

**MINUTES OF THE
GOVERNOR'S BOARD OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

April 9, 2009 • 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
324 South State Street, 5th Floor
Salt Lake City, Utah

Members Present: Amy Rees Anderson, Mike Dowse by phone, Stanley Ellington, Mel Lavitt, Nikos Linardakis, Jerry Oldroyd, Jim Sorenson, Cliff White

Members Absent: Ragula Bhaskar, Bill Boyle, Jack Brittain, Mary Draper, Molonai Hola, Richard Nelson, Gerald Sherratt

Visitors: Dominic Barsi, Mike Flynn, Mike Haslam, Reed Jacobs, Stacey Joos, Nate Talley

Staff: Clark Caras, Riley Cutler, Mimi Davis-Taylor, Tamy Dayley, Ricky Flores, Sophia Dicaro Goodick, Amy Hamblin, Greg Hartley, Bill Loos, Derek Miller, Marshall Moore, Christina Oliver, Jason Perry, Ryan Starks, Michael Sullivan

Welcome – Jerry Oldroyd served as Chairman in Ragula Bhaskar's absence.

GOED Report

Jason Perry, Executive Director of GOED, reported on the Governor's Economic Summit. Over 1,200 people were in attendance. The sessions were successful and very well attended. Mr. Perry thanked everyone involved for their efforts. The GOED edition of Business Utah was handed out. All summit attendees were also given a copy. The GOED Board members were featured in this issue. The Utah Factbook is also included inside the Business Utah magazine. Mr. Perry addressed board appointments. He explained that usually members serve for two terms. There are a couple of members that are on their second term. Those who are on their first term may be reappointed. New board appointments must be confirmed by the senate.

Mr. Perry addressed the issue of stimulus funds. The office is getting many calls regarding this. A process is being put in place. Budget cuts were discussed. The Business and Tech Park program and Rural Economic Development Office received employee cuts. The new legislation for renewable energy zones and tax credits will go through the GOED Board. The Pete Suazo Athletic Commission is officially part of GOED now. The MTV reality show "Bully Beat Down" was filmed in Utah. There was discussion on the new Motion Picture Tax Credit.

There was a brief discussion on the Homerun Program which provides a \$6,000 grant from the state for newly constructed, never occupied, primary, single family homes. This will provide many new jobs across the state. There was discussion regarding the funding for USTAR and the Utah Fund of Funds. The legislature set aside \$2 million for a California Recruitment Initiative. There is also \$5 billion going towards transportation projects. These projects will create about 25,000 jobs. Derek Miller, Managing Director of Recruitment and Incentives for GOED discussed broadband stimulus. Mr. Miller explained that there is an existing program under the Department of Agriculture for rural utilities services and a new program under the Department of Commerce called NTIA. There is a working group being formed that will determine how projects will be collected, reviewed and prioritized.

Mr. Perry asked how the board felt about having some offsite board meetings. There may some different locations planned for the summer board meetings. Stacey Joos with the Department of Workforce Services gave an update on DWS' role regarding stimulus funds. Ms. Joos explained industry clusters and classifications. Nate Talley, Department of Workforce Services, gave a presentation on the Annual Job Vacancy Report. There were almost 3800 Utah employers sampled in almost all of the industrial sectors except agriculture. The job vacancy rate came in at 1.8% for metropolitan Utah. The construction industry had the lowest vacancy rate of 0.4%. The state's unemployment rate is currently at about 5.1%.

Derek Miller gave an update on the Incentives Program. Jobs, revenues, capital investment and wages were reported on. An update was also given on the Rural Fast Track Program.

Mike Dowse joined the meeting via telephone.

Motion Picture Advisory Committee

Dr. Nikos Linardakis briefly spoke about the new motion picture tax credit.

My Girlfriend's Boyfriend

Project Request:

- Category: Independent (Feature) Film
- Genre: Romantic Comedy
- Producer: Rick McFarland
- Director: Daryn Tufts

Jobs and Revenue:

- Estimated Utah Cast/Crew Members: 42
- Estimated Utah Crew Average Salary: \$2,100/Week
- Total Budget: \$1,196,964 million
- Estimated Utah Spend: \$1,196,964 million

Financing: 100% through Private Equity

Production: Photography to commence April 2009

Motion Picture Advisory Committee Recommendation:

- Approved by the Motion Picture Advisory Committee (MPAC) on 4/8/2009.

MOTION: Jerry Oldroyd moved to approve the film My Girlfriend's Boyfriend, produced by My Girlfriend's Boyfriend, LLC, an MPIF post performance, cash rebate not to exceed 20% of the total dollars left in the state. The total cash rebate dollar amount for the rebate shall not exceed \$239,393. No disbursements for this project can be made until after July 1, 2009. Cliff White seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Dr. Nikos Linardakis further explained the new legislation for the motion picture incentive. Marshall Moore, Director of the Utah Film Commission, gave an update on the film industry. The Utah Film Commission will be attending the Film Commissioners Trade Show in Los Angeles. They will be meeting with various movie studios and companies to discuss Utah and the new tax credit.

Approval of the March 2009 Minutes

MOTION: Mel Lavitt moved to approve the minutes of the March 12, 2009 GOED Board Meeting. Amy Rees Anderson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

EDCUtah Report

Mike Flynn, EDCUtah, gave an update on current and upcoming projects in the pipeline. There are 131 active projects. A report was given on the SURE Sites program. There are 127 sites within the program.

Jason Perry announced that the Governor is leading a trade mission to Israel next month. They are actively recruiting companies to join.

Meeting adjourned.