

Minutes
*workforce***CONNECTIONS**
Executive Committee Meeting
August 12, 2010

Members Present

Hannah Brown, *workforce***CONNECTIONS**-Chair Valerie Murzl, Adult/Dislocated Worker
Laurie Luongo, Brand & Value-Chair Pat Maxwell, Emerging Markets/Partnerships-Chair
Margarita Rebollal, Budget & Finance-Chair

Members Absent

Ken LoBene, Youth Council-Chair Gerri Schroder, Local Elected Officials-Chair

Staff Present

John Ball Suzanne Potter David Jefferson Nancy White
Tameca Ulmer Sylvia Spencer Cornelius Eason

Others Present

Donna Romo, DETR Fran Phillips, CHR
Vickie Simon, CHR Helicia Thomas, GNJ

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

Agenda Item 1 - Call to Order, confirmation of posting, roll call

The meeting was called to order by Chair Councilwoman Gerri Schroder at 9:35 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.

Agenda Item 2 – ACTION: Approval of Agenda with the inclusion of any emergency items and deletion of any items
Motion was made to approve the agenda as presented by Valerie Murzl and seconded by Pat Maxwell. Motion carried.

Agenda Item 3 – ACTION: Approval of the Executive Committee meeting minutes from April 15, 2010
Motion was made to approve the Executive Committee meeting minutes from April 15, 2010 as presented by Laurie Luongo and seconded by Valerie Murzl. Motion carried.

Agenda Item 4 –ACTION: Approval of the Executive Committee meeting minutes from June 10, 2010
Motion was made to approve the Executive Committee meeting minutes from April 15, 2010 as presented by Valerie Murzl and seconded by Pat Maxwell. Motion carried.

Agenda Item 5 – DISCUSSION and ACTION: Committee Action Items 1. Youth Council – Ken LoBene, Chair
Approve an amendment to the Latin Chamber of Commerce for additional summer youth employment services in an amount not to exceed \$40,000

Sylvia Spencer stated that the requested amendment to the Latin Chamber of Commerce is to provide work experience services and work readiness training for 15 additional youth.

A motion to approve an amendment to the Latin Chamber of Commerce for additional summer youth employment services in an amount not to exceed \$40,000 was made by Valerie Murzl and seconded by Laurie Luongo. Motion carried.

Agenda Item 6 – DISCUSSION: 1. Budget and Finance Committee – Margarita Rebollal, Chair-Committee Update
David Jefferson reported that the Fiscal Year 09 Audit was approved by the Budget Committee at the August 4, 2010 meeting. In addition to submitting a corrective action for the findings, the Budget Committee and staff are working with the internal auditor on a detail audit plan to further address the findings. The final plan will be brought back to the Budget Committee for approval, then on the *workforce***CONNECTIONS** Board meeting agenda for September 2010.

2. Board and Committee Organization

A committee was formed to handle Board and committee organization. Persons on this committee include Hannah Brown, Valerie Murzl, Councilwoman Geri Schroder, and Commissioner Lawrence Weekly.

3. *workforce*CONNECTIONS Update – John Ball, Executive Director

John Ball provided an update on the ongoing work at the Nevada DETR, the northern WIB, NevadaWorks and *workforce*CONNECTIONS to align the planning processes, budgeting processes, and program development processes. An MOU is being created to incorporate a document with the various working agreements developed during the last few months. The group is looking at grant opportunities at the State level, the roles of the LWIBs and the reallocation of dollars to ensure they are being spent in the appropriate place, including the reallocation between the WIBs, based on specific projects, which will be brought forth to the relative committees.

An outcome of this enhanced relationship is the State Energy Sector Partnership Grant, referred to as the Green Energy Grant, led by Jaime Cruz. Mr. Cruz is working on renegotiating certain components of the \$6M grant to employ 3,000-4,000 people.

*workforce*CONNECTIONS IT Staff travelled to Reno to meet with the State's IT staff to finalize an agreement to move forward on a new software system called I-Trac to replace the current NJCOS system. I-Trac is already in its trial stage with the summer youth program. This is another example of the improved relationship with the State.

Agenda Item 7 – Public Comment

Sylvia Spencer announced there will be a Teen Expo on August 27, 2010 at Pearson Community Center, a Dropout Prevention Summit on November 8, 2010, and a Youth Forum on December 11, 2010 featuring guest speaker, author Wes Moore.

Helicia Thomas announced that GNJ Family Life Center and YouthBuild Las Vegas will be hosting an Employability Conference on August 27, 2010 at the Texas Station Hotel and Casino in the Houston Ball Room from 3:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m. The purpose of the conference is to connect the YouthBuild graduates with employers, and to discuss current job market trends, emerging job markets, green careers, and employers' expectations.

Agenda Item 8 - Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 10:05 a.m.