

# Workforce Development Board Youth Council Committee Regular Meeting Minutes

February 8, 2024

## CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson

## ATTENDANCE

Committee members present:  
Annino, Jimenez-Hami, Martinez, Russell-Garcia,  
Solorzano (*arrived at 4:24p.m.*), Tucker, Varnum

Committee members absent:  
Alegre, Sandoval

Staff members present:  
Deborah Sanchez, Sandy Barba, Bianca Zurita

## CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS

### 1. Excused Absences

**Recommended Action: Excuse absent member.**

**Moved by Committee Member Russell-Garcia, seconded by Committee Member Martinez to Approve Consent Calendar items.**

**YES:** 6 – Robert Tucker, Dennis Varnum, Sandy Annino, Ana Jimenez-Hami, Jackie Russell-Garcia, Jorge Martinez

**NO:** 0 – **ABSTAIN:** 0 – **ABSENT:** 3 – Ignacio Alegre, Anthony Sandoval, Lucinda Solorzano

**Status:** 6 – 0 – 0 – 3 – **Pass**

**\*\*\*END OF CONSENT CALENDAR\*\*\***

## BUSINESS CALENDAR

### 2. Contract Amendment Orange County Children's Therapeutic Art Center

**Recommended Action: Recommend the Workforce Development Board forward a request to City Council to amend the agreement with the Orange County Children's Therapeutic Arts Center to increase the agreement by \$100,000 and serve an additional 10 youth.**

**Minutes:** Sandy provided information on the needs for the funds

**Moved by Committee Member Varnum, seconded by Committee Member Russell-Garcia to Approve.**

**YES:** 6 – Robert Tucker, Dennis Varnum, Sandy Annino, Jackie Russell- Garcia, Jorge Martinez, Lucinda Solorzano

**NO:** 0 – **ABSTAIN:** 1 – Dr. Jimenez-Hami **ABSENT:** 2 – Ignacio Alegre, Anthony Sandoval,

**Status:** 6 – 0 – 1 – 2 – **Pass**

**\*\*\*END OF BUSINESS CALENDAR\*\*\***

### **REPORTS**

3. PROGRAM OPERATOR REPORTS
  - a. YSPN – Sandy Barba provided report
  - b. OC CHILDREN’S THERAPEUTIC ARTS CENTER – Andrea of OCCTAC provided report

### **COMMENTS**

4. Staff Member Comments

**Minutes:** Sandy Barba – currently working with Saddleback High School to do a job fair on February 16. Valley High School will be bringing students to the job fair. Some of the SAY Program staff will be assisting at the job fair. I have submitted an application for CA4ALL Funding for the upcoming year and hope to find out the outcome by March. Working with the library to bring AI and robotics to youth program. I have connected with Mental Health Services to provide training to staff to be able to assist the youth with mental health needs or challenges. The Goal is to have 1 to 3 different trainings a month and will be open to those interested.

5. Youth Council Committee Member Comments

**Minutes:**

- *Carlos Acevedo introduced himself, colleague with Lucinda Solorzano. Lucinda will no longer be able to serve in the youth Council Committee.*
- *Lucinda Solorzano – in the process of transition to a different program and will be leaving the Youth Council Committee. Her replacement will be Carlos Acevedo who is the current Employment Liaison through Social Services.*
- *Bob Tucker – regarding AI and mental health, school districts recognize the need to prepare staff to assist those in need. Encouraged everyone with background in AI to apply for these type of jobs.*
- *Dr. Ana – mentioned the need to deal with mental health is crucial.*

**ADJOURNMENT**

The next regular meeting of the Workforce Development Board Youth Council Committee is scheduled for April 11, 2024 at 4:00 PM at the Santa Ana WORK Center, 801 W. Civic Center Dr., Suite 200, Santa Ana, CA.