

**Workforce Investment Board
Executive Committee
1880 Wardrobe Ave
February 2, 2009, 8:30-9:00 a.m.
Meeting Minutes**



<http://www.co.merced.ca.us/wi/wib/wib.html>

Members Present:

Rennise Ferrario	Albert Montejano (Chair)	Steve Newvine	Alfonse Peterson
Al Romero	Vann (Mike) Smith		

Members Absent:

Edward Dietz

Others Present:

Brian Cutler	Patricia Hinson	Rick Liszewski	Alfredo Mendoza
Joanne Presnell	Cordell Price	Jackie Walther-Parnell	

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1. Call to Order/Roll Call: The Chair, Mr. Albert Montejano, called the meeting to order at 8:35 a.m. Roll call was taken.
 2. Approval of Agenda: It was *M/S/C Smith/Peterson* to approve the agenda as published. The Chair added an additional Information item to the agenda, 8.e. California Workforce Association (CWA) Stimulus Bills Update.
 3. Approval of Minutes: It was *M/S/C Peterson/Romero* to approve the January 5, 2009 minutes.
 4. Public Opportunity to Speak: None.
 5. Action Agenda:
 - a. Individual Training Account (ITA) Policy Update: It was *M/S/C Newvine/Ferrario* to approve the updated Individual Training Account Policy, and forward to the WIB for ratification.
 6. Discussion:
 - a. Mr. Ed Morrison Presentation: Staff noted the date for Mr. Morrison's presentation is tentatively set for April 6, 2009. The following was discussed:
 - o Time of Presentation: Morning at 7:30 a.m. starting with breakfast
 - o A \$5.00 charge to include breakfast and presentation
 - o Possible co-sponsorship for organizations that may host event- Merced College, Merced Chambers of Commerce, Merced Sun Star
 - o Marketing for event: Personal invitation, E-mail, Local Chambers' newsletters and Merced Sun Star
 - o Location for the event: Castle Conference Center, Merced College, Merced Senior Center
 7. Reports:
 - a. Youth Council/CWA Youth Conference: Ms. Rennise Ferrario noted Ms. Nancy Silva (Probation Dept), Ms. Rebecca Garcia (MCOE) and Mr. Alfredo Mendoza (Staff) attended the Annual Youth Conference, Jan 20-22, 2009, in Long Beach, CA. Ms. Ferrario asked staff to give an update on the conference.

Staff noted the presentation focused on the Gang Reduction, Intervention and Prevention CalGRIP Program in Merced County. The team included Mr. Gabriel Morales, Santa Barbara Youth Council Chair, who talked about gang insights. The presentation consisted of a 10-minute video from youth who are enrolled in the CalGRIP Program and each partner gave a brief presentation.

8. Information:

- a. Fiscal Reports
- b. Participant Reports: Staff noted 50% of plan program year expended.
- c. Common Performance Measures
- d. One-Stop Certification Feedback Report
- e. California Workforce Association (CWA) Stimulus Bills Update 1: Ms. Joanne Presnell noted President Obama's Economic Stimulus package is still being discussed in the Senate and House. Some of the funding will be for Dislocated Workers and also for a Summer Youth Program. Some of the planning in anticipation of the Summer Youth Program includes hiring Extra Help support staff. The Department will be laying off 4 staff due to reduction in the Welfare-To-Work contract and services with Human Services Agency.

9. Director Comments: In the absence of Ms. Andrea Baker, Ms. Presnell noted Ms. Baker is getting her cast removed this week and will return to work on Wednesday.

10. Chair Comments: The Chair stated the meeting was very informative and thanked the business guests who stayed for the meeting. The Chair looks forward to having some of the businesses join the WIB, and was appreciative of the recommendations made regarding Mr. Ed Morrison's presentation.

11. Next Meeting: March 2, 2009, Dept of Workforce Investment Large Conference Room, 1880 Wardrobe Ave.

12. Adjourn: The meeting adjourned at 9:15 a.m.