour. Mr. Geinzer stated that shortly thereafter, SNMIC was targeted by executive staff of Workforce Connections and that a contract was not renewed to continue SNMIC's services. Mr. Geinzer stated that Congressman Joe Heck had to intervene on behalf of SNMIC only to get a 30-day extension on a Letter of Intent that was attached to putting SNMIC on high risk status in connection with Policy 5.2. Mr. Geinzer stated that after five months of discussion about Policy 5.2, it was determined that SNMIC should not have been placed on high risk status.

Mr. Geinzer stated that this is the eighth time he has come before the Board asking for resolve, and stated that to place the best performing agency on high risk status and remove them from this organization requires explanation as a public agency. Mr. Geinzer stated that he will continue coming before the Board every month until this matter is resolved.

Mr. Geinzer stated that it is a shame that over the course of the last four meetings, several discussions were had on how to get items placed on the Board agenda and that several Board members requested to have items placed on the agenda, but nothing has been done.

Mr. Geinzer stated that today the issue remains open and that SNMIC still has a cloud that hangs over it because of the high risk status and one of the SNMIC Board members was recently denied a contract because she had to state that she was involved with an organization that was once placed on high risk status.

Mr. Geinzer stated that SNMIC is looking for resolve, is looking for a wrong to be made a right, and is asking the Board to do that. Mr. Geinzer stated that he will be here every month until it gets done right.

Commissioner Butch Borasky stated that he values the Board Members from the bottom of his heart and without them the organization would not exist. Commissioner Borasky stated that he appreciates the time and effort the Board members give to the organization and that if they feel their efforts are in vain; he welcomes the opportunity to sit down and talk with them to address these and any other concerns as it is important that the Board work in unity.

Paul Gerner, Chief of Facilities - Clark County School District, thanked the Board for the opportunity to work with Workforce Connections through the sustainability technician program. Mr. Gerner stated that the program has helped them put more sensitized eyes out on the street looking at CCSD's plants and equipment and identifying obstacles and opportunities for more responsible use of energy and other critical resources. Mr. Gerner stated that it is a force multiplier for them and wanted to express his gratitude for the program.

4. DISCUSSION and POSSIBLE ACTION: Approve the Board Meeting Minutes for the meeting on April 24, 2012

A motion was made to approve the Board Meeting Minutes from the meeting on April 24, 2012 by Commissioner Tommy Rowe and seconded by Councilwoman Peggy Leavitt. Motion carried.

5. INFORMATION: Board Member Re-Appointment – Maggie Arias Petrel, Global

6. DISCUSSION and POSSIBLE ACTION: Call for Board Officer Nomination and Application Process

Ardell Galbreth, Interim Executive Director, announced that officer elections for the Board will take place at the June 26th Board meeting and that anyone who is interested in serving should forward a resume to Suzanne Potter.

7. Youth Council ~ Ken LoBene, Chair

a. **INFORMATION: Youth Council Meeting Minutes of March 11, 2012 and April 24, 2012**

b. **DISCUSSION and POSSIBLE ACTION: Approve Youth Council's recommendation to allocate funds in an amount not to exceed \$300,000.00 in support of Jobs for America's Graduates (JAG) initiatives**

Ken LoBene provided background on the JAG initiative, which is about helping youth graduate. JAG is currently operating in 33 States. Full back up is provided in the agenda packet.

Dennis Perea stated that Governor Sandoval wanted to bring the JAG program to Nevada after seeing its success in other States. A nonprofit will be established for the sole purpose of administering the JAG program. The Board would be appointed by the Governor. Eight schools have been selected for the program and each school will serve 40 participants; the cost is \$60,000 per school. Discussion ensued.

A motion was made to deny Agenda Item 7.b by Commissioner Lawrence Weekly and seconded by Councilwoman Gerri Schroder; with opposition from: Vida Chan Lin, Councilwoman Anita Wood, Bill Regenhardt, and Dennis Perea (16-yes / 4-no). Motion carried.

c. **DISCUSSION and POSSIBLE ACTION: Approve Youth Council's recommendation for staff to negotiate and amend Lincoln County's PY2011 contract for an additional \$100,000.00, and extend the contract date from October 1, 2012 to June 30, 2013**

A motion was made to Approve Youth Council's recommendation for staff to negotiate and amend Lincoln County's PY2011 contract for an additional \$100,000.00, and extend the contract date from October 1, 2012 to June 30, 2013 by Hannah Brown and seconded by Commissioner Lawrence Weekly. Motion carried.

d. **DISCUSSION and POSSIBLE ACTION: Approve Youth Council's recommendation to allocate funds for the Summer Component/Year-Round Youth Program in an amount not to exceed \$1,000,000.00**

Today the Youth Council approved this motion with the caveat that 10% (\$100,000) of the funds will be earmarked for summer school activities.

A motion was made to Approve Youth Council's recommendation to allocate funds for the summer Component/Year-Round Youth Program in an amount not to exceed \$1,000,000.00, and set aside 10% for a summer school credit component by Councilwoman Peggy Leavitt and seconded by Councilwoman Anita Wood. Motion carried.

e. **DISCUSSION and POSSIBLE ACTION: Approve Youth Council's recommendation based on Evaluator's scoring order of merit to award up to three (3) PY2012 Summer Component/Year-Round Youth Program contracts in an amount not to exceed \$1,000,000.00**

Rick Villalobos provided a brief overview of the Youth RFP results.

Commissioner Weekly reminded staff of the short timeframe which providers have to enroll their youth for summer school.

Clentine January stated that the providers will be meeting with a CCSD representative at the next First Tuesday Meeting to enroll youth that are credit deficient.

Councilwoman Schroder asked why some proposals were evaluated by only one person while others were evaluated by two people.

Clentine January replied that originally there were eight evaluators but three had a conflict of interest because they were affiliated with some of the respondents. Of the five that were left, two were biased and showed inconsistencies in their scoring; therefore, staff decided to eliminate their scores because they were not fair.

Mr. Villalobos stated that justification will be provided in the Procurement packet, which can be provided to the Board if necessary.

Councilwoman Schroder suggested that in the future prospective evaluators should be thoroughly vetted beforehand.

The Youth Council is recommending the following contracts and contract amounts, based on the evaluator scoring order of merit:

1. Nevada Partners, Inc.	\$500,000.00
2. Southern Nevada Children First	\$250,000.00
3. Latin Chamber	<u>\$250,000.00</u>
	\$1,000,000.00

A motion was made to Approve Youth Council's recommendation based on Evaluator's scoring order of merit to award the three providers shown above, a PY2012 Summer Component/Year-Round Youth Program contract, not to exceed the amount shown above by Commissioner Lawrence Weekly and seconded by Councilwoman Anita Wood. Motion carried.

f. **DISCUSSION and POSSIBLE ACTION: Approve Youth Council's recommendation based on Evaluators scoring order of merit to award up to four (4) PY2012 Out-of-School Youth Program contracts in an amount not to exceed \$1,750,000.00**

Clentine January provided a brief overview of the recommendations.

Commissioner Weekly introduced two youth who are eligible for the out-of-school program, who were recently released from Spring Mountain youth correction facility for the purpose of putting a face to the type of youth who are in need of help. Commissioner Weekly stated that we must help these youth and ensure the youth know where the available resources are.

The Youth Council is recommending the following contracts and contract amounts, based on the evaluator scoring order of merit:

1. GNJ Family Life Center	\$600,000.00
2. Latin Chamber	\$400,000.00
3. Southern Nevada Children First	\$375,000.00
4. HELP of Southern Nevada	<u>\$375,000.00</u>
	\$1,750,000.00

A motion was made to Approve Youth Council's recommendation based on the Evaluator's scoring order of merit to award the four providers shown above, a PY2012 Out-of-School Youth Program contract not to exceed the amount shown above by Commissioner Lawrence Weekly and seconded by Councilwoman Gerri Schroder. Motion carried.

g. **DISCUSSION and POSSIBLE ACTION: Approve Youth Council's recommendation based on Evaluator's scoring order of merit to award up to four (4) PY2012 In-School Youth Program contracts in an amount not to exceed \$1,600,000.00**

Rick Villalobos provided a brief overview of the recommendations. The two contracts will serve a total of 800 youth at the ten schools identified for the Graduate Advocate Initiative as well as an additional two high schools, Rancho and Canyon Springs.

The Youth Council is recommending the following contracts and contract amounts, based on the evaluator scoring order of merit:

1. Nevada Partners, Inc. \$800,000.00
2. HELP of Southern Nevada \$800,000.00
- \$1,600,000.00

A motion was made to Approve Youth Council's recommendation based on the Evaluator's scoring order of merit to award the two providers shown above, a PY2012 In-School Youth Program contract not to exceed the amount shown above by Commissioner Lawrence Weekly and seconded by Councilwoman Anita Wood. Motion carried.

h. **DISCUSSION and POSSIBLE ACTION: Approve Youth Council's recommendation to negotiate and execute a \$300,000.00 contract with Youth Advocate Program to conduct a Youth Re-entry program to deliver employment and training services for the period July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2013 as a result of the competitive procurement process**

Sylvia Spencer stated that as a result of an RFP evaluation process from an independent source, the Youth Council is recommending a contract with Youth Advocate Program (YAP) in the amount of \$300,000.00 for a Re-Entry program to deliver employment and training services to at least 109 youth participants. The date of the contract is July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2013.

Ms. Spencer stated that YAP's sole purpose is to keep youth out of the prison system. YAP's proposal noted that they have a five year partnership already established with Clark County Juvenile Justice System and a partnership where they are receiving direct funds from the Department of Justice for the past three years. YAP is the only entity in the State of Nevada that received direct funding to address the human trafficking problem. YAP is currently operating in about 18 states across the country. Ms. Spencer stated that YAP's director is native to Las Vegas, and currently teaches at UNLV in the Criminal Justice program.

In response to Mr. Ramadan's question, Ardell Galbreth stated that staff will present monthly reports to the Youth Council and Board regarding the all programs and the status thereof.

Mr. Ramadan stated that he would like to be involved with the oversight of this program.

Mr. Galbreth stated that all Board members can inquire about any of the programs, and also that Mr. Ramadan is welcome to join the Youth Council.

Councilwoman Wood asked why the cost per is so high, wherein Mr. LoBene stated that it takes more engagement to serve the re-entry population.

A motion was made to Approve Youth Council's recommendation to negotiate and execute a \$300,000.00 contract with Youth Advocate Program (YAP) to conduct a youth re-entry program to deliver employment and training services for the period July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2013 as a result of the competitive procurement process by Hannah Brown and seconded by Bill Regenhardt. Motion carried.

8. Adult and Dislocated Worker Committee ~ Valerie Murzl, Chair

a. INFORMATION: ADW Meeting Minutes of March 14, 2012 and April 11, 2012

This item is for information only.

b. INFORMATION: Adult and Dislocated Worker Funded Partner Report

Heather DeSart, Deputy Directory-Workforce Development provided an overview of the report, which is provided on page 139 & 140 of the agenda packet. Ms. DeSart stated that the numbers are stellar and the funded partners are doing an excellent job.

c. DISCUSSION and POSSIBLE ACTION: Approve the recommendation of the Adult and Dislocated Workers Committee for staff to negotiate and execute a \$700,000.00 contract with Foundation for an Independent Tomorrow to conduct a Prisoner Re-Entry program to deliver employment and training services as a result of the competitive procurement process. Upon approval by the Workforce Connections Board, the program dates will be from July 1, 2012 to June 30, 2013

In the final procurement process, four proposals were considered, with a final recommendation for a contract for Foundation for an Independent Tomorrow (FIT) in the amount of \$700,000.00 to provide adult re-entry services to at least 150 participants. The contract dates will be July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2013.

Janet Blumen from FIT gave a brief overview of the organizations background as it relates to the delivery of re-entry services. Ms. Blumen stated that since 2008, FIT has had 1297 clients who had a criminal background or background of offenses. FIT has had more and more success with this population and have learned that it requires a great deal of additional care. For the re-entry population, FIT provided a successful seminar-type class regarding the challenges of re-entry called Standards of Excellence. Even though the class was successful, staff decided that more needed to be done and expanded the class into a six week curriculum. FIT has dedicated one staff member, plus Jake McClelland, to run the curriculum, wherein the six weeks is entirely focused on re-entry with various classes that speak to the particular problems that offenders face when they re-enter into the workforce.

Of the first cohort of ten participants, with the exception of two, who immediately dropped out because they were not ready, seven have been placed into employment before the class ended and the eighth one is now employed.

Ms. Blumen stated that the program will have 15-20 mentors that have gone through the program. Originally, outreach was done slowly, on a one-on-one basis. Now FIT has good referral sources, the best being from the participants who have completed the program. FIT has put together a coalition of 15 strategic partners, including the Bar Association, faith-based organizations, Legal Aid, Department of Corrections, Department of Parole and Probation, and others. Ms. Blumen stated that recruiting for this program will not be a problem.

Commissioner Weekly stated that he would like to see the FIT program be a bridge that meets them inside the prison and not wait until they are out of prison before helping them and providing them with the needed resources to succeed. Commissioner Weekly stated that two years ago he and Mr. Ramadan started visiting prison inmates to discuss re-entry and provide them with available resources, which they could access while they are incarcerated to prepare them when they are released.

In response to Commissioner Weekly's comments, Ms. Blumen stated that FIT staff is actively visiting the prisons. Also, that she was the first female Deputy Public Defender in the State of Nevada and is very familiar with the prison and legal system.

A motion was made to approve the recommendation of the Adult and Dislocated Worker's Committee for staff to negotiate and execute a \$700,000.00 contract with Foundation for an Independent Tomorrow to conduct a Prisoner Re-Entry program to deliver employment and training services as a result of the competitive procurement process. Upon approval by the Workforce Board, the program dates will be from July 1, 2012 to June 30, 2013 by Hannah Brown and seconded by Mujahid Ramadan. Motion carried.

d. DISCUSSION and POSSIBLE ACTION: Approve the Adult and Dislocated Worker Committee's recommendation to extend the following incumbent service providers' contracts for PY2012 in the following amounts:

Contractor (in alphabetical order)	Amount Recommended
Bridge Counseling Associates	\$700,000.00
Foundation for an Independent Tomorrow	\$1,200,000.00
GNJ Family Life Center	\$1,200,000.00
Goodwill of Southern Nevada	\$1,200,000.00
Latin Chamber of Commerce Community Foundation	\$1,200,000.00
Nevada Hospital Association	\$900,000.00
Nevada Partners, Inc.	\$1,200,000.00
Nye Communities Coalition	\$1,000,000.00
Southern Nevada Regional Housing Authority	\$500,000.00
Total	\$9,100,000.00

Valerie Murzl recalled that at the last Board and ADW meetings, an evaluation tool was presented and the Bio of the evaluators presented as well as, at the ADW meeting, the Committee decided to solicit the input of the potential contractors and get their opinion of the evaluation tool to see what they had to say about it. Ms. Murzl stated that Sylvia Spencer did a great job at organizing that rapidly. Ms. Murzl participated and wanted to make sure that the providers were listened to and their recommendations were taken into account.

Hannah Brown stated that she cannot vote; however, she is in favor of the distribution of funds.

A motion was made to approve the Adult and Dislocated Worker Committee's recommendation to extend the following incumbent service providers' contracts for PY2012 in the amounts presented by Mujahid Ramadan and seconded by Commissioner Butch Borasky. Motion carried.

e. DISCUSSION and POSSIBLE ACTION: Approve the Adult and Dislocated Worker Committee's recommendation to execute a no-cost contract extension to CCSD/Desert Rose High School's PY2011 contract through December 31, 2012

A motion was made to approve the Adult and Dislocated Worker Committee's recommendation to execute a no-cost contract extension to CCSD/Desert Rose High School's PY2011 contract through December 31, 2012 by Commissioner Lawrence Weekly and seconded by Councilwoman Gerri Schroder. Motion carried.

9. Operations Update

a. INFORMATION: Budget & Finance Committee Meeting Minutes of April 18, 2012

b. INFORMATION: Approve Revised PY2011 WIA Formula Budget July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2012 and PY2011 Budget Narrative

Jim Kostecki noted that the Budget is through June 30, 2012 not July 30th. No changes have been made to the PY2011 Budget.

c. INFORMATION: Approve PY2012 WIA Formula Budget July 1, 2012 through July 30, 2013 and PY2012 Budget Narrative

Mr. Kostecki noted that the Budget is through June 30, 2012 not July 30th. No changes have been made to PY2012 WIA Formula Budget.

d. REVIEW, DISCUSS, and ACCEPT:

- i.** Budget vs. Actual Finance Report (Workforce Connections' Operations) for the Period July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2012 (Formula WIA)
- ii.** PY2011 Awards & Expenditures Report – Monthly Update
- iii.** PY2010 Audit Findings (Year Ended June 30, 2011) – Monthly Status Report
- iv.** Financial Edge System Implementation Status Report – Monthly Update

Mr. Kostecki noted that above reports have not changed from the last meeting and are being presented for information only.

Ardell Galbreth stated that staff will provide these reports at every meeting to keep the Board informed.

- e. **INFORMATION: Workforce Connections Standing Professional Services Contracts**

This is an information item only.

10. Interim Executive Director's Update ~ Ardell Galbreth

- a. **DISCUSSION and POSSIBLE ACTION: Accept the Budget and Finance Committee's recommendation of OMB A-133 Auditing Services to L.L. Bradford & Company in an Amount not to exceed \$65,000.00 for the current year with a follow-up letter to PBTk according to the terms that state, "until terminated by either party for any reason."**

Valerie Murzl stated that there is a violation of the Open Meeting Law resulting from the distribution of persuasive e-mail correspondence from Dan Gouker and Councilman Bob Coffin to the other Board members regarding the matter of the OMB A-133 auditing services contract award.

Ardell Galbreth, Interim Executive Director, cautioned the Board that when there is an RFP published, during the ex-parte process, there should not be any communication with the respondents regarding the proposal.

Matt Cecil, Legal counsel stated the open meeting matter is not a serious violation because opinions were stated but there was no polling for votes. Mr. Cecil stated that the way to correct this is to put the opinions on the record here today, which will alleviate the Board of any violations.

Councilman Coffin read his email for the record:

Dear Colleagues,

I have received the agendas for this week's meetings of the Workforce Board and the LEO Board. I want to reiterate my objection to the firing of the auditors for this organization, Piercy, Bowler, Taylor, and Kern. To terminate their services immediately upon receiving a deservedly critical opinion on their financial statements, that being Workforce Connections financial statements, sends a bad signal to the entire community of interest, government, and private. Workforce Connections is in deep trouble and the local governments wanted representatives who would watch out for tax payer interest and liability; you got what you asked for in the presence of all the elected officials on this Board. I'm going to vigorously oppose this item as I told you last month. I do not care if it is legally defensible in the workforce counsel's opinion, not my letter rather the action by the staff here, it is arguable that this action is proper and legal, and if the Board votes to terminate their services, I believe it jeopardizes our standing, which would be the standing within the community.

Mr. Cecil read Dan Gouker's email for the record:

Good Evening All,

I just returned from Northern Nevada and want to respond to Councilman Coffin's comments regarding the auditor before tomorrow's meeting. I asked this item to be sent back to the Budget Committee for further review and this is what we found. There were five financial people who reviewed the submitted proposals; three were representing the local governments, referred to by Councilman Coffin, and two representing Workforce Connections. These two people are relatively new to Workforce Connections and were not involved in the problematic audits of the past. Most of the companies who submitted proposals were at the Budget Committee meeting and were asked questions by the members. The recent RFP clearly asked for a quote the audit, that's what it says word for word, and not a range of costs as submitted by PBTk. The recent RFP, as well previous RFPs, also states that mileage costs will be part of the audit costs and not a reimbursable extra, and yet, PBTk continues to submit mileage claims to WC. Every time a financial report is requested from PBTk results in an extra fee being charged to WC with the explanation that the requested report is not part of the audit. If a representative of PBTk attends any WC meeting a bill is sent to WC for their time, even if they do not say a single word at the meeting. Again, this is with the explanation that meeting attendance is not part of the audit fee structure. In the previous two years, PBTk has been paid approximately \$400,000 for their audit services, which is substantially more than their proposal quote. I completely agree with Councilman Coffin's statement that Workforce Connections is in deep trouble; however, I do not believe that changing auditors jeopardizes our standing as he stated, and in fact, based solely on the amounts and types of fees charged, charges to Workforce Connections by PBTk, we have an obligation to the tax payers to put an end to this type of egregious spending. I believe that all existing and future contracts should be reviewed with the same critical view as this one with PBTk.

Respectfully,

Dan Gouker

Jim Kostecki provided an overview of the evaluation process. The evaluation committee consisted of Carol Turner, himself, Tom Wilson from Clark County, and Jan Fulmer from North Las Vegas. The committee evaluated proposals based on the scoring matrix provided in the RFP, which included the evaluation of the executive summary, qualifications and experience of the firm, and the fees of the firm, and so the determination was not strictly low-cost. Based on that, the evaluators took the four scores and totaled them up. Two companies came in very close, L.L. Bradford came in with a score of 151 and Houldsworth, Russo came in with a score of 154. The committee decided to go with L.L. Bradford even though they placed second, due to the fact there was a \$40,000 difference in their top fee. Based on that, that's where L.L. Bradford was selected.

Mr. Galbreth stated at the last Board meeting, staff was directed to take this matter back to the Budget Committee, which was done, and of course this particular recommendation is coming from the Budget Committee for consideration. Discussion ensued.

Dennis Perea stated that he believes PBTk exceeded their quote last year because they had to reconstruct the Balance Sheet for the Board as it was not reconciled. Mr. Perea stated that PBTk's audit provides a good window into what's going on at Workforce Connections.

Councilwoman Gerri Schroder expressed her thoughts about switching Auditors and stated that Workforce Connections should stay with PBTk because they know all about Workforce Connections and its history.

Responding to Councilwoman Schroder's request, Mr. Kostecki announced the names of the RFP evaluators, to include: Tom Wilson, Comptroller, Clark County; Jan Fulmer, Accounting Manager, City of North Las Vegas; Carol Turner and Jim Kostecki, Workforce Connections.

Councilwoman Schroder made a motion to continue with the prior contract (with PBTk).

Commissioner Lawrence Weekly stated that he does not think Workforce Connections is in trouble, as Mr. Gouker relayed in his email, rather the organization just needs to get on the same page, work closely with the service providers, be more transparent, be fair, and do what's right and in the best interest of the clients the agency serves.

Ken LoBene stated that one of the concerns is the additional costs in audit fees and recommended that the motion direct the staff to work with the PBTk to reduce those additional costs by not having them attend the meetings and other things that drive up costs.

Councilman Bob Coffin suggested that the motion be to reject the bids and accept a bid from PBTk or to ignore the bids and say that the existing contract with PBTk is still in effect and that the old rates apply.

Matt Cecil stated that if the motion is to reject the other bidders and to approve PBTk for the current RFP response, that is essentially saying that the Board is deciding to ignore the RFP Evaluators' recommendation and not following their professional opinions, and do what the agency think is best. It would also ignore the ex-parte communication that PBTk had with the Board regarding their response, which technically should disqualify them from that RFP Process. Mr. Cecil stated that this is probably not the best way to go. The best way to go if the agency is looking at PBTk would be to continue with the prior contract in place. The contract is a year contract; however, there are renewal provisions that would allow us to continue with the contract.

Councilwoman Schroder rescinded her prior motion.

A new motion was made to reject agenda item 10a and reject all the bids by Councilwoman Gerri Schroder and seconded by Valerie Murzl, with one abstention by Commissioner Lawrence Weekly. Motion carried.

b. DISCUSSION and POSSIBLE ACTION: Based on the Recommendations of the Youth Council and Adult & Dislocated Worker Committee, Approve Workforce Connections' Two Year Strategic Compliance Plan for the Period July 1, 2012 – June 30, 2014

Mr. Galbreth provided an overview of the compliance plan.

Mr. Galbreth stated Workforce Connections be responsible for the Workforce Investment Area service delivery, not just from the funded partners, but also the One-Stop locations to ensure the services delivered out of the One-Stops meet the community's needs. Workforce Connections will ensure that all resources are available through the One-Stops: core, intensive, and training services, and that community resources are available to the client through funded partners and collaboration with community service agencies, including Clark County Social Services, Welfare Division, local youth agencies, the college/ university education system for training services, and other mandated partners.

Mujahid Ramadan asked how much staff will be required for the one-stop after Workforce Connections assumes responsibility for it.

Mr. Galbreth replied that staff is currently reviewing the needs; however, \$1 million has been set aside in the budget to cover infrastructure costs.

Mr. Ramadan commented on the magnitude of the task and stated it will take much more involvement than there has been in the past, including from Board and Committee members.

Michelle Bize asked how many clients are expected to be served through the One-Stops.

Mr. Perea replied that the Maryland Parkway JobConnect location alone serves over 20,000 clients per month.

Mr. Perea commented that there is still the issue with the one State-wide Board and when this is resolved, both plans, the State and local Board, will need to be reconciled because they have to match. Mr. Perea said that the State received an extension to submit a draft of the State Plan to DOL by July 1, 2012. The deadline to submit the final draft is September 30th.

Commissioner Weekly stated that DETR will be making a presentation at the next LEO Consortium meeting on May 24th at 3:00 p.m., and encouraged the Board members to come if they are interested in hearing the State's proposal and discussion by the LEOs.

A motion was made Approve Workforce Connections' Two Year Strategic Compliance Plan for the Period July 1, 2012 – June 30, 2014 by Mujahid Ramadan and seconded by Valerie Murzl. Motion carried.

11. SECOND PUBLIC COMMENT SESSION:

Rene Cantu, Executive Director, Latin Chamber of Commerce Community Foundation expressed gratitude on behalf of Otto and the staff for the opportunity to serve youth. Mr. Cantu stated that Latin Chamber's outreach methods include partnerships with people like Fritz Reese and the Nevada Women's Medical Foundation, which serves pregnant and parenting youth, as well as through media campaigns on both Spanish and English channels.

Bishop James M. Rogers, Sr., CEO, GNJ Family Life Center thanked the Board for their vote of confidence in GNJ and stated that GNJ looks forward to the opportunity to impact the community in a great way.

Dr. Tiffany Tyler, Nevada Partners, Inc. thanked the Board on behalf of Nevada Partner's, for their consideration and the opportunity to support the system and address the number of the needs the Board has identified, and each month to provide reports on Nevada Partner's performance and its impact on the community. If there is anything Nevada Partners can do to assuage any concerns the Board has about the performance and commitment to the work, Dr. Tyler asked the Board to please request the information and Nevada Partners will address the concerns and provide any information requested. Dr. Tyler stated that Nevada Partners will schedule onsite tours for any of the Board members interested.

Hannah Brown announced that Commissioner Weekly graduated last week with his Master's degree. Michelle Bize was at the graduation ceremony for her son, and stated that Commissioner Weekly gave a rousing speech.

Valerie Murzl announced that her daughter graduated Friday with her Master's degree from Georgetown and will be attending medical school.

Debra Collins reminded the Board that the Operation Healthcare Bound event is tomorrow. Staff will be picking up 104 youth from the funded partners to participate in the event. Ms. Collins thanked Mujahid Ramadan for having staff on the radio, which drummed up a lot of support for the event. Ms. Collins stated that the total number of youth participating is 130, all of whom will receive a pair of scrubs to wear. Ms. Collins thanked the Board for their support.

Ardell Galbreth announced that this Friday there is a Teen Town Hall Meeting at Clark County and invited all the funded partners. Staff will be attending as well.

Pamela Poston, HELP of Southern Nevada thanked the Board and staff for all of the work and support provided to HELP of Southern Nevada that has changed so many lives; youth who would like to be here to thank the Board as well.

Hannah Brown thanked Ardell Galbreth and staff for the good work that they are doing that has the agency moving forward.

12. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 12:57 p.m.