

**NEW YORK CITY WORKFORCE INVESTMENT BOARD
TRAINING COMMITTEE**

Meeting of June 7, 2005

**At the New York City Department of Small Business Services
110 William Street, 7th Floor Board Room**

Minutes

Committee Members in Attendance:

Rocco Damato Joseph McDermott
William Janowitz Mia Simon for John Mogulescu
Harry Lerner

Also Present:

Rebecca Brown Jessica Klarfeld
Brian Egan Lisa Laudico
David Farber David Padrino
Alinda Franks Marilyn Shea
Charles Houston

Rocco Damato, Committee Chair, called the meeting to order.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the May 3, 2005 Training Committee meetings were approved.

NYC Workforce Training Grant Update

Lisa Laudico, Assistant Commissioner for the NYC Business Solutions Hiring and Training unit of the New York City Department of Small Business Services (SBS), provided an update on pending NYC Workforce Training Grant applications. Ms. Laudico reported that though the Training Grant program was in a soft launch phase, approximately ten applications, representing a cross-section of sectors, had been received to date. Ms. Laudico noted that applications from 1199 SEIU and Green Street Films were pending final approval by the Workforce Development Corporation, a not-for-profit affiliate of SBS that administers the Training Grant program.

Self-Sufficiency Standard Research Presentation

Brian Egan, Workforce Investment Board (WIB) Policy Analyst, presented research on the self-sufficiency standard for the New York City. The self-sufficiency standard, set by local workforce investment boards, is the income level below which customers are deemed eligible for intensive and training services under the Workforce Investment Act. Mr. Egan provided a history of the self-sufficiency standard for New York City, adopted by the WIB in 2002. Additionally, Mr. Egan compared New York City's self-sufficiency standard against other income benchmarks, including the Lower Living Standard Income Level, New York State's minimum wage, New York City's living wage and the mean salary for the New York metropolitan area. Mr. Egan also compared New York City's self-sufficiency standard against

standards adopted by other large metropolitan areas with comparable living costs. Following Mr. Egan's presentation, Mr. Damato led the Committee in a discussion of the New York City's current self-sufficiency standard in light of the research presented.

Conclusion

Following the business described above, the meeting was adjourned.