

Workforce Development Board of Columbia & Greene Counties

Minutes for December 9, 2015 5:30 p.m.

Columbia Greene Community College

MISSION: The C-G WDB will provide leadership, influence, focus and oversight for the local workforce development system. *Strategies to Achieve Vision and Mission:*

- Promote collaboration between economic development, education and training resources.
- Measure system performance for quality improvement.
- Promote the system with the public

WELCOME

Vice Chair Mary Prazma called the meeting to order at 5:34.

Present: Frank Alguire, Debra Armstrong, Tracy Cantele, Nancy Costine, Carolyn Dongara, Terri Drobner, Chris Foster, Kathryn Nelson, Joe Sacchetti, Karen Schoonmaker, Lisa Thomas, Terry McGee Ward and M. A. Wiltse.

Excused: Barbara Arisohn, Lindsay Arp, Betty Betts, Dan DeVinney, Gladys Dysard, Mark Fingar, Maryanne Lee, David Lester, Ann Luby, Florence Ohle, Mary Prazma, David Scott, Cindy Tipple, Deb Tuttle, Mike Veeder, Donna Williams and Joe Wolodkevich.

Consultant: Katy Drake

Guests: Nancy Bell (DOL), Maureen Boutin (Workforce Office), Dawn Bucci (CGCC/Workforce), Mark Decker (Workforce), Dennis Di Donato (Berkshire Farms) and Susan Gallagher (DOL), Wendy Pereira (Workforce) and Holly Wanek (Workforce)

With 14 out of 31 members in attendance, a quorum was not present.

NEW BUSINESS

State Education TASC Decision

M.A. Wiltse, Director

The state education department has formally notified Questar III that the High School Equivalency Testing contract that allows the TASC Test to be offered at the Columbia-Greene Educational Center has not been renewed. This means that all Columbia and Greene County residents that want to take the TASC test will no longer be able to do so locally. The nearest test site currently identified is Troy.

Correspondence will be sent to the following people and organizations to protest this decision and to request a reversal of this action:

State Education Officials: Mark Leinung (Mark.Leinung@nysed.gov);
Patricia Mooney (Patricia.Mooney@nysed.gov);
Carroll Constance (Constance.Carroll@nysed.gov)

Board of Regents
(local representative): Josephine Victoria Finn (Regent.Finn@nysed.gov)

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State Legislators:

Kathleen A. Marchione (marchione@nyssenate.gov)

George Amedore (Amedore@nyssenate.gov)

Didi Barrett (BarrettD@assembly.state.ny.us)

Steven McLaughlin (mclaughlins@assembly.state.ny.us)

Peter Lopez (LopezP@assembly.state.ny.us)

Correspondence will also be sent to following interested parties to encourage them to voice their concerns about this decision:

Chairman of the Columbia County Board of Supervisors

Chairman of the Greene County Legislature

Superintendents of all school districts served by CGR BOCES

Chairman, Board of Trustees at Columbia-Greene Community College

Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act- Board Presentation

Melinda Mack, the Executive Director of the New York Association of Training and Employment Professionals (NYATEP), presented an overview of WIOA for Board members, Workforce staff and guests. The presentation was distributed electronically to all Columbia Greene Board members. A copy of the presentation can be requested through Katy Drake (drake@mhccable.com or (518) 965-1421).

PY 15 Full Board Meeting Schedule	
Tuesday, January 19, 2016	5:30 p.m.
Tuesday, April 19, 2016	5:30 p.m.
Tuesday, July 19, 2016	5:30 p.m.