

Workforce Development Board Regular Meeting Minutes

JANUARY 19, 2023

VIRTUAL MEETING

CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Campos

ATTENDANCE

Board members present:

Alegre, Araujo, Beasley, Campos, Elliott, Knitter,
Korthuis, Lopez, Nery, Rivera, Ruiz, Tucker, Varnum

Board members absent:

Haley, Loubet, Perez

Staff members present:

Marc Morley, Economic Development Manager
Deborah Sanchez, Econ Dev Specialist III
Carlos De La Riva, Econ Dev Specialist III
Sandy Barba, Workforce Specialist IV
Bianca L. Zurita, Recording Secretary

PUBLIC COMMENTS - None

CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS

1. Regular meeting minutes of September 15, 2022

Recommended Action: Approve minutes.

2. Excused absences

Recommended Action: Excuse the absent member(s).

3. Employment Development Department – Labor Market Information

Recommended Action: Receive and file.

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

YES: 13 – Ignacio Alegre, Brent Beasley, David Elliott, Marjorie Knitter, Patrick Korthuis, Maria Rosa Lopez, Robert Ruiz, Robert Tucker, Johanna Rivera, Daisy Campos, Dennis Varnum, Gail Araujo, Annebelle Nery

NO: 0 – **ABSTAIN:** 0 – **ABSENT:** 3 – Jack Haley, Enrique Perez, Pierre Loubet

Status: 13 – 0 – 0 – 3 – Pass

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

BUSINESS CALENDAR

4. Meeting Calendar for 2023

Recommended Action: Receive and file.

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

YES: 13 – Ignacio Alegre, Brent Beasley, David Elliott, Marjorie Knitter, Patrick Korthuis, Maria Rosa Lopez, Robert Ruiz, Robert Tucker, Johanna Rivera, Daisy Campos, Dennis Varnum, Gail Araujo, Annebelle Nery

NO: 0 – **ABSTAIN:** 0 – **ABSENT:** 3 – Jack Haley, Enrique Perez, Pierre Loubet

Status: 13 – 0 – 0 – 3 – Pass

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

WORK STUDY SESSION

5. Regional Workforce Efforts – Annette Whittle, Regional Organizer

Minutes: *Annette presented report*

COMMITTEE REPORTS

6. Youth Council – Bob Tucker

Minutes: *Bob Tucker provided update on Youth Council*

COMMENTS

7. Staff member comments

Minutes:

- *Deborah Sanchez – welcomed Dr. Nery to the Board. Provided update on the Work Center, working with a broker to extend the Lease or looking for other options. After a thorough evaluation, they decided to negotiate the Lease and chose to stay at the current building for the next 10-years. Staff is working with City Attorney's office to finalize the Lease Agreement and once completed, it will go to City Council in March for approval. Once approved they will meet with all the Partners to look at the MOU and negotiate their Lease. Looking to bring new Partners with the Housing Division and will know more in the next 8 months. The Family Self-Sufficiency (FSS) Program under the Housing Authority now has two new employees working at the WorkCenter to assist individuals and families to enroll in the FSS Program.*

- *Sandy Barba – provided update on the Youth Program. Excited to launch the California For All Program, the goal for that program is 290 youth for April 2024. The current enrollment is 46. However, it is anticipate going higher in the summer. The age group for this program is 16-30 year-olds. The maximum hours they can work is 700 at \$17 an hour. The SAY Employment program goal is 150 youth and the age group is 16-21 years old, to compliment the Youth Service Provider Network with a maximum of 200 working hours at \$16 and looking to increase the hourly rate. Still offering Career Awareness through a workshop with Working Wardrobes to provide intensive workshops and helping youth prepare for professional interviews. Calendars put together a calendar with all the youth programs.*
 - *Carlos De La Riva – provided update on the WorkCenter. Working with OC Jails to conduct workshops for inmates who will be released in the next 180 days. Staff is working diligently to do background check and training. OC Region submitted proposal to receive money \$884,000 to serve Justice Involved individuals over 3 years starting January 2023 to December 2025. Preparing for all that is involved to spend this money including City Council approval. Planning to procure this money for competitive bidding. The grant is partnership with the California Department of Correction intended to get referrals from them. The services will help these individuals to improve their skills, which include training and apprenticeship program.*
8. Board member comments
- Minutes:** *Bob Tucker – reminded Artificial Intelligence (AI) changing the labor board of the future. It is important to train youth to do jobs that will still be there in the future.*

ADJOURNMENT

The next meeting of the Workforce Development Board - Regular Meeting is scheduled for March 16, 2023 at 8:00 AM.