

Workforce Investment Board
Dept of Workforce Investment, Large Conference Rm
1880 W. Wardrobe Ave, Merced, CA
May 14, 2009, 3:00-5:00 p.m.
Meeting Minutes



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Members Present:

Andrea Baker	Bob Bittner	Brenda Callahan-Johnson
Rennise Ferrario	Ernie Flores	Carol Greenberg
Darren Hughes	Albert Montejano	Terry Nichols
Rick Osorio	Alfonse Peterson	Al Romero
Loretta Schlosser	Vann (Mike) Smith	Nancy Ugarte
Hubert "Hub" Walsh	Karyn Wiens	

Members Absent:

Lee Andersen	Edward Dietz	Peter Fluetsch
Debra Glass	Henry Ildefonso	Amalee Jayasinghe
Joseph Lombardi	David Long	Steve Newvine
Mike Sullivan		

Others Present:

Brian Cutler	Dee Knight	Alfredo Mendoza
Joanne Presnell	Roger Schmitt	Kurt Silva
Teresa Kinney	James Wood Jr	Jackie Walther-Parnell

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1. Call to Order/Roll Call – The Chair, Mr. Albert Montejano, called the meeting to order at 3:05 p.m. Roll call was taken.
 2. Approval of Agenda – It was *M/S/C Peterson/Greenberg* to approve the agenda.
 3. Approval of Minutes – It was *M/S/C Romero/Peterson* to approve the March 19, 2009 minutes.
 4. Public Opportunity to Speak – Mr. James Wood Jr introduced himself, and noted he was nominated by the Building Trades Council to be a member of the Workforce Investment Board (WIB). He is currently a field representative of the Labor Union that covers Merced County, and he is looking forward to working with the WIB.

Ms. Teresa Kinney, representative of Congressman Cardoza's office, noted she had recently sent the Dept of Workforce Investment some information regarding the Green Jobs Initiative. She stated if anyone needs anything from the Congressman's office, do not hesitate to contact her.

5. Consent Agenda:

a. PLATO Lab Amendment (Merced Adult School): It was *M/S/C Osorio/Nichols* to approve the contract with Merced Adult School to provide afternoon PLATO basic skills instruction at the Worknet Merced Employment Resource Center.

b. PLATO Lab Amendment (Merced College): It was *M/S/C Osorio/Bittner (abstain Wiens)* to approve the contract with Merced College to provide evening PLATO basic skills instruction at the Los Banos Worknet Employment Resource Center.

c. Supportive Services Policy: It was *M/S/C Smith/Wiens* to approve the changes to the Supportive Services Policy.

d. Younger Youth ARRA Contract Amendment for Summer Youth: It was *M/S/C Ugarte/Ferrario* to approve that \$142,185 of Workforce Investment Act (WIA) American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) youth funding be added to the Younger Youth contract, to extend the contract to September 30, 2009, and forward to the Board of Supervisors (BOS) for approval.

e. Older Youth ARRA Contract amendment for Summer Youth: It was *M/S/C Peterson/Ugarte* to approve that \$19,634 of WIA ARRA youth funding be added to the Older Youth Contract, to extend the contract to September 30, 2009, and forward to the BOS for approval.

f. Work Readiness Definition: It was *M/S/C Osorio/Schlosser* to approve the Work Readiness definition for ARRA youth ages 14-24, to include pre- and post-testing.

g. Approve Younger Youth Contract with ARRA Augmentation (MCOE): It was *M/S/C Walsh/Peterson* to approve the 2009/10 Younger Youth contract with the addition of ARRA funds at a cost not to exceed \$872,493, and forward to the BOS for approval.

h. Approve Older Youth Contract with ARRA Augmentation (MCOE): It was *MS/C Ferrario/Nichols* to approve the 2009/10 Older Youth contract with the addition of ARRA funds at a cost not to exceed \$872,493, and forward to the BOS for approval.

i. PLATO Lab New Contract for 2009/10 (Merced Adult School): It was *M/S/C Osorio/Ugarte* to approve the contract with Merced Adult School for PLATO basic skills instruction at the Merced Employment Resource Center, and forward to the BOS for approval.

j. PLATO Lab New Contract for 2009/10 (Merced College): It was *M/S/C Osorio/Nichols (abstain Wiens)* to approve the contract with Merced College for PLATO basic skills instruction at the Worknet Los Banos Employment Resource Center, and forward to the BOS for approval.

k. Business Retention Classes (Commerce, Aviation and Economic Development): It was *MS/C Bittner/Ugarte (abstain Schlosser/Peterson)* to approve the negotiation of a contract with the Dept of Commerce, Aviation and Economic Development to provide Business Retention Training to local employers.

6. Action Agenda:

a. Green Jobs Corps Initiative: It was *M/S/C Osorio/Peterson* to approve submission of a regional Green Jobs Corps Initiative Grant application in the amount of \$1 million to serve 120-160 at-risk youth.

b. WIB Membership – Mr. Agustin Beltran: It was *M/S/C Osorio/Ferrario* to accept the nomination of Mr. Agustin Beltran, and forward to the BOS for approval.

c. WIB Membership – Mr. James Wood Jr: It was *M/S/C Romero/Bittner* to approve the nomination of Mr. James Wood Jr, and forward to the BOS for approval.

d. Workforce Investment Board Election: It was *M/S/C Osorio/Greenberg* that the Workforce Investment Board (WIB) approves the following slate of officers:

WIB Chairperson	Albert Montejano
1 st Vice Chairperson	Alfonse Peterson
2 nd Vice Chairperson	Steve Newvine
Member at Large	Edward Dietz
Member at Large	Al Romero

7. Presentation:

a. Enterprise Zone: Mr. Dave Heyer gave the following presentation on the Merced County Enterprise Zone, which is an economically depressed area that the State recognizes needs assistance with economic stimulus:

- There has been an Enterprise Zone in Merced County since 1992.
- Merced County is 1 out of 42 counties zoned in the State.

- The Enterprise Zone has been conditionally designated since Dec 17, 2006, and the County has been trying to obtain final designation, hopefully in approximately one month.
 - There are 12 different areas to qualify as an employee in the Enterprise Zone.
 - A map was provided showing the Enterprise Zone, which is approximately 95% of Merced County.
 - Since July 1, 2008, the Dept has received 1268 applications.
 - Statistics and percentages were given for the different qualifying areas.
- 8.** Information: No comments were made on the information items.
- a. Economic Stimulus.
 - b. Summer Youth.
 - c. Performance Measures.
 - d. Labor Market Information.
 - e. Customer Service & Satisfaction Report.
 - f. Fiscal Report
 - g. Participant Report
 - h. One-Stop Certification.
- 9.** Director Comments: Ms. Baker noted because of the economic stimulus packages, many grants are being made available, and most grant applications require some community partnership. That being said, Merced College is working on three grants that the Dept of WI would like to collaborate on if the grants are awarded. Ms. Baker gave an overview of the following three grants, and asked the WIB for comments or objections regarding working on a collaboration or submitting a letter of support if asked:
- Funding to conduct Workforce Investment Act eligibility, vocational assessment, and provide a certificate showing completion of the Programmable Logic Controllers training.
 - Funding to train sonographers and phlebotomists.
 - Funding for Registered Nurses to obtain/upgrade specialized skills.
- No one made any comments or had objections.
- 10.** Chair Comments: The Chair noted the Recertification Ad Hoc Committee met yesterday and changed its name to the Quality Employment Development Committee. The next committee meeting will be June 24, 2009, at 3:30 p.m., Dept of WI. Anyone wanting to participate on this committee is welcome. Staff was asked to send WIB members an e-mail regarding the next committee meeting. The Chair thanked everyone for their vote of confidence in reelecting him as WIB Chair.
- 11.** Next Meeting – July 9, 2009, Dept of Workforce Investment, 1880 Wardrobe Ave, Merced.
- 12.** Adjourn – Meeting was adjourned 3:51 p.m.