

Workforce Development Board of Columbia & Greene Counties

Minutes for October 19, 2021 4:30 p.m.

In-Person Meeting with option to join Virtually

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-Chairman Mike Veeder called the meeting to order at 4:36. Attendance was taken when admitting board members and guests into the Zoom Meeting. Roll call was then read to verify attendance, both in person and via Zoom. Members were welcomed and thanked for their attendance during these challenging times. This virtual meeting was recorded for future reference.

Present: Scott Brazie*, Jamie Budai, Susan Sommers Evans, Jackie Fitzgerald, Susan Gallagher*, Jim Lapenn*, Chris Nardone, Kathryn Nelson, Ann Marie O'Hanlon*, Florence Ohle, John Rutkey*, Brya Scali*, Aimee Skiff, Michael Torchia, Ron Valentine, Terry McGee Ward* and Mike Veeder

***Joined via Zoom**

Consultant: Katy Drake

Excuse: Debra Armstrong, Lindsay Arp, Mark Fingar, Maryanne Lee, Kathy Roop, Joe Sacchetti, Lisa Thomas, Deb Tuttle and Joe Wolodkevich.

Guests: Silvee June/Ducommun, Rebecca Preusser/Associate Director of Youth Services, Danielle Palleschi/Associate Director for Business Services, Renae Garcia/Glenmont Job Corp and *Katie DeMuth/ACCES VR.

With 17 members present a quorum is present.

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

Mike Veeder, Vice Chair

Florence Ohle made a motion to accept the minutes from September 21, 2021. Kathy Nelson seconded the motion. All Board Meeting notes are on the CG WIO Web Site for future reference. (www.columbiagreenetworks.org)

MEMBERSHIP-Board Update

Katy Drake, WDB Director

- Two Columbia County Business Representatives are in recruitment. Two Greene Business Representatives in recruitment for one current vacancy and one pending vacancy. One Greene Business Appointment (Silvee June/Ducommun) is in process.
- The CG WDB has three partner vacancies- 1) Greene Economic Development, Planning & Tourism 2) Greene DSS- Laura Becker's appointment is in process following Deb Armstrong's retirement 3) Columbia Labor Representative (Chief Shop Steward UPSEU)

Summer Youth Employment Program Board Presentation

Rebecca Preusser, Associate Director for Youth Services shared a presentation and two videos on the SYEP for 2021. The presentation, which covers feedback from both Youth and participating businesses, is available on the website. Rebecca was commended for a successful 2021 SYEP.

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Glenmont Job Corp

Renae Garcia, the Admissions Coordinator for Glenmont Job Corp shared information on services to ensure the partners and community know of Job Corp opportunities for youth ages 16 – 24. Career pathways and advanced training opportunities, which are at no cost to the youth, were shared.

COMPLIANCE UPDATE

Katy Drake, WDB Director

- Columbia Greene MOU- Approved Submission- April 5, 2021. Pending in State Legal.
- **Update: Local Plan finalized on September 30, 2021.**
- **Update: Regional Plan approved & posted.**
- One Stop Procurement- Executive Committee provided tentative budget approval. RFP to be drafted.

One Stop Center Recertification

A committee of seven met on August 5th to review and update the Career Center Recertification document. Board members were emailed the Center Recertification prior to the meeting for review. Chris Nardone reviewed the Recertification Form with the Board. The Career Center Recertification will go before the WIOA Partners' Committee on November 4th for final approval.

Local Business/Organization Updates

Board Members

Chris Nardone shared information on the "State of the Workforce" presentation at the October HR Roundtable Meeting. The presentation and following panel discussion is available for sharing and review. The presentation addressed many national and local critical issues that all businesses will need to address during these challenging times.

Florence Ohle shared supports and resources available through Community Action of Greene County. Information is available on the website: www.cagcnyoorg

In response to the affordable housing challenges for seasonal employees, Susan Sommers Evans shared Windham Resort's "Runs for Rooms" program. The Board discussed affordable housing challenges in relation to attracting and securing potential employees to the areas.

Good and Welfare

Best wishes to Deb Armstrong on her upcoming retirement!

Columbia Greene Full Board Meeting Schedule- PY21		
Contact Katy Drake @ Kathleen.drake@gmail.com for a Zoom meeting link.		
January 18, 2022	4:30 pm	CGCC
April 19, 2022	4:30 pm	CGCC
July 19, 2022	9:30 am Note: Morning Breakfast Mtg	CGCC

The meeting adjourned at 5:58

Notes by Katy Drake/ WDB Consulting Director