

**Workforce Investment Board
Executive Committee
1880 W. Wardrobe Ave
June 2, 2008, 7:30-9:00 a.m.
Meeting Notes**



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

Members Present:

Robert Harmon (Chair)

Albert Montejano

Al Romero

Members Absent:

Don Bergman

Kathleen Crookham

Edward Dietz

Rennise Ferrario

Vann (Mike) Smith

Others Present:

Andrea Baker

Brian Cutler

Dee Knight

Alfredo Mendoza

Steve Newvine

Alfonse Peterson

Joanne Presnell

Jackie Walther-Parnell

1. Call to Order/Roll Call: The Chair, Mr. Robert Harmon, called the meeting to order at 7:38 a.m. Roll call was taken. Due to lack of a quorum, the Chair noted agenda items 2, 3 and 5 would be tabled until the next meeting, and there would be a discussion of the other items.
2. Public Opportunity to Speak: Ms. Holly Newlon, Merced County Office of Education, asked the Workforce Investment Board to write a letter of support to the Merced County Board of Education for support of a waiver of the Education Code that bars Merced County Office of Education (MCOE) from hiring any person convicted of a violent or serious felony. This waiver pertains to the Regional Occupational Program students who are over 18, and who will be employed by MCOE as part of the CalGRIP (those coming out of Bear Creek Academy) and Empower programs. The public hearing will be June 9, 2008, at 3:30 p.m. Those present were in support of sending the letter. Staff will call the Executive Committee members who are in town to get approval to send the support letter (which was accomplished). This Board is responsible for Workforce Investment Act dollars; therefore, the Merced County Board of Education would want to know whether or not we support this waiver. The Chair noted the letter would be sent from the Executive Committee.
3. Discussion:
 - a. Participant Data Report and Report Format – Staff provided everyone the Participant Data Report format with the requested changes, and it was accepted.
 - b. State Performance Measures 06/07 – Ms. Andrea Baker noted regarding the dispute with the State on Dislocated Worker Retention Rate that all backup information was provided to the State. The Department found the State's retention rate is based on showing earnings in the 2nd and 3rd quarters. Some employers may have sent the earnings information late to the State, after the July 20th cutoff date, causing these additional earnings to not be counted. The discrepancy was determined to be two records. Therefore, we would not qualify for the incentive award. The Department will keep a closer watch on this for next year.
4. Information:
 - a. Workforce Investment Board Composition: Staff provided a breakdown of private sector members. It was noted Board members should always be looking for more private sector members.
 - b. Youth Council Report
 - c. Fiscal Reports

5. Director Comments: Ms. Andrea Baker thanked the Chair for going to the LVN/RN graduation, and for his service as the Chair of the Executive Committee. Since this was the Chair's last meeting, she asked him to give some words or wisdom to those incoming members who were present.

6. Chair Comments: The Chair thanked everyone for their participation in the meetings and coming out so early in the morning. He noted it has been a pleasure being a member of the Executive Committee, that this committee really makes a difference and it is critical to the Workforce Investment Board. He noted since he has been Chair, this is the first time there was not a quorum. The Chair praised the Department staff for their support, and noted they have done a great job. He also noted staff makes the chairperson look good.

7. Next Meeting: July 7, 2008, Dept of Workforce Investment Large Conference Room, 1880 W. Wardrobe Ave.

8. Adjourn: The meeting adjourned at 8:16 a.m.