

**VIRGINIA WORKFORCE COUNCIL**  
**October 21-22, 2010**  
**Crowne Plaza Hotel-Richmond**  
**555 East Canal Street**  
**Richmond, Virginia 23219**

The Virginia Workforce Council meeting convened at 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, October 21, 2010.

Members Present:

- Robert P. Leber, Chair
- Mark Dreyfus, Vice-Chair
- Huey Battle
- Commissioner John R. Broadway
- Delegate Kathy Byron
- Dr. Glenn DuBois
- Barry Duval
- Doris Crouse-Mays
- Christine Kennedy
- Delegate Daniel Marshall III
- Senator A. Donald McEachin
- Senator Yvonne B. Miller
- Rumy Mohta
- Rita Ricks
- Toney Rigali
- D. Robin Sullenberger
- Bill Thumel
- Tim Tobin
- Raul D. Vargas
- Brett Vassey

Members Absent:

- Secretary James Cheng
- Roosbeh Dadabhoy
- Secretary William Hazel
- Mayor Linda Johnson
- Guillermo Meneses
- Doyle Rasnick
- Secretary Gerard Robinson
- Andrea Wooten

### **October 21, 2010 Meeting Convenes-Panel Discussions**

The meeting of the Virginia Workforce Council convened with State of the Commonwealth discussions from a panel of experts that provided insight on Virginia's labor market demands and economic outlook. The information discussed included workforce demographics, postsecondary credential attainment for working adults, employment trends, and target industry sectors. The discussion identified links between the economy and workforce development, and the importance of a strong education and training for a skilled workforce.

The moderator, Liz Povar, Virginia Economic Development Partnership/Career Pathways Task Force, and panel members included Brian Kroll, Virginia Economic Development Partnership, Don Lillywhite, Virginia Employment Commission, Qian Cai, Weldon Cooper Center for Public Service-University of Virginia, and Patrick O'Brien, Virginia Tech.

In response to the State of the Commonwealth discussions, representatives from Governor McDonnell's administration responded with Call to Action initiatives that highlighted several Commissions.

The moderator, Dr. Robert P. Leber, VWC Chair and Senior Advisor to the Governor for Workforce, and panel members were Bob Sledd, Governor's Economic Development and Jobs Creation Commission, D. Robin Sullenberger, Governor's Commission on Higher Education Reform, Innovation and Investment, and William Leighty, Special Advisor to the Governor's Commission on Government Reform and Restructuring.

## **October 22, 2010 Meeting Convenes-Full Business Meeting**

### **CALL TO ORDER**

**Dr. Robert P. Leber, Chair**

Dr. Leber called the meeting to order and welcomed the public.

### **ROLL CALL**

**Jean Thomas-Banks**

Ms. Thomas-Banks called the roll. The quorum was confirmed.

### **MINUTES**

- Action recommended: Approval of the minutes for the January 7, 2010 meeting. The Council approved the minutes as submitted.

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were no public comments.

### **REPORTS**

#### **Chairman's Report – Dr. Leber**

- National Governors Association Forum (NGA) Aligning the Agendas for Education, Economic Development and Business

Chair Leber commended the success of the NGA forum hosted in Richmond, Virginia at the Greater Richmond Convention Center.

- Welcome newly appointed members

Chair Leber welcomed newly appointed members to Council and each member of Council was introduced.

- Transition to Next Governor

Chair Leber noted that the transition of the administration is moving forward and General Assembly 2011 Session begins on Wednesday, January 12, 2011.

#### **Governor's Update- Dr. Leber**

- Two new comprehensive One Stop Centers opened in Fredericksburg and Arlington.
- Call for continued collaboration among One Stop partners
- Clarifying the role of the community colleges in the development of a skilled workforce, including the college presidents and workforce development deans and Vice-Presidents
- Career Readiness Certificate program updates

### **BUSINESS**

- Regional Career Pathways System Grants

The Virginia Community College System (VCCS), in 2010-11, is administering four new regional grants on behalf of Virginia's Career Pathways System, a total of \$225, 000 was awarded. These grants were awarded to Peninsula

Council for Workforce Development, Southside Virginia Community College, and Southwest Virginia Community College. The grant funds were received from the Ford Foundation and U.S. Department of Labor.

- Updates on New Grant Awards

There were several grants introduced through Virginia Community Colleges in partnership with several business entities such as the Department of Rehabilitation Services and Virginia Department of Health, and include grants focusing on On-Job-Training and State Longitudinal Database System.

- Council Objectives for the Coming Year

- Adhoc Committee to the State Health Workforce Implementation Grant
- Training expenditures by Local Workforce Investment Boards
- Restructure of Council Committees and staff to Council
- Follow-up regarding Green Jobs survey as it relates to MARC LMI research

- Annual Report

The Council reviewed the preliminary draft of the annual report and was given the opportunity to provide guidance on the content, design and distribution.

In accordance with the Code of Virginia, the Council is required to provide an annual report to the Governor and General Assembly. The report summarizes Council initiatives pertaining to workforce.

### **Keynote Speaker:**

Lenita Jacobs-Simmons, Region II Administrator, Employment and Training Administration, U. S. Department of Labor, was the guest presenter.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Chair Leber opened the floor to Paula Dehetre, Virginia Community College System.

Ms. Dehetre asked that members respond to Jean Thomas-Banks regarding availability for the next Council meeting dates.

Council was reminded to review National Association of Workforce Boards (NAWB) 2011 registration information. Members were asked to complete the Financial Disclosure and return by January 15, 2010, travel expense reimbursement and evaluations forms and return to Jean Thomas-Banks.

### **Adjournment**

Chair Leber thanked Council and staff for their continued diligence.

Motion to adjourn and properly seconded; and the meeting was adjourned.

The meeting adjourned at 2:05 p.m.