

**WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD
of San Luis Obispo County**

WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Date: Thursday, August 17, 2023

Time: 8:00 a.m.

Location: Embassy Suites, Los Osos Rm, 333 Madonna Rd, San Luis Obispo, CA 93405

Present: Isiah Gomer, David Baldwin, Veronica Orozco, Tricia Robertson, Angela Toomey, Ronald Reilly, Mark Simonin, Michael Sloan, Justin McIntire, Angela Rayfield, Melissa James

Absent: William Hills, Josh Cross, Patrick Woolpert

Guests: Daniel Tatick, Josh Williams, Jennifer Campos, Joey Valero, Vivian Estrada, Cheryl Ruck, Jacob Erdman, Brian Chambers, Andiry Moskalyk, Matthew Green

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

1. Call to Order and Introductions:

Chairperson Isiah Gomer called the meeting to order at 8:04 AM **Quorum reached**

2. Public Comment:

Chair Gomer: No public comment

3. Presentations:

3.1 Josh Williams presented the State of the Workforce and Local Hire Draft BW Research reports. These reports are available as an addendum to the meeting agenda

4. Consent Items:

4.1 Approved the May 4, 2023, Minutes:

The Board approves consent item 4.1 in a single motion

Motion: Justin McIntire

Second: Michael Sloan

Motion Passed Unanimously

5. Action Items:

5.1 Election of WDB Officers (Chair & Vice-Chairperson)

Dawn Boulanger (Staff) presented the item and the board approved re-election of both the current Chair and Vice-Chairperson

Chair: Isiah Gomer

Motion: Justin McIntire

Second: David Baldwin

Motion Passed Unanimously

Vice Chairperson: William Hills

Motion: Ron Reilly

Second: Michael Sloan

Motion Passed Unanimously

5.2 Review and Approve Revisions to Local Policy 12-19 Youth Incentives Policy

Diana Marin (staff) presented the item which is available as part of the agenda

Motion: Justin McIntire

Second: Ron Reilly

Motion Passed Unanimously

6. Discussion Items:

6.1 Receive FY 22-23 Quarter 4 Eckerd Adult Services/Career Center Contract Performance Report

6.2 Receive FY 22-23 Quarter 4 SLO County Office of Education Youth Contract Performance Report

Chair Isiah Gomer stated that to maximize the allotted time for Josh William's presentation on the State of the Workforce the board would not be discussing items 6.1 or 6.2 during the meeting and directed them to the agenda for further inquiry on the reports

7. Reports:

a.) Executive Committee and Chairperson Report

Chairperson Gomer stated that the Executive Committee has not met since the last Workforce Development Board meeting and there are no action items to report

b.) Services Addressing Barriers to Employment

Dawn Boulanger (staff) reported on new strategies of intentional outreach for WIOA scholarships targeting specific jobs in industries that have been shown to be in demand in SLO County. The first of these is Software Coding, which is in high demand locally and a training program that can support WIOA funding is already established here. Another industry with in-demand jobs that this approach will be used for will be healthcare, the idea is to try and determine local employer needs and be more demand driven to meet those needs

c.) Board Member Workforce Development Updates

Mark Simonin from IBEW 639 spoke about how positive the experience had been at the Mid-State Fair this year. They had a booth for twelve days and held a luncheon

regarding Local Hire issues where a panel of current and former apprentices to the trades spoke and answered questions about their experiences. Mark stated he made a lot of contacts and is still following up on leads generated from the booth at the fair. David Baldwin from the Plumbers and Pipefitters also reiterated Mark's comments about the success of the Mid-State Fair experience. Tricia Robertson from Lucia Mar School District spoke about their CTE Pathway program for high school students and adults in Cosmetology. Arroyo Grande High School has a state-of-the-art Cosmetology facility and using a WIOA grant and co-funding they will be able to offer the programs at a fraction of the cost from what students pay in private cosmetology programs. Isiah then asked if there were any more important Board Member updates and then reiterated the goal to give presenter Josh Williams enough time to present his BW Research reports for this meeting and then motioned to Josh to begin his presentation

9. Administrative Entity Update:

9.1 Receive and Review Fiscal Budget Update

Dawn Boulanger (staff) directed the board to review the Q4 contract reports for both the Youth and Dislocated Worker programs in the agenda packet and stated that the budget for the next fiscal year will be available at the November meeting. Dawn also introduced the new HR Hotline procurement through CEA to the board. She gave a brief overview of the features of the hotline and then encouraged members to help get the word out regarding this resource for local businesses

9.2 Receive and Review Rapid Response Update

Item was not presented during the meeting but is available as part of the agenda

10. Next Meeting:

November 2, 2023

8:00 – 10:00 AM

Location: TBD

11. Adjournment:

Chair Gomer: adjourned the meeting at 10:02 A.M.

I, Tony Girolo, Clerk of the Workforce Development Board of San Luis Obispo, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a fair statement of the proceedings of the meeting held on Thursday, August 17, 2023, by the Workforce Development Board of San Luis Obispo County.

Tony Girolo, WDB Program Review Specialist

Dated: August 29, 2023