

WASHTENAW COUNTY
WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT & COMMUNITY ACTION BOARDS
JOINT ANNUAL MEETING
MINUTES

Meeting Date: Monday, January 10, 2005 **Time:** 5:45 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

WDB Members Present: Andrea Tolle, Anne Williams, Bill Miller, David Potter, Deloris Hunt, Dennis Norton, Diana McKnight-Morton, Diane Davidson, Donn Wolf, Edward Resha, Eric Mahler, Gene Graber, Greg Weaver, Jim Frenza, Janie Jones, Keith Peters, Mark Ouimet, Mary Kerr, Nicholas Fortson, Timothy Robinson, Sabrina Keeley, Steven Gulick, Suzanne Bade and Deborah Vandermade (alternate).

WDB Members Absent: Cindy Harrison (excused), Clifford Smith and James Magyar.

WDB Liaisons Present: Wes Prater – Chief Elected Official, Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners.

CAB Members Present: Cyril Berry, Robert Brackenbury, Mike DuRussel, Elette Collins, Christina Montague, Hurley Myers, Suzanne Shaw and Shoshana DeMaria.

CAB Members Absent: Ron Brooks, Joe Dulin, Rolland Sizemore and Brenda McKinney.

Administrative Staff Present: Trenda Rusher, Jenny Bivens, Susan Sweet Scott and Rana Alzoubi.

1. Call to Order

Wolf called the meeting to order at 5:45 p.m.

2. Welcome and Introductions

- Wolf welcomed all to the 2005 Joint Annual Meeting of the Workforce Development and Community Action Boards. He pointed out that everyone should have received a meeting program booklet filled with information about the Boards' work in various committees and special partnerships.
- Wolf asked Gulick to introduce the Color Guard who posted the Colors and asked everyone to join in for the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Oath of Office

- Washtenaw County Clerk Lawrence Kestenbaum conducted the oath of office for Board members newly appointed and/or reappointed by the Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners.

The following people from the Workforce Development Board (WDB) were sworn in:

- ✓ Suzanne Bade
- ✓ Nicholas Fortson
- ✓ Jim Frenza
- ✓ Mary Kerr
- ✓ Edward Resha
- ✓ Tim Robinson
- ✓ Deborah Vandermade (alternate)
- ✓ Donn Wolf

The following people from the Community Action Board (CAB) were sworn in:

- ✓ Cyril Berry
- ✓ Shoshana DeMaria
- ✓ Hurley Myers
- ✓ Donn Wolf

Those who were not present and need to be sworn in will do so at the next full session of their Board.

4. Comments from Washtenaw County Administrator

- DuRussel welcomed special guests Senator Liz Brater and Representatives Kathy Angerer and Pam Byrnes.
- DuRussel introduced Washtenaw County Administrator Bob Guenzel who gave an update on the state of the County and the upcoming Public Safety millage.

5. ETCS... Working for You

- Wolf introduced the business and marketing consultants to present an update of their proposed plan. Paul Welday, Renaissance Strategies, gave a PowerPoint presentation and distributed pocket portfolios with a new ETCS logo.

6. 2004 Successes / 2005 Challenges

- Rusher talked about the successes of 2004 and asked everyone to take some time to look at the "Success Boards" displayed at the entrance. She outlined some of the challenges of 2005.

7. Awards and Special Recognitions

- Excellence Awards were presented to:
 - ✓ Vadim and Natalia Mazhaliuk, Work First Program
 - ✓ Doris Kempf and Helen Clow, Senior Nutrition Program
 - ✓ Luberta Collins, Foster Grandparent Program
- Partner Award
 - ✓ Keith Peters, Ypsilanti Area Chamber of Commerce
- Special Surprise Recognition to Trenda Rusher from the Boards/Staff
ETCS Executive Director, Trenda Rusher, was presented with a special "Surprise Recognition" for 2005 marking her 25th year of commitment to workforce development and community services with Washtenaw County. WDB Board Chair, Donn Wolf and Board of Commissioner Chair, Wes Prater, presented with comments and an enclosed/framed Wheaties Breakfast of Champion Cereal Box complete with her picture on the front of the Wheaties Box. Senator Liz Brater also presented a proclamation from Governor Granholm and signatures from the State of Michigan Legislatures. Tears and sentiments were shared by many... what a surprise! Congratulations, Trenda!

8. Adjourn

Wolf adjourned the meeting at 7:05 p.m.