



**City of Santa Ana**  
**20 Civic Center Plaza, Santa Ana, CA 92701**  
**Staff Report**  
**May 21, 2024**

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**TOPIC:** Reappoint members to the Workforce Development Board

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**AGENDA TITLE**

Reappoint Members to the Workforce Development Board for a Four-Year Term

**RECOMMENDED ACTION**

1. Reappoint Dave Elliott, Marjorie Knitter, Patrick Korthuis, Maria Rosa Lopez, and Natasha Milatovich, to the Santa Ana Workforce Development Board for a four-year term expiring May 31, 2028.
2. Appoint Cory Sams (replacing Lee McMurtray) for a full four-year term expiring May 31, 2028.
3. Appoint Dr. Vaniethia Hubbard (replacing Dr. Annebelle Nery) for a partial four-year term expiring May 31, 2027.

**GOVERNMENT CODE §84308 APPLIES:** No

**DISCUSSION**

On May 17, 2016, the City Council adopted Resolution 2016-031, establishing the Santa Ana Workforce Development Board (WDB), and appointed 25 members. In accordance with the federal Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) Section 107(b)(2)(A-D), a local WDB board is to be composed of representatives from specific categories and that the number of WDB members in the categories be proportional in different ways to the total membership while maintaining a greater than 50% representation from the business sector. WDB Board members are appointed by the City Council under the categories of membership prescribed by law, as follows:

- Representatives from local businesses: **13 members**
- Representative from labor, labor registered apprenticeship, and/or community based organizations: **5 members**
- Representatives from local education institutions: **3 members**
- Representatives from government entities (Dept. of Rehabilitation, Social Services Agency, EDD, and Economic Development): **4 members**

Five members whose terms have expired are recommended for reappointment. Representing the local business community are the following individuals: Dave Elliott, CEO for the Santa Ana Chamber and Dave Elliott & Associates; Marjorie Knitter,

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President, Moote Group; Patrick Korthuis, Owner, Sir Speedy Printing; and Natasha Milatovich, Senior Vice President, Chief Human Resources Officer for AltaMed. Separately, representing labor organizations is Mara Rosa Lopez, UFCW 324 (Exhibit 1). The nominees have been active and committed to the purpose of the WDB and have expressed a desire to continue participation on the board.

One representative from the local area business is being recommended for a new appointment. Mr. Cory Sams, Operations Manager for MainPlace Mall, is recommended to be appointed for a full term expiring May 31, 2028 to replace Lee McMurtray, who resigned due to relocating out of the area (Exhibit 2). The second new appointment is Dr. Vaniethia Hubbard, Vice President of Student Services at Santa Ana College. Dr. Hubbard is being recommended for appointment for a partial term expiring May 31, 2027, to replace Dr. Annebelle Nery, who has resigned due to conflicting work commitments (Exhibit 3).

### **FISCAL IMPACT**

There is no fiscal impact associated with this item.

### **EXHIBIT(S)**

1. Resumes – Dave Elliott, Marjorie Knitter, Patrick Korthuis, Maria Rosa Lopez, Natasha Milatovich
2. Resume – Cory Sams
3. Resume – Dr. Vaniethia Hubbard

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