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SERGIO ESTEBAN STEPS DOWN AS CHAIR OF ROCHESTERWORKS AND THE LOCAL WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD AFTER ELEVEN YEAR RUN

Rochester, NY, March 30, 2023—After 11 years as the Chair of the RochesterWorks and Monroe County-Rochester Workforce Development Board (WDB), Sergio Esteban has resigned from his leadership post, effective March 21st. He will stay on as an Executive Committee member of the WDB.

Esteban is currently a Principal at Labella Associates, having formerly served as the company's CEO. He is a longtime WDB member with over two decades of service to RochesterWorks. The WDB, through RochesterWorks, manages the local workforce system, overseeing the implementation of state and federal funded employment and career training programs. During his tenure at the WDB, Esteban has helped grow RochesterWorks into one of the most effective and innovative workforce organizations in the State.

“There are few people in the Rochester community who have had as broad an impact as Sergio Esteban, and I am grateful that RochesterWorks has long benefited from his leadership. The local workforce system has a high standard of excellence because Sergio has imparted the same work ethic and innovative spirit that helped make him a force in our business community. We are forever indebted to him for his service to our organization, and throughout the community,” **Dave Seeley, Executive Director, RochesterWorks.**

In addition to his leadership position at RochesterWorks, Esteban serves as Chair of the Board of the Rochester Convention Center Management Corporation, a member of the Rochester Economic Development Corporation (REDCO) Board, and a member of the University of Rochester School of Nursing National Council. He also is a member and past Chair of the MCC Foundation Board, Nazareth College Board of Trustees, and Honorary Member and past Chair of the Geva Theatre and WXXI Boards. He is a past Chair of the Midvale Country Club Board and past member of the Genesee Valley Club Board of Governors, as well.

At its March 21st meeting, the WDB elected Glen Jeter as its new Chair and Melissa Geska as Vice-Chair. Glen Jeter is the longtime owner of the Upper Falls McDonald's restaurant, where he has employed hundreds of City Youth, many of whom he has helped complete high school and advance to college.

“A diverse and well-trained workforce is essential to the success of our local economy. As a past McDonald’s franchise owner in the Upper Falls area, I’ve been able to provide opportunities for many high-risk youth and adults in the city of Rochester to meet, train, and work in a safe space. I believe that giving back is a must if we want to see a better future, and that community involvement is the way toward that future,” **Glen Jeter, retired McDonald’s Franchise Owner**. “I am honored to have been named as the new Chair of the RochesterWorks and Monroe County-Rochester Workforce Development Board (WDB) with continued involvement in our community. I look forward to seeing what we’ll accomplish as we embark on this next chapter together.”

Melissa Geska is President of US Ceiling Corp and also serves as the Chair of the Builders Exchange of Rochester. She is also part of the Bulls Head Redevelopment Team on the City’s West Side.

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About RochesterWorks

RochesterWorks is Monroe County’s largest employment and training initiative. We are a nonprofit dedicated to providing free employment and workforce services to job seekers, youth, and businesses in Rochester and the Greater Monroe County Area.

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