

**Workforce Investment Board
Executive Committee
1880 W. Wardrobe Ave
May 7, 2007, 7:30-9:00 a.m.
Meeting Minutes**



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

Members Present:

Kathleen Crookham Robert Harmon (Chair) Albert Montejano Mike Sullivan (Vice Chair)

Members Absent:

Nellie McGarry Rick Osorio Vann (Mike) Smith

Others Present:

Andrea Baker Brian Cutler Dave Davis Dee Knight
Alfredo Mendoza Joanne Presnell Jackie Walther-Parnell

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1. Call to Order/Roll Call: The Chair called the meeting to order at 7:34 a.m. Roll call was taken.
 2. Approval of Agenda: It was *M/S/C Crookham/Montejano* to approve the agenda as published.
 3. Approval of Minutes: It was *M/S/C Sullivan/Crookham* to approve the April 2, 2007 minutes.
 4. Public Opportunity to Speak: None.
 5. Action Agenda:
 - a. Younger Youth Contract – It was *M/S/C Montejano/Sullivan* to approve the Youth Opportunity Program contract from July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008, and forward to the Board of Supervisors (BOS) for approval.
 - b. Out-of-School Contract – It was *M/S/C Sullivan/Montejano* to approve the Empower Out-of-School contract from July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008, and forward to the BOS for approval.
 6. Discussion:
 - a. Continuation of Registered Nurse Program – Staff noted the grant used to support the RN Program would run out June 30, 2007. Information and scenarios were given to inform committee member of actions being taken to help fund the Workforce Investment Board’s (WIB) sponsorship of the RN Program, and to facilitate the WIB’s upcoming decision concerning the program. It was noted that a decision would not be needed until June/July. This item would also be on the May 10th WIB Agenda.
 - b. San Joaquin Valley Partnership Initiatives – Staff noted there are two Partnership initiatives that have been funded and are being made available for use; i.e., WorkKeys and Connectory.com. A DVD was shown on the WorkKeys system, and a website demonstration was given on Connectory.com.
 7. Information:
 - a. Program Year 2007 Allocation – Overall, Merced County’s funds were reduced 3.9% from last year.
 - b. Participant Reports
 - c. Fiscal Reports

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8. Director Comments: Ms. Andrea Baker noted Merced County was listed #180 out of 200 in Forbes magazine as one of the Best Small Places for Jobs and Careers; for Job Growth Merced is 25th, and Educational Attainment is 200.

In the Technology Review magazine were listed the Top 10 careers that we are going to be expected to train customers for in the future.

9. Chair Comments: The Chair noted it was a great discussion on the agenda items.

10. Next Meeting: June 4, 2007, Dept of Workforce Investment Large Conference Room, 1880 W. Wardrobe Ave.

11. Adjourn: The meeting adjourned at 8:47 a.m.