



**MINUTES OF THE QUARTERLY MEETING  
OF THE  
YONKERS WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD  
Held on April 5, 2019**

Held at  
Yonkers Riverfront Library  
One Larkin Plaza  
Yonkers, New York 10701

**Board Members Present:**

William Mascetta  
Anthony Ascencao  
Laurel Birkett  
Rev. Dr. Carl Bruce  
Nicholas D’Angelo  
Frank DeSantis  
Taryn Duffy  
Ramona Fuentes  
Richard Halevy  
Linda Heyward  
Kris Komorowski  
Jaime Martinez  
Susan Naber  
Ross Pepe  
Donald Quadrino  
Bonnie Reyna  
Felderi Santiago  
Camille Valentin

**Board Members Excused:**

Lamont Badru  
Mark Corpas  
Churchill Egone  
Gina Gaines  
Charlie McKnight  
Louis Navarro  
Amir Rabadi  
Ramon Rodriguez  
Atul Sheffey

**WDB Staff Present**

Sean McGrail, Executive Director  
George Varkey, Fiscal Officer  
Chanele Harris, Executive Assistant

**Guests:**

Carol Holman, Yonkers Career Center Manager  
Linda Patterson, Youth Services Coordinator  
Lillian Morales, Business Services

**I. Welcome-Call to Order Acceptance of Minutes**

Mr. William Mascetta called the meeting to order at 9:15 a.m. Mr. Mascetta. Mr. Mascetta opened the floor for introductions. Mr. Mascetta discussed sub-committees to the Board. Mr. Clinton discussed Empire City and community connections.

The minutes of the January 25, 2019 Board Meeting were distributed to Board members and provided in advance to today’s meeting.

Mr. Mascetta made a motion to accept the minutes of the April 5, 2019 meeting. Mr. Halevy made a motion to accept the minutes of the April 5, 2019 meeting. The motion was seconded by Ms. Heyward and was then unanimously approved as submitted.

**II. Executive Directors Report**

Mr. McGrail discussed the Bi-Annual Recertification of the Local Workforce Development Board (LWDB). New York State Department of Labor (NYSDOL) has deemed the Yonkers Local Workforce Development



Board (YWDB) in compliance and recertified to operate under the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) of 2014 for the next two years. Certified Boards are listed on the NYSDOL website.

YWDB: Mr. McGrail discussed the changes to the Yonkers Workforce Development Board and the recertification process.

Audits: Mr. McGrail discussed the Procurement Review and the Property Management Review conducted by NYSDOL for the period of July 1, 2016 through December 31, 2018 in which there were no findings. Mr. McGrail discussed the Procurement Review conducted by NYSDOL for the period of July 1, 2016 through December 31, 2018 in which there were no findings.

Local Unemployment Statistics: Mr. McGrail discussed the Labor Force Data. In February 2018, the unemployment rate for Yonkers was 5.5. In January 2019, the unemployment rate for Yonkers was 4.6. In February 2019, the unemployment rate in Yonkers was dropped to 4.4.

Performance Measures: Mr. McGrail informed the Board that the Yonkers Office of Workforce Development is passing all performance measures mandated by NYSDOL.

WARN Notice: Mr. McGrail informed the Board that Pops Display is moving to Atlanta in which over 400 people will lose employment 25 from people from Yonkers.

### **III. Fiscal Officer Report**

Mr. Varkey discussed the PY'19 budget based on ITA's, OJT's, TANF and payroll.

### **IV. Operations and Programs Report**

Ms. Holman discussed the Career Center operations. Ms. Holman discussed increasing the numbers to the Career Center by offering/exploring in house occupational training. Ms. Holman also discussed Career Center partner meeting.

Ms. Morales discussed business services and partnership.

Ms. Patterson discussed youth services.

Mr. Mascetta discussed meeting dates.

Mr. Mascetta announced motion to adjourn meeting. Ms. Heyward made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Martinez made second motion to adjourn.

Meeting adjourned at 10:50 AM.