

Workforce Development Board Regular Meeting Minutes

March 17, 2022

VIRTUAL MEETING

CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chairperson Elliott

ATTENDANCE

Board members present:

Alegre, Araujo, Beasley, Campos, Elliott, Haley, Knitter, Korthuis, Lopez, Perez, Rivera, Ruiz, Sanchez, Tucker, Varnum

Board members absent:

Gonzalez, Loubet

Staff members present:

Marc Morley, Economic Development Manager
Deborah Sanchez, Econ Dev Specialist III
Bianca L. Zurita, Recording Secretary

PUBLIC COMMENTS - None

CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS

1. Regular meeting minutes of September 16, 2021

Recommended Action: Approve minutes.

2. Excused absences

Recommended Action: Excuse absent commission member(s).

3. Employment Development Department – Labor Market Information

Recommended Action: Receive and file.

Moved by Board Member Beasley, seconded by Board Member Lopez to Approve Consent Calendar items.

YES: 12 – Ignacio Alegre, Brent Beasley, David Elliott, Jack Haley, Marjorie Knitter, Patrick Korthuis, Maria Rosa Lopez, Enrique Perez, Robert Tucker, Johanna Rivera, Daisy Campos, Dennis Varnum

NO: 0 – ABSTAIN: 1 – Robert Ruiz ABSENT: 2 – Simon Gonzalez, Pierre Loubet

Status: 12 – 0 – 1 – 2 – Pass

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

BUSINESS CALENDAR

4. Approve the meeting schedule for calendar year 2022

Recommended Action: Receive and file.

Moved by Board Member Tucker, seconded by Board Member Beasley to Approve.

YES: 13 – Ignacio Alegre, Brent Beasley, David Elliott, Jack Haley, Marjorie Knitter, Patrick Korthuis, Maria Rosa Lopez, Enrique Perez, Robert Ruiz, Robert Tucker, Johanna Rivera, Daisy Campos, Dennis Varnum

NO: 0 – ABSTAIN: 0 – ABSENT: 2 – Simon Gonzalez, Pierre Loubet

Status: 13 – 0 – 0 – 2 – Pass

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

PRESENTATIONS

5. Update on Region Efforts by Annette Whittle, Regional Organizer

Minutes: *Annette Whittle provided update*

*****END OF PRESENTATIONS*****

COMMITTEE REPORTS

6. Youth Council

Minutes: *Bob Tucker – the Youth Council consist of members from the Workforce Development Board, community leaders representing youth serving organizations and youth from the community. We have three subcontractors serving youth under the terms of WIOA - Project Kinship, Orange County Conservation Corps and Orange County Children’s Therapeutic Arts Center. The next in-person meeting will be on April 14, 2022.*

COMMENTS

7. Staff member comments

Minutes:

- *Deborah Sanchez – provided update on Labor Market Information provided on the*

Consent Calendar current unemployment rate as of January was 4.4%. Invited EDD Labor Market to speak to the Board in May. Orange County Labor Board and Santa Ana in partnership with Supervisor Foley are planning an in-person job fair on April 21st at the Discovery Cube from 10 am to 2 pm and will be open to veterans at 9:30 am. Did a Webinar with Congressman Lou Correa with the Anaheim Workforce Board to promote their services. Received communication from California Volunteers they received funds for COVID Relief Programs and awarded Santa Ana with \$4.4 million to serve youth ages 16 to 30 to work in public sector initiatives. Will be working with City Council to accept the grant funding by the end of the fiscal year and to start in July to serve 290 Santa Ana Youth.

- *Carlos De La Riva provided update of WORK Center visitors requesting services.*

8. Board member comments.

Minutes:

- *Bob Tucker – SAUSD did a job shadowing with High Schools students.*
- *Dave Elliot – reminded members about the Economic Development GROW Conference. Deborah Sanchez will be speaking about the Workforce Development Board and WORK Center services along with Santa Ana College, SA Unified School District and private sector on March 30th at the Elks Club.*
- *Dennis Varnum – updated the Board the comprehensive County of Orange One Stop Center in Garden Gove will close summer of 2023 and will soon announce a new location later this year.*

ADJOURNMENT

The next meeting of the Workforce Development Board - Regular Meeting is scheduled for May 19, 2022 at 8:00 AM.