



MINUTES
EWIB VIRTUAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2022
8:00 A.M.

Members Present: Ray Coombs, Jr.; Susan Hibbard; Thayne Hutchins, Jr.; Chris Jewell; Andrew McKillop; Courtney Murphy; Michael O'Connor; Michael Phelps; Caleb Roseme; Pat Feeney; Deborah Monahan; Susan Kocaba; Jessica Corneau; Linda Ladas; Paul Whitescarver; & Jim Butler.

Staff Present: Guy Saporito, Carol LaBelle, & Sheila Taurianen.

Others Present: CT Sen Cathy Osten, Rep. Tammy Nuccio, First Selectman Kevin Cunningham, Ayanti Grant, Carol Williams, Stefanie Monetjano, Denise Spellman, Bibi Amin, Eric Protulis, Lynn Lawrence, Juliette Khan, Kippy Martin, & Kristin Hempel.

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Jewell called the meeting to order at 8:02 a.m. and welcomed Nicole Galo (*Lawrence + Memorial Hospital*) and Susan Kocaba (*CT Dept. of Education*) to the Board. He also thanked Ayanti Grant (*U.S. Rep. Courtney's office*), Sen. Cathy Osten (*19th Dist.*), Rep. Tammy Nuccio (*53rd Dist.*), 1st Selectman Kevin Cunningham (*Plainfield*), and Dr. Carol Williams (*Ossen Foundation*) for attending this morning's meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

ACCEPTANCE OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

A **MOTION** was made to accept the minutes from the May 24, 2022 EWIB Board of Directors meeting, as presented (**BUTLER/MONAHAN**). **ACTION:** Unanimously approved.

CORRESPONDENCE

- **CT Mirror Article** – Chairman Jewell reported that he and staff participated in an interview with the publication over the summer as part of a project that is taking “. . . a closer look at workforce development programs support[ing] *Electric Boat*.” The article is expected to be published this fall.
- **CareerConneCT Award** – EWIB received a “*Notice of Intent to Award*” in the amount of \$1,782,691 from the CT Office of Workforce Solutions (*OWS*) as the “*sole source*” to provide technical infrastructure projects for the CareerConneCT grant.
- **Jeffrey P. Ossen Family Foundation** – Guy Saporito, EWIB Chief Financial & Administrative Officer, reported that in July, EWIB received the second-year award from the Foundation for YMPI. In June, an orientation meeting was held with the Foundation's new leadership and Board members.

CETC/GOVERNOR'S WORKFORCE COUNCIL (GWC) REPORT

No report.

CHAIRMAN/MANAGEMENT REPORT

- **Visit from Dignitaries** – U.S. Rep. Joe Courtney (CT 2) hosted U.S. Secretary of Labor Marty Walsh on August 16th where they were joined by CT Gov. Ned Lamont, U.S. Sen. Richard Blumenthal, and other state and local stakeholders to tour the Three Rivers Community College Manufacturing Apprenticeship Center (MAC) at Grasso Tech and announce EWIB's receipt of a \$7.85M grant (*the largest in the nation*) from USDOL for CareerConneCT – the statewide expansion of EWIB's Manufacturing Pipeline Initiative (MPI). A brief [video on the MPI program](#) was played. Media coverage was strong & across multiple platforms.
- **New Initiatives** – Chairman Jewell reported on several key components of the CareerConneCT grant for the region included 1) Sustaining the efforts of the EAMA Regional Sector Partnership (EAMA RSP), 2) Expanding & enhancing the YMPI to add additional schools & reach down into the middle & elementary schools, 3) Creation of a Healthcare RSP, and 4) creation of a Healthcare Youth pipeline.
- **2022 Summer Youth Employment Program (SYEP)** – Ms. LaBelle, EWIB Sr. Dir. of Programs & Special Projects, reported on this year's program noting that there were ~1,500 applicants, with ~440 youth enrolled, working at ~130 worksites, and noted that 94% of participants completed the program. She noted that some youth will remain in their positions year-round. Worksites included information technology, healthcare, maintenance, office/clerical, finance, and more. Funding for this year's program (~\$1.2M) was received from:
 - City of Norwich American Recovery Program
 - City of New London for New London Youth Affairs
 - Foundations
 - Centreville Bank Foundation
 - Chamber of Commerce of Eastern CT Foundation
 - Charter Oak Federal Credit Union
 - Chelsea Groton Foundation
 - Community Foundation of Eastern CT
 - Dime Bank Foundation
 - Eastern CT Savings Bank Foundation
 - M&T Charitable Foundation
 - Mystic Seaport Museum
 - State of Connecticut
 - Dept of Labor
 - Dept of Children & Families
 - Dept of Aging & Disability Services/BRS
 - Manufacturing Pipeline Initiative
- **Financial & Administrative Update** – Mr. Saporito provided a status report on the following: Hybrid meeting capabilities and timeline, banking disbursement system changes, and the financial restitution on check fraud that occurred last spring. He updated the group on EWIB's FY22 operating budget noting that the final expenditures came in at 4.3% under budget, which was better than what was forecasted in May. He also provided an update to EWIB's FY23 revenue availability, which more than doubled in May's conservative forecast. An additional \$15.51M has been secured, primarily frp, mew grant and contract acquisitions, bringing the revised total to \$30.94M.

COMMITTEE REPORT

- **Executive Committee Report** – Chairman Jewell informed the Board that the Executive Committee meet with EWIB President/CEO Mark Hill earlier this month where they accepted his resignation due to ongoing health issues. The Committee has engaged the services of HR consulting firm, Foster Associates, to assist with the search and selection process for a replacement. In the interim, senior management will continue to jointly handle the leadership needs of the organization.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

A **MOTION** was made to adjourn the meeting (*HIBBARD/PHELPS*). **ACTION:** Unanimously approved.

The meeting adjourned at 8:36 a.m. a.m.

Meeting minutes respectfully submitted for Eastern CT Workforce Investment Board Secretary James S. Butler by Executive Assistant Sheila R. Taurianen.