



EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, June 18, 2013
9:00 a.m.

Lawrence High School Library
70-71 North Parish Road
Lawrence, MA 01843

Members Present: Joseph Bevilacqua, Chair, Anne Ormond, Peter Matthews
Cal Williams (electronic vote)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Ralph Abislaiman, Barbara Zeimetz, Mary Kivell

1.) **Call to Order**

A quorum of committee members being present, Board Chairman Joseph Bevilacqua called the meeting to order at 9:10 a.m.

2.) **Submission to the CEO of various modifications to the CEO/WIB Agreement**

Rafael Abislaiman said that there have been several past discussions on the feasibility of separating the WIB from the City of Lawrence's finance structures. They have been caused by the City Budget Director's insistence that we follow the procedures required of other City Departments. Whatever we agree up will need to be vetted by the city attorney and approved by the CEO/Mayor. We have various possible scenarios. We could attempt to transition all employees off the City retirement system and have a City contract where our fiscal operations become entirely separate from the City- but with the CEO still being ultimately liable. Or we could continue with the City for WIA and Wagner Peyser and be separate from the city for all other grants with them coming directly to the WIB 501C3.

Joe asked who is the governing board of the 501©3 and Rafael said the officers and members of the MVWIB. Joe said that he is in favor of having a discussion to separate finances from the City with the exception of WIA and Wagner-Peyser. That would put the WIB on a somewhat independent course. Joe asked if what we are looking for is a consensus to approve pursuing some sort of separation and Rafael said yes. Ann

Ormond asked about the municipal pension piece and if it would stay with the City. Ralph answered that if WIA and Wagner-Peyser stayed with the City people paid with those funding streams would likely remain municipal employees and thus eligible for municipal pensions.

Rafael further explained that some people who are salaried may get part of their salary from 501C3 grants and that those people may get reduced municipal retirements. Staff who are entirely paid by the 501C3 would not be contributing to the city retirement and health systems and would not receive those benefits. Ann asked what they would receive. Rafael answered that they and the MVWIB would instead contribute to Social Security and other health care insurance.

Joe said that we are a regional and not a municipal organization and that distancing our regional operations from the City has been mentioned and agreed to before. Once there is a draft agreement we will have a WIB attorney check it.

Peter Matthews made a motion to put the Executive Committee on record as agreeing to pursue separating all or some WIA, Wagner-Peyser and other funding streams from City of Lawrence financial and personnel systems with appropriate MVWIB safeguards. Ann Ormond seconded the motion and it passed.

3.) Approval of Minutes of August 30, 2012 Meeting

Joseph Bevilacqua then called for a motion on the minutes of the August 30, 2012 meeting.

Motion by Peter Matthews seconded by Anne Ormond to approve the minutes of the August 30, 2012 Executive Committee meeting as submitted. Motion passed.

4.) Adjournment

Having no further business Ann Ormond made a motion to adjourn seconded by Peter Matthews. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Kivell

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Recorder