



**WORKFORCE  
INVESTMENT BOARD**  
MERCED COUNTY

**Workforce Investment Board**  
**Dept of Workforce Investment, Large Conference Rm**  
**1880 W. Wardrobe Ave, Merced, CA**  
**March 13, 2008, 3:00-5:00 p.m.**  
**Meeting Minutes**

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

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**Members Present:**

Lee Andersen  
Bob Bittner  
Ben Duran  
John Fowler  
Henry Ildefonso  
Anne Newins  
Al Romero  
Lyle Wright

Andrea Baker  
Kathleen Cookham  
Rennise Ferrario  
Robert Harmon  
Joseph Lombardi  
Rick Osorio  
Vann (Mike) Smith

Don Bergman  
Edward Dietz  
Peter Fluetsch  
Darren Hughes  
Albert Montejano  
Alfonse Peterson  
Nancy Ugarte

**Members Absent:**

Ernie Flores  
David Long  
Carole Roberds  
Thomas Tsubota

Carol Greenberg  
Steve Newvine  
John Stewart

Garith Krause  
Terry Nichols  
Mike Sullivan

**Others Present:**

Robert Bradshaw  
Dee Knight  
Alfredo Mendoza  
Jackie Walther-Parnell

Brian Cutler  
Marilyn Kennedy  
Joanne Presnell

Eddie Harding  
Sandra Lemas  
Pedro Vargas

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1. Call to Order/Roll Call – The Chair, Mr. Robert Harmon, called the meeting to order at 3:10 p.m. Roll call was taken.
  2. Approval of Agenda – It was *M/S/C Fowler/Duran* to approve the agenda as published.
  3. Approval of Minutes – It was *M/S/C Bergman/Bittner* to approve the January 10, 2008 minutes.
  4. Public Opportunity to Speak – None.
  5. Consent Agenda: It was *M/S/C Smith/Dietz* to approve item a. of the Consent Agenda.
    - a. Community Action Partnership Memorandum of Understanding.
  6. Action Agenda:
    - a. Workforce Investment Board Membership – Brenda Callahan-Johnson: It was *M/S/C Duran/Wright* to approve the nomination, and forward to the Board of Supervisors (BOS) for approval.
      - b. Workforce Investment Board Members' Term Renewal: It was *M/S/C Bergman/Wright* to submit the renewal nominations to the BOS for approval.
        - c. STEM Grant – It was *M/S/C Andersen/Fowler* to support the submission of the STEM Grant application by the Dept of Workforce Investment in collaboration with the Stanislaus and San Joaquin Workforce Investment Areas.

**7. Presentations:**

a. One-Stop Client Automation – Scan Card: Ms. Marilyn Kennedy and Ms. Sandra Lemas gave a PowerPoint presentation on the inception of the Scan Card, and the progress of the new Scan Card system. This is a streamlined self-service system for all Worknet clients. The goals and accomplishments were also given and explained.

b. End of Year Report: Ms. Andrea Baker provided WIB members the PowerPoint presentation she would be giving the BOS on March 25, 2008, at 10:00 a.m. She asked members to give her feedback on the presentation to make sure it covers all aspects of the Workforce Investment Board's performance during Fiscal Year 06/07. All members were provided a copy of the report.

**8. Member Committee Reports:**

a. P-16 Council: Mr. Lee Andersen provided information on the four P-16 academic rigorous courses pared with Career and Technical Education courses that will qualify students for "A-G" college credits. Another five courses are being developed for the coming year. P-16 is upgrading the academic content of some Regional Occupational Program classes so they will qualify for "A-G" status. P-16 will also start tracking students' enrollment in math courses beginning in 8<sup>th</sup> grade.

b. Ad Hoc Economic Development Committee: Mr. Albert Montejano provided information the committee received from the Biotech PowerPoint presentation given by Mr. Douglas Kain, professor of the Biotech Program at Merced College. He noted the committee would be looking at the renewal energy jobs that will be coming to Merced County, and having presentations from PG&E, Merced Irrigation District and UC Merced. The committee will explore the possibility of updating the industry clusters, and looking at the Regional Occupational Program Career & Technical Education to see if the program is fitting the needs of the community.

c. BEAM Committee: Mr. Andersen noted the goal of BEAM is to get Merced County business, education and government leaders together to learn about childcare and early childhood education. Also, to identify ways the business community can support the improvement, expansion of availability, and the quality of these services. BEAM has received several presentations on issues that describe and affect the population of these 0-5 year-old children. BEAM is about two-thirds through the grant period. A number of businesses and individuals have volunteered to "adopt a preschool", and do a "principal for a day" program. They are trying to get legislation passed that will enable BEAM to gather information from those in the Merced County jail system regarding their experience or lack of experience in preschool.

**9. Information Agenda:**

- a. Workforce Investment Act Budget Rescission
- b. California Integrated Service Delivery
- c. Recertification Committee
- d. WIB Nomination Committee
- e. Joint Board of Supervisors/Workforce Investment Board Meeting-March 25, 2008
- f. Fiscal Reports
- g. Participant Reports
- h. Labor Market Information

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- 10.** Director's Comments: Ms. Baker noted the Department, Merced County Office of Education and Probation received some wonderful press in the Merced Sun-Star regarding the \$400,000 CalGRIP grant that will be used to help 25 young people transition out of the Bear Creek Academy.
- 11.** Chair Comments: The Chair thanked everyone for their participation and attending the meeting.
- 12.** Next Meeting – May 8, 2008, Dept of Workforce Investment, 1880 W, Wardrobe Ave, Merced.
- 13.** Adjourn - Meeting was adjourned 4:25 p.m.