

**Orange County Workforce Development Board Meeting
Friday, September 15, 2023 – 8:00 a.m.**

MISSION STATEMENT:

MISSION: To create effective strategic alliances that support the development of talent to meet the workforce needs of job seekers and regional businesses.

PRESENT: Nicole Congelosi, Susan Dean, Angela Patella, Denise Panebianco, Charles Quinn

GUESTS: Lynn Sammon for Cedric Glasper from Mechanical Rubber

CALL TO ORDER/OPENING REMARKS: Ms. Kristina Patsalos hosted the meeting in Mr. Knob’s absence. There was no quorum present due to a conflicting Economic Summit that was held during the same time, at which most members attended. Ms. Patsalos asked those present to introduce themselves. Two new members were present, Ms. Nicole Congelosi, NYSDOL Career Center Manager and Ms. Denise Panebianco, VP/Human Resources and Training Manager at Orange Bank and Trust Company.

Ms. Patsalos announced that Ms. Mary DeFreitas has retired from Crystal Run Healthcare and also as the WDB Chair. She asked if anyone would be interested to be appointed as Chair and Vice Chair, to please contact Mr. Knob.

OLD/NEW BUSINESS: The new immigration issue was discussed. Mr. Quinn asked about job opportunities for the new immigrants. There are 3 different categories, asylum seekers, refugees and people who have crossed illegally. The refugees and asylum seekers are here legally. They have been interviewed and have been vetted and are allowed to be here. They have to wait for their hearings first before they can get any kind of working papers, which can take a year or longer. They want to work but cannot legally. Mr. Knob will let members know of any important immigration information during the summer.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to discuss, Mr. Knob adjourned the meeting.

NEXT MEETING: SEPTEMBER 15, 2023

