

# **WORKFORCE INVESTMENT SAN FRANCISCO**

Local Workforce Investment Board for the City and County of San Francisco

Minutes Of The  
May 26, 2010 Meeting Of The  
Workforce Investment San Francisco (WISF) Board  
Hotel Whitcomb  
1231 Market Street, San Francisco Ca 94102

## **Members Present**

Rob Black, Interim Chair	Michael Theriault, San Francisco Building and Trades Council
Alice Guidry for Sophie Maxwell, San Francisco Board of Supervisors	Nicholas de Lorenzo, National Council on Aging
Ann Wegher, Employment Development Division	Rick Williams for Diane Easterwood, Kaiser Permanente
Barbara Garcia, San Francisco Department of Public Health	Rodrigo Santos, Santos Urrutia Structural Engineering
Debra Higa, Starwood Hotels	Ross Mirkarimi, San Francisco Board of Supervisors
Debra Johnson, SFMTA	Sylvia Kwan, Kwan Henmi
Dr. Don Q. Griffin, City College of San Francisco	Ted Egan, San Francisco Office of Economic Analysis
Egon Terplan, SPUR	Tom Ruiz for Carlos Garcia, San Francisco Unified School District
Jennifer Hermann, UCSF	Tom Ryan, San Francisco Labor Council
Jessica Alva for Paul Giusti, NorCal Waste	Trent Rhorer, Human Services Agency
Jimi Harris for Steve Leder, PG&E	
John McKnight, Nuprecon, LP	
Kent Lim, Kent Lim Construction	
Micki Callahan, Department of Human Resources	

## **Members Absent**

Celeste Alleyne, Microsoft	Mary Ruth Gross, SEIU UHW-West & Joint Employer Education Fund
Darlene Rutkowski, Department of Rehabilitation	Michael Wald, Stanford University
Henry Alvarez III, San Francisco Housing Authority	Reuben Santana, Rubecon Construction
	Sheila O'Mahoney, UPS

## **OEWD Staff**

Rhonda Simmons, Director, Workforce Development	Lisa Estrada, Fiscal Monitor
Amy Wallace, Workforce Development Division Deputy Director	Kriztina Palone, Business Services Representative
Dexter Ligot-Gordon, Workforce Policy Analyst	Marc Majors, WIA Program Manager
Erik Ward, Business Services Manager	Monique Forster, WIA Specialist
Glenn Eagleson, Director, Policy and Planning	Nikki Ford, Administrative Assistant
John Halpin, Sector Academies Program Manager	Patrick Mitchell, WIA Specialist
	Steven Currie, Workforce Policy Analyst

## **Public**

(As Evidenced by the Sign-In Sheet)

Fathina Holmes, YCD	DJ Brookter, YCD
Derek Tolliver, YCD	Mindy Aronoff, BAVC
Kim Fox, Goodwill	Ruth Kavanagh, EDD, LMI
Linda Gomes, EDD	Ivy Hankins, Airport Commission
Homer Teng, Chinatown Families Economic Self-Sufficiency Coalition	Troy Henry, Goodwill
Todd Kyger, Ella Hill Hutch	Shymali Choudhury, SF Controller
Garry Grady, GLIDE	Joe Ramirez-Forcier, Positive Resource Center
Jennie Mollica, JVS	Isam Iddeew, NCSL
Jeaneane Young, Re-Entry Council	Cameron McHenry, SHEC/WiCAC
Peter Gerharz, LSYS	Virginia Dario-Elizondo, San Francisco City

Aaron Winters, Upwardly Global  
Amanda Gerrie, Pathways Consultants  
Michelle Hudson, Walden House  
JP Hailer, Urban University  
Flynn Bradley, SFO

Attorney  
Carrie Portis, SF Works  
David Bach, LGBT Center  
Cindy Nuebe, EDD  
Kim Coulthers, Pathways Consultants

**Roll Call**

Rob Black, Interim Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:19am. He welcomed those in attendance and called for introductions from those present.

*Mr. Rob Black noted that WISF members are not allowed to abstain from voting and that any member that needs to be excused from voting will need to inform OEWD staff prior to the meeting.*

**Agenda**

*(Action Item)*

On motion by Mr. Tom Ryan, seconded and carried, the WISF Board adopted the agenda

**Minutes**

*(Action Item)*

On motion by Ms. Micki Callahan, seconded and carried, the WISF Board approved the meeting minutes of the February 24, 2010 WISF Meeting.

**Director's Report**

*(Discussion Item)*

Ms. Rhonda Simmons gave an update on the status of the Workforce Development system. Ms. Simmons reflected on the progress made by the Workforce Development Division in the past four years.

**Economic Update**

*(Discussion Item)*

Mr. Ted Egan presented on Economic indicators for the City of San Francisco. Evidence suggests that San Francisco has hit bottom and is beginning to show signs of recovery in job growth and the real estate market. However, Mr. Egan did caution that the City is not out of the recession yet and that there are several global and local issues which may stunt economic growth.

Mr. Trent Rhorer presented on the status of the Jobs NOW program, with 1300 San Francisco residents being placed in private, non-profit and public sector jobs.

Discussion followed.

**Election of the Chair**

*(Action Item)*

Mr. Dexter Ligot-Gordon presented on the process and requirements for Election of the Chair as described in the WISF bylaws. Mr. Rob Black was nominated at the February 24, 2010 meeting of the WISF. Nominations were opened and no further nominations made.

Nominations were then closed with Mr. Rob Black as the only nominee.

*On motion by Ms. Micki Callahan, seconded and carried, Mr. Rob Black was unanimously elected Chair of the WISF.*

**Action to Approve Local Plan Modification PY 09-10**

*(Action Item)*

Mr. Marc Majors presented on the Local Plan Modification for PY09-10, a technical document required to update the Employment Development Division (EDD) on Workforce Investment Act (WIA) program activities in the City and County of San Francisco. The most significant changes were in the increase in Dislocated Worker funds and American Reinvestment and Recovery Act (ARRA) dollars; the addition of Summer Youth Employment; implementing three Sector Academies: CityBuild, Health Care and TrainGreenSF; the expansion of the One Stop system to include a Neighborhood Workforce Center in Visitation Valley and a Re-Entry Navigator; and the California New Start Program to integrate recently paroled men and women into the San Francisco Workforce system.

Discussion followed.

*On motion by Ms. Barbara Garcia, seconded and carried, the Local Plan Modification PY 09-10 was passed unanimously.*

**Committee Reports**  
*(Discussion Item)*

Mr. Glenn Eagleson reported on the work of the Youth Council. Mr. Eagleson gave an update on the DCYF Raising San Franciscans Together Request for Proposal that was recently released with education attainment as the priority for young people 13-24 years old.

Discussion followed.

Ms. Cameron McHenry presented on the work of the Workforce Investment Community Advisory Committee (WiCAC). Ms. McHenry discussed the challenges of the WiCAC in nominating a Chair and requested that there be a standing agenda item for a WiCAC presentation at all future WISF meetings and public comment taken until such time that they could get representation on the WiCAC Board.

Discussion followed.

Mr. Rob Black commented that further conversation would be had in order to determine how best to have the WiCAC liaise with the WISF.

**Public Comment**

Mr. Rob Black's call for public comment yielded the following response:

Mr. David Bach, LGBT Community Center, commented in favor of having the voice of the WiCAC at the WISF table.

Mr. Joe Ramirez-Forcier, Positive Resource Center, commented in favor of giving the WiCAC, even in a non-voting role with a seat at the WISF table.

Ms. Jeaneane Young, Public Defenders Office, commented on outreach for the U.S. Census.

*Ms. Rhonda Simmons proposed that in the interest of time Agenda Items #7 and #8 be carried over to the next WISF meeting on August 25, 2010.*

**Conclusion**

On motion by Mr. Rob Black, seconded and carried, the meeting was adjourned at 10:48am.