

**Workforce Investment Board
Executive Committee
1880 W. Wardrobe Ave
February 6, 2006, 7:30-9:00 a.m.
Meeting Minutes**



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

Members Present:

Kathleen Crookham Albert Montejano Nellie McGarry (Chair) Mike Sullivan

Members Absent:

Mike Smith Rick Osorio

Others Present:

Andrea Baker Dave Davis Evelyn Eagleton Dee Knight
Alfredo Mendoza Joanne Presnell Jackie Walther-Parnell

1. Call to Order/Roll Call: The Chair called the meeting to order at 7:43 a.m. A sign-in sheet was used in lieu of roll call.
2. Approval of Agenda: It was *M/S/C Crookham/Montejano* to approve the agenda as published.
3. Approval of Minutes (January 9, 2006): It was *M/S/C Sullivan/Montejano* to approve the January 9, 2006 minutes.
4. Public Opportunity to Speak: None.
5. Information/Discussion Agenda:

a. Financial Support – ROP Career Industry Days: Staff noted that Merced County Office of Education (MCOE) is asking for financial support of its Career Industry Days, which falls under two of the Workforce Investment Board’s (WIB) Industry Clusters—Healthcare and Ag Industry. Ms. Evelyn Eagleton provided the committee some history regarding the Career Industry Days.

It was *M/S/C Sullivan/Montejano* to give MCOE \$1,000 in support of its Career Industry Days, but next year the healthcare industry would be contacted for support.

b. Advocacy for Extension of Enterprise Zone Program: Staff noted the Enterprise Zone Vouchering Program will end December 31, 2006. The State has no criteria for extending or renewing the Enterprise Zone Vouchering Program. Assemblymember Juan Arambula is trying to save this program.

It was recommended that staff send a letter informing the Enterprise Zone businesses of the circumstance, and ask them to send letters to Assemblymember Arambula. Before doing this, staff was asked to contact Mr. Frank Quintero and Mr. John Fowler to find out if they have addressed this issue with the Enterprise Zone businesses.

6. Information/Discussion Agenda:
 - a. WIB Membership: Ms. Kathleen Crookham gave staff contact information for Ms. Stephanie Martini, and the Chair will contact someone at McLane Pacific.

b. Joint WIB/BOS Meeting: Everyone was invited to attend on Tuesday, February 14, 2006, 10-10:30 a.m., in the Board of Supervisors Chambers, 2222 'M' Street, Merced, CA.

c. 'The World is Flat' Presentation (Thomas L. Friedman): This video will be featured at an Economic Development "Brown Bag" meeting on February 23, 2006, 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m., Castle Conference Center, 1900 Airdrome Entry (second entrance @ Buhach & Santa Fe, first blue building to your right), Atwater, CA.

d. Guerrilla Marketing Seminar: The WIB is a sponsor of this seminar that will be held February 25, 2006, 9:00 a.m-4:00 p.m., in the Merced College Theater. The WIB has received 13 free tickets, which will be offered to private sector members first, and then to other members on a first come basis.

7. Director Comments: Ms. Andrea Baker noted the Department is working with Central Valley Opportunity Center on a grant opportunity for more Dislocated Worker dollars that will be specifically for the closure of Unilever and the reduction in force of Dole.

8. Chair Comments: None.

9. Next Meeting: March 6, 2006, Dept of Workforce Investment Large Conference Room, 1880 W. Wardrobe Ave.

10. Adjourn: The meeting was adjourned 8:12 a.m.