

MAY 4, 2010

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
8:00 A.M.**

ROYAL COURT RESTAURANT

PRESENT: P. McKee, M. Stamm, L. Patz, B. Myers, B. Bantle, J. McPheeters, C. Haynes

EXCUSED: A. Pedersen, M. Coldren

STAFF: J. Mattick, J. Luu

CALL TO ORDER

Secretary McPheeters called the meeting to order at 8:05 a.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of April, 6, 2010, were accepted as written.

AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO NEGOTIATE CONTRACTS FOR THE 2010 SUMMER YOUTH EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM

Two proposals were received in response to the RFP, one from Tompkins County Office of Employment and Training and the other from City of Ithaca Youth Services. The RFP was issued with the possibility of funding being made available for a summer youth program, and currently there is no funding. The State budget has not been passed, nor has a federal summer jobs bill. It was Moved by Mr. Stamm, seconded by Mr. Haynes and unanimously adopted by voice vote of members present to approve the Executive Director negotiating contracts with each of the providers pending funding being made available.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE UPDATE

The nominating committee had a conference call yesterday and Mr. Pedersen agreed to make a few follow-up calls. Once the outcome of those calls is known, a full report will be provided.

DOL DEPUTY COMMISSIONER VISIT DEBRIEF

Deputing Commissioner of Labor Bruce Herman visited Tompkins County last month. He toured the One-Stop Center, Ithaca College and Cornell University. Mr. Herman spoke about Employees Stock Ownership Plan being of interest to the State as a layoff aversion strategy. Mr. Stamm cautioned that ESOP's are a difficult strategy, that the strategy only applies to a small number of cases and that they work best when the business has no succession plan in place.

DIRECTOR'S UPDATE

WORKFORCE STRATEGY

A press conference was held on April 28, 2010 to launch the Workforce Strategy. There was a very good article written by the Ithaca Journal and there has also been discussion on local radio stations. Ms. Mattick and Ms. Armstrong from TCAD will be doing a joint presentation at the NYATEP conference next week as well.

EMERSON TRADE ACT PETITION

No news has been received. Both Senator Schumer and Congressman Hinchey have reached out the feds. The company has been very cooperative and has supplied all of the necessary information that has been requested. There is also some concern that not all employees will be certified because only one production line is moving its operations to Mexico.

OTHER

Ms. Mattick announced that One Stop Manager, Diane Bradac, has been named among the 20 Outstanding Women You Should Know, presented by Cayuga Radio Group and Cayuga Medical Center. A recognition event is scheduled for Thursday, May 6, 2010 at Tompkins Cortland Community College.

Ms. McPheeters stated that she is concerned that the UI rate in Tompkins County might increase. School districts and Cornell are expecting layoffs and construction projects are being postponed due to the delay in the state budget. Mr.

McKee stated that non-profits will also be laying off because there is a freeze on payments and the State is creating their own programs to save their own employees.

Ms. McPheeters stated that one bright area is the wine center being developed downtown is getting funding from the State Dormitory Authority and this is outside the State budget. This should allow the Center to open on time.

Ms. Patz reported that CBord has applied for a State training grant with the assistance of Tompkins Cortland Community College.

Mr. Haynes reported that TC3 is seeing a 10.5 percent increase in enrollment for Fall classes. The College is also doing a lot of lean office training and Tompkins County has been taking advantage of this opportunity. The One-Stop Center is a pilot site for Tompkins County.

Ms. McPheeters announced that she and Ms. Mattick have been working on an initiative with other community leaders that will help ensure that young black males have access to services and help them make connections within the community. Mr. McKee stated that Challenge offers a wage subsidy program that is based on income eligibility, not based on disability, and this could be an option to help this group of individuals.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:52 a.m. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, June 1, 2010 at 8 a.m. at the Royal Court Restaurant.