

KWIB Meeting Minutes

January 18, 2010

Kentucky Higher Education Assistance Authority
Frankfort, Kentucky

Members Present

Benny Adair, Commissioner Beth Brinly, Rick Christman, Representative Larry Clark (Lora Hawkins), James Cole, Betsy Flynn, Oliver Gannon, Secretary J.R. Gray, Hugh Haydon, Secretary Larry Hayes, Edward Holmes, Kimberly Huston, Robert King, Robert Lekites (Tom Volta), Roger Marcum, Heidi Margulis, Michael McCall (Donna Davis), Senator Vernie McGaha, (Darryl McGaha), Secretary Joseph Meyer, Dr. Lara Needham, Col. Mark Needham (Stacey Games), Kelly Nuckols, Kevin Shurn, Secretary Marcheta Sparrow, (Lindy Casebier), Mayor Diane Whalen, Tom Zawacki.

Guests Present

Madison Silvert

Staff Present

Elizabeth Hack, Wanda Samuels, Tim Thornberry, Ebony Whiteside, Tom West

CALL TO ORDER

Ed Holmes, Chair, called the meeting to order at 1:05 p.m.

ACTIONS

New board member Commissioner Beth Brinly was sworn in.

Motion was made by Benny Adair with a second from Kelly Nuckols approving the minutes as presented from the December 10, 2009 KWIB meeting. Motion Passed.

Motion was made by Benny Adair nominating Dr. Lara Needham to serve on the KATS Advisory Council with a second by Betsy Flynn. Motion passed.

REPORTS

Kentucky Energy Sector Partnership Grant Update was provided by Benny Adair. Kentucky received the full \$4.7 million requested. The grant provides funding for three different renewable energy and energy efficient programs in two of our LWIAs. In the Cumberland, workers will be trained for jobs related to smart-grid technology. While in West Kentucky some will be trained for jobs in chemical engineering in jobs anticipated for new solar panel operations across the border in Tennessee, as well as, plumbers and pipefitters being trained in green technology that is transforming those professions.

Secretary Meyer provided an update on the Construction and Apprenticeship Incentive Grant, Statewide Reserve initiatives, and formally introduced Commissioner Beth Brinly.

Statewide Reserve Initiatives - Three pre-apprenticeship program grants have been awarded. Green River, Kentuckiana Works, and Northern Kentucky are all working with a variety of different union organizations to develop a better pipeline for the registered apprenticeship programs. Additionally, \$400,000 was awarded by the Governor to the construction pipeline project in Kentuckiana Works. A little more than \$300,000 was also awarded to the NKWIB for an ongoing program.

Executive Committee - wants wide Board participation from the committees that have been previously established in order to put specific action steps on paper for the Strategic Plan. The task is too time consuming to do as a Board so it is necessary to break down into committees. There needs to be a clear idea to create accountability in the process. Coordinating Committee Members are encouraged to participate in the process. The suggested action items provided were given only as a starting point. Also, it is imperative that information is solicited from the outside. Tom West informed the Board that the data will be posted on the KWIB website. Committee meeting lists will be sent out as well. Also, news releases are currently sent to the press, and meetings are open to the public.

Secretary Meyer commented that the Education and Workforce Development Cabinet is taking workforce serious and is delighted to put together a vision for an effective workforce development system; it is time to be proactive and this endeavor has the full support of the Cabinet.

Specific parties for the Strategic Plan action steps will be named so that there is accountability and order to the process. The target date for a DRAFT of the Strategic Plan is May 20, 2010. In order for this due date to be achieved, committees need to meet at least three times over the next three months.

SPEAKER

Madison Silvert gave a presentation on how the innovation cycle drives the need for a service oriented economy.

NEXT MEETING

May 20th, KHEAA Building, 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.

ADJOURN

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:15 p.m.