



**MEETING MINUTES**  
**DECEMBER 3, 2014**  
**3:30 P.M. – 5:30 P.M.**  
**ANNE ARUNDEL COMMUNITY COLLEGE**  
**ARNOLD, MD 21012**

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**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Martin G. Knott, Jr. (Chair)  
Ken Banks  
Adrian Chapman  
Edward Chow, Jr.  
Katarina Ennerfelt  
George Failla  
Christina Fitts  
Alvin Hathaway  
Leonard J. Howie, III  
Sally Y. Jameson  
Katherine Klausmeier  
Susan W. Krebs  
Andrew B. Larson  
Elliot Lasson  
Roy Layne  
Bel Leong-Hong  
Larry Letow  
Dawn Lindsay  
Lillian Lowery  
Dan McDermott  
Roya Mohadjer  
Catherine Shultz  
Curtis Valentine

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

Sam Abed  
John M. Belcher  
Deborah Bonanni  
Ulysses Currie  
Theodore "Ted" Dallas  
B. Danny DeMarinis  
Donna M. Gwin  
Greg Hershberger  
Gloria G. Lawlah  
Fred D. Mason, Jr.  
Irving McConnell  
Dominick Murray  
Stephen K. Neal  
Stephen Pannill  
Ronald R. Peterson (Vice Chair)  
Deborah Rivkin  
Lisa Rusyniak  
Harold Stinger  
Matt Turpin

**GUESTS**

Bob Aydukovic  
Ruthy Davis  
Lloyd Day  
Molly Dugan  
Cynthia Gurne  
Kathleen Hathaway  
Dean Kendall  
Debbie Klenk  
MaryAnn Mears  
Patricia Moore  
Sara Muempfer  
Kirk Murray  
Anthony Pegues  
Annabelle Sher  
Jack Smith  
Julie Squire  
LeRoy Thomas  
Angela Thornton  
Jeff Trice  
Patricia Tyler  
Liz Williams  
Alice Wirth

**GWIB STAFF**

Lynn M. Selby  
Darla Henson  
Diane Pabich

## **WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS**

Martin G. Knott, Jr., Chair, Governor's Workforce Investment Board (GWIB), called the meeting to order at 3:40 p.m. and welcomed all members to the December 2014 Quarterly meeting.

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A quorum was present and a motion was made and seconded, to approve the minutes of the September 17, 2014, GWIB Board Meeting.

## **CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS**

Chairman Knott, provided an update on the gubernatorial transition process, and shared that the GWIB has prepared a letter to the Governor-Elect Hogan highlighting activities the has been working on and a few examples of meaningful work performed. The GWIB is excited for transition and recognizes the importance of the critical role the Board has played, and will continue to play, in advancing workforce policies and activities within the State. These activities provide businesses with a competitive advantage by equipping them with a skilled workforce that allows them to successfully compete, not only in Maryland, but also globally. There were no comments or questions from members regarding transition.

## **WORKFORCE INNOVATION & OPPORTUNITY ACT UPDATE (WIOA)**

Chairman Knott introduced Department of Workforce Development and Adult Learning Division of Workforce Development and Adult Learning (DLLR/DWDAL) Assistant Secretary, Julie E. Squire, who provided an update on the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA). Ms. Squire shared that DLLR/DWDAL and GWIB partnered to provide technical assistance on the newly passed legislation. Consultant/trainer, Rochelle Daniels, facilitated the two-day "Getting Ready for WIOA Review" session for Maryland workforce investment system stakeholders. Board members were provided with copies of the training materials in their packets.

As a matter of overview, Assistant Secretary Squire shared that WIOA will replace the Workforce Investment Act (WIA) of 1998, the guiding legislation that authorizes federal workforce systems in the States and local areas. WIOA supports the nation's primary programs and investments in employment services, workforce development, adult education, and vocational rehabilitation activities. The bipartisan legislation will improve the nation's workforce development system and help put Americans back to work, and emphasizes the business demand-driven approach that Maryland continues to embrace. DWDAL and the GWIB are continuing to work toward understanding this important and complex legislation. It is anticipated that that the federal regulations providing guidance on implementation of WIOA will be available on January 18, 2015.

Lynn M. Selby, GWIB Executive added that WIOA makes a number of improvements to the public workforce system and its delivery of services to jobseekers, worker and businesses. Among one of the key changes of WIOA is an enhanced role of the Governor and changes to both local and state board composition. WIOA also emphasizes the role of boards in coordinating and aligning workforce programs and adds functions to develop strategies to meet worker and employer needs.

Ms. Selby also shared that WIOA requires the development of a Unified State Plan outlining a 4-year strategy for the core programs, and including the following additional programs - the Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education Act, Unemployment Insurance, Second Chance Act, Trade Adjustment Assistance and Temporary Assistance for Needy Families. The deadline for the State Unified Plan submission to the Governor is March 3, 2016.

### **P-20 LEADERSHIP COUNCIL TASK FORCE ON ARTS EDUCATION AND MARYLAND SCHOOLS**

Mr. Knott introduced MaryAnn Mears, Artist, Founder and Trustee, Arts Education in Schools Alliance, and Jack R. Smith, Chief Academic Officer, Maryland State Department of Education (MSDE). Ms. Mears and Dr. Smith served as co-chairs of the P – 20 Council Task Force on Arts Education in Maryland Schools, and provided an update on the final report submitted to the Governor on September 16, 2014.

Ms. Mears and Dr. Smith shared that the Task Force on Arts Education is a powerful conduit for action and conversation in the State. The P-20 Leadership Council created the Task Force as an important step to maintaining the arts as a major instructional focus for creativity, imagination, and innovation in Maryland; and charged it with creating a plan that ensures a quality arts education for all Maryland students. Specifically, the Task Force was asked to:

- Examine Maryland policies and regulations on arts curriculum and instruction in the context of
- the new standards in arts education so as to identify gaps and alignment needs;
- Determine the current status of arts education in Maryland schools;
- Review pertinent research on the impact of fine arts instruction on student success in school; and
- Make recommendations to the Governor’s P-20 Leadership Council regarding fine arts education in Maryland public schools to include (a) policy and regulations, (b) professional development, (c) Curriculum and instruction, and (d) resource allocation.

The P – 20 Council approved the 10 policy recommendations in September 2014. Board members were provided with copies of the report in their packets.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Knott thanked everyone for their attendance and the meeting was adjourned at 5:15 p.m.