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# WPWDB Board Meeting Minutes

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Date: September 19, 2024

Time: 9:00 a.m.

Location: Virtual

## I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order.

## II. Roll Call

Members Present: James Bernardo, Jason Chapin, Jan Fisher, Larry Gottlieb, Paul Greci, Wiley Harrison, Tracy Racicot, Robert O. Sanders, Dr. Marsha Gordon, Michele Green, Atul Sheffey

Also Present (Staff): Thom Kleiner, Fiona Bouloute, Elizabeth Wilde, Tracey Anderson, Liz Oliveto, OJ Yizar, Mary Skirchak, Leslie Meggett, Bob Fois, Sonda Norris-Lowe, Kimberly Morella, Ashley Sansevere, Linda McKinzie-Daugherty, Joseph Diaferia, Cheryl Washington

Absent/Excused: Allison Madison, Dr. Belinda S. Miles, Matthew Pepe, Bridget Gibbons, Richard Greenwald, DaMia Harris-Madden, Anthony Marmo, Thomas Capurso, Marvin Krislov, David Singer, Regina Thomas, Leonard Townes, Karl Rohde, Richard St. Paul

## III. Voting Items

A. Approval of WPWDB Minutes: June 6, 2024

Motion to approve the minutes was duly made and seconded. Motion carried.

B. Approval of ITAs Over the Cap

Applicants: F. Scazafave Jr. and A. Romeo Jr.

Motion to confirm Executive Committee's approval was duly made and seconded. Motion carried.

#### **IV. Presentations**

A. Chris White, NYS DOL: Presented findings from NYS DOL Business and Job Seeker Surveys.

B. Dr. Niles Teicher, Socrategy, Inc.: Introduced the organization's mission to better align business needs with training programs through NYS Dept. of Education funding.

#### **V. Discussion Items**

A. WPWDB Retreat – 'Strengthening Workforce Pipeline Integration Initiative'

Discussion focused on the goals of the initiative, including fostering alignment between job seekers, training providers, and sector-based employers. Board members were invited to complete a survey and suggest community partners to join WPWDB committees to enhance collaboration and expand workforce efforts.

#### **VI. Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn was made and carried. Meeting adjourned.