

DRAFT MINUTES
Detroit Employment Solutions Corporation
(DESC) Board
Special Meeting
Monday, March 30, 2015

Time: 1:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.
Location: 440 East Congress, 4th Floor Conference Room, Detroit
Facilitating: Cal Sharp, Chairman

Directors Present: Cal Sharp, Shawna Forbes, Al Nelson, Veronica Madrigal, Kenyetta Bridges (via phone), Larry Steward (via phone)
Directors Absent: Arthur Dudley (Excused), Alice Thompson (Excused), Saunteel Jenkins
Staff Present: Pamela Moore, Jose Reyes, Stephanie Nixon, L'Tanya Clegg, Robin Johnston, Cassandra Ricks, Alessia Baker-Giles, Robert Shimkoski, Chauncey Samuel
Guest Present: Kelly Cumberworth/Allen Brothers

Proceedings

The Meeting of the Detroit Employment Solutions Corporation (DESC) Board was called to order at 1:03 p.m. by Director Cal Sharp, Chairman. A motion was made by Director Al Nelson to approve the Draft Agenda of March 30, 2015, supported by Director Shawna Forbes. Motion Carried Unanimously.

Chair Sharp stated that today's agenda item is a modification to the existing SER-Metro Contract. He also asked Ms. Pamela Moore, President/CEO, DESC, to provide a brief update about the Audit and Finance Committee meeting, which was held prior to this meeting.

Ms. Moore explained that the Audit and Finance Committee was presented with a recommendation from the DESC review team to approve SERCO, the parent company for SER-Metro, as the new One-Stop Service provider. Ms. Moore explained that the next step is for DESC to enter into negotiations with SERCO/SER-Metro, and once the contract has been negotiated and a budget is established, staff will present the contract before the DESC Board for approval. The plan is to transition to the new provider April through May 1, 2015.

Review/Approval of:
SER Metro Contract Modification

Ms. Stephanie Nixon, Director of Program Service and Innovation, DESC, explained that the enclosed document represents the responsibility that SER Metro will take on for the final quarter of this year and the summer of 2015 to act as DESC's summer employment coordinator. Ms. Nixon shared that Youth Development Commission (YDC) held these responsibilities for the last several years. Due to the disallowed cost, data entry issues and gaps in service, the decision was made to transfer this responsibility over to another agency. Ms. Nixon explained that this is an additional \$240,000.00 added to SER-Metro's existing contract.

For clarification purposes, Ms. Moore explained that DESC has five (5) youth service providers, stating that SER-Metro and YDC are two of those providers. She noted that DESC is only moving the summer component over to SER-Metro.

Brief discussion continued regarding the number of youth the summer program will entail. Ms. Moore shared that last year, DESC provided jobs to 2,100 Detroit youth. Discussion ensued that City Connect and the Skillman Foundation are the official record keepers for the Mayor's project for summer youth employment. DESC is still a critical partner in the planning and coordination of the project.

A motion was made by Director Nelson to approve the SER-Metro Contract Modification, supported by Director Shawna Forbes. Motion Carried Unanimously.

Public Comment

No public comment was presented before the Board.

Adjournment

With no further business to come before the DESC Board, the meeting was adjourned at 1:12 p.m.

Prepared by: L'Tanya Clegg