

**WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD
of San Luis Obispo County
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**

Date: Wednesday, October 11, 2023
Time: 8:00 AM – 10:00 AM
Location: DSS, 3433 S Higuera Street-Room 358, San Luis Obispo

Present: Isiah Gomer, Justin McIntire, Josh Cross

Absent: Verena Latona-Tahlman, William Hills

Staff: Dawn Boulanger, Diana Marin, Eddie Hernandez, Tony Girolo

1. Call to Order:

Chair Gomer: called the meeting to order at 8:11 A.M. **Quorum.**

2. Public Comment:

Chair Gomer: opened the floor for public comment period without response.

3. Consent Items:

3.1 Approve the April 26, 2023, Special Meeting Minutes

The Committee approves consent items 3.1 in a single motion

Motion: Josh Cross

Second: Justin McIntire

Abstentions: None

Motions Passed Unanimously

4. Action Items:

4.1 Review and Approve Executive Committee Meeting Schedule for Calendar Year 2024

Isiah Gomer presented the item which is available as part of the agenda.

Motion: Josh Cross

Second: Justin McIntire

Abstentions: None

Motion Passed

5. Information/Discussion Items:

5.1 Receive update on Community Centered Workforce Boards project-CWA

Dawn (staff) presented this topic regarding the San Luis Obispo County WDB being selected to participate in a joint grant with CWA and Jobs for the Future funded by the Irvine Foundation. It will be an eighteen-month project looking at how community centered the board currently is and where there is room for growth. There will be an initial self-assessment and Dawn is proposing that Isiah set up an Ad Hoc committee with at least half the full board for this self-assessment process. After the self-assessment, CWA and Bob Lanter will host a workforce retreat where he will present on the real work of workforce boards. This project aligns with the goals of our strategic plan and will wrap up with a final report on how to improve the community centered focus of the board.

5.2 Receive update on State of the Workforce and Local Hire Reports

Dawn (staff) updated the committee that we now have received the final version of the State of the Workforce and Local Hire Reports from BW Research with recommendations. Staff will review and publish the findings. Part of the contract with BW Research on this project included three speaking engagements that Dawn wants to distribute between South County, North County, and SLO. She asked the group if there were any ideas on where to present to let her know. There will also be an infographic created with key points from the report to further disseminate this information to the local community. In the ensuing discussion with the present board members points made included the need to get this information to the right people in our community involved in local hire and to dispel some of the myths regarding local hire by showing examples of successful projects using this strategy.

6. Reports:

- a) **Chairman's Report:** Chair Gomer presented that the recent Cal Poly Economic Forum hosted a presentation from SLOMA and showcased all the activities taking place at our local art museum. He stated that the local EAC (Employer's Association Council) is struggling as the leader announced her resignation. The EDD partnership, however, remains strong. The Paso Robles Chamber is getting ready to present on the State of the North County and Dawn interjected that the BW Research info would be pertinent to include in that report out.

b) Board Member Workforce Development Updates: Nothing to report

7. Administrative Entity Updates:

7.1 Receive and Review Fiscal Budget Update: Dawn Boulanger (Staff) reported on the Fiscal Budget which is available as part of the agenda.

7.2 Receive and Rapid Response Report: Tony Girolo (staff) reported on Rapid Response, which is available as part of the agenda.

8. Next Meeting:

December 13, 2023 at 8:00 A.M.

Location: 3433 S. Higuera Street- Room 358, San Luis Obispo, CA 93401

9. Adjournment:

Chair Gomer: adjourned the meeting at 09:06 A.M.

I, Tony Girolo, Clerk of the Executive Committee of the Workforce Development Board of San Luis Obispo County, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a fair statement of the proceedings of the meeting held Wednesday, October 11, 2023, by the Executive Committee of the Workforce Development Board of San Luis Obispo County.

Tony Girolo, Executive Committee Clerk

Dated: 10/13/2023