



**WORKFORCE  
INVESTMENT BOARD  
MERCED COUNTY**

**Workforce Investment Board  
Dept of Workforce Investment, Large Conference Rm  
1880 W. Wardrobe Ave, Merced, CA  
May 10, 2007, 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	Andrea Baker	Don Bergman
Bob Bittner	Kathleen Cookham	Edward Dietz
Peter Fluetsch	John Fowler	Robert Harmon
Albert Montejano	Anne Newins	Steve Newvine
Rick Osorio	Alfonse Peterson	Carole Roberds
Al Romero	Vann (Mike) Smith	Steve Tinetti

**Members Absent:**

Ben Duran	Rennise Ferrario	Ernie Flores
Carol Greenberg	Darren Hughes	Nellie McGarry
Terry Nichols	John Stewart	Mike Sullivan
Thomas Tsubota		

**Others Present:**

Liz Baker	Brian Cutler	Dave Davis
Eddie Harding	Dee Knight	Alfredo Mendoza
Joanne Presnell	Pedro Vargas	Jackie Walther-Parnell

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1. Call to Order/Roll Call – The Chair, Mr. Robert Harmon, called the meeting to order at 3:11 p.m. Roll call was taken. The Chair noted the following changes to the agenda:
    - a. Move item 6.b. Continuation of Registered Nurse Program to item 8. Information.
    - b. Remove item 7.b. because Mr. Joe Ramirez is unable to make the presentation today. It will be on the July agenda.
  2. Approval of Agenda – It was *M/S/C Tinetti/Romero* to approve the agenda with the above-stated changes.
  3. Approval of Minutes – It was *M/S/C Bergman/Fluetsch* to approve the March 8, 2007 minutes.
  4. Public Opportunity to Speak – Mr. Pedro Vargas (Fresno) and Ms. Liz Baker (Stockton), Labor Market Consultants, Employment Development Department. Both noted they were pleased to be attending the meeting.
  5. Consent Agenda: It was *M/S/C Fluetsch/Peterson* to approve items a.-g. of the Consent Agenda.
    - a. Merced PLATO Lab Contract (*abstain Carol Roberds*)
    - b. Los Banos PLATO Lab Contract (*abstain Anne Newins*)
    - c. Licensed Vocational Nurse Grant Contracts (*abstain Anne Newins*)
    - d. Younger Youth Contract (*abstain Lee Andersen/Bob Bittner*)
    - e. Out-of-School Youth Contract (*abstain Lee Andersen/Bob Bittner*)
    - f. Youth Council Membership – Ms. Claudia Corchado
    - g. Youth Council Membership – Ms. Stephani Martinez

**6. Action Agenda:**

a. LWIA Proposed Performance Goals for Program Year 2006-07 – It was *M/S/C Bergman/Tinetti* to approve negotiation of the State’s proposed LWIA Performance Goals for PY 2006-07.

b. Workforce Investment Board Election – It was *M/S/C Fowler/Peterson* that the nominations be closed. It was *M/S/C Crookham/Bittner* that the WIB approve the following slate of officers:

Robert Harmon	WIB Chairperson
Albert Montejano	1 <sup>st</sup> Vice Chairperson
Don Bergman	2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice Chairperson
Al Romero	WIB Member at Large
Edward Dietz	WIB Member at Large

**7. Presentations:**

a. Steve Tinetti “Thank You” – On behalf of the WIB, the Chair presented Mr. Steve Tinetti with a Certificate of Appreciation for his contributions and superior leadership during his tenure as a member of the WIB.

b. San Joaquin Valley Partnership Initiative – Staff noted there are two Partnership initiatives that have been funded and are being made available for use; i.e., WorkKeys and the Connector.com. A DVD was shown on the WorkKeys system, and a website demonstration was given on Connector.com. Stanislaus County is the lead for the San Joaquin Valley Partnership grant, and San Joaquin County is the lead on putting the list of Central Valley businesses together for Connector.com.

c. P-16 Council/Ad Hoc Committee Reports – Mr. Lee Andersen noted the P-16 Council is well represented. It is working on a number of goals. The Hewlett/Packard Foundation donated \$130,000 to start a Business Alliance that will promote early childcare and education. They have received funding for 1-2 years for a project that will help make it easier for childcare providers to get their permits and facilities open sooner. Another project is to link more closely career technical high school courses to academic courses and academic success. The P-16 has a website where you can access the meeting minutes and agenda. On June 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> is the Annual P-16 Conference, Long Beach, CA. If any WIB member wants to attend, please notify Ms. Andrea Baker.

Mr. Albert Montejano noted the Economic Development Ad Hoc Committee is progressing. They have had two meetings, and are in the process of choosing a common definition of economic development for the committee’s use, and will now be looking at ways the WIB is presently interacting with economic development. He gave an overview of what was discussed in the meetings, and stated he learned that in order for businesses to come to Merced County we have to have the economic culture to attract businesses.

**8. Information Agenda:**

- a. Workforce Investment Act California Allocation
- b. Program Year 2007-08 Merced County Allocation
- c. Program Year 2005-06 Exemplary Performance Awards
- d. Letter of Support to Congressman Cardoza
- e. Workforce Professionals Month
- f. Merced County Workforce Investment Board Recertification

- g. Workforce Investment Act 85-Percent Program Review
- h. WIRED Initiative – Third Generation
- i. Regional and Local Incentive Award Application
- j. California Senate Bill 293
- k. Workforce Investment act 167 Farmworker Funding Letter or Support
- l. Merced County Office of Education “Thank You” Letter
- m. Continuation of Registered Nurse Program (Moved from Action Agenda) – Staff noted the grant used to support the RN Program would run out June 30, 2007. Information and scenarios were given to inform the members 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, and staff would continue researching ways to fund this program.
- n. Participant Reports
- o. Fiscal Report
- p. Committee Reports – [www.co.merced.ca.us/wi/wib/wib.html](http://www.co.merced.ca.us/wi/wib/wib.html)

**9.** Director’s Comments: Ms. Andrea Baker said she would also bring fun things to the WIB as information. She noted there is a NextTen public website that receives input on the State budget. She read some excerpts of things that were on the website.

**10.** Chair Comments: The Chair noted there were some handouts from the DC NAWB Conference. He asked everyone to look at the easel at the front of room, which contained a definition of Workforce Investment Boards from the NAWB Conference.

**11.** Next Meeting – July 12, 2007, Dept of Workforce Investment, 1880 W, Wardrobe Ave, Merced.

**12.** Adjourn - Meeting was adjourned 4:38.