

**Workforce Investment Board**  
**Dept of Workforce Investment, Large Conference Rm**  
**1880 W. Wardrobe Ave, Merced, CA**  
**July 10, 2008, 3:00-5:00 p.m.**  
**Meeting Minutes**



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

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**Members Present:**

Andrea Baker	Brenda Callahan-Johnson	Kathleen Cookham
Edward Dietz	Debra Glass	Darren Hughes
Amalee Jayasinghe	Joseph Lombardi	David Long
Albert Montejano	Rick Osorio	Alfonse Peterson
Al Romero	Loretta Schlosser	Vann (Mike) Smith
Mike Sullivan		

**Members Absent:**

Lee Andersen	Bob Bittner	Rennise Ferrario
Ernie Flores	Peter Fluetsch	Carol Greenberg
Henry Ildefonso	Garith Krause	Steve Newvine
Terry Nichols	John Stewart	Thomas Tsubota
Nancy Ugarte		

**Others Present:**

Brian Cutler	Eddie Harding	Dee Knight
Alfredo Mendoza	Joanne Presnell	Jackie Walther-Parnell

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1. Call to Order/Roll Call – The Chair, Mr. Albert Montejano, noted at 3:12 there was no quorum so the board would listen to the first presentation (item 7.a. below). Chair asked everyone to introduce themselves since there were several new members. After the presentation, the Chair called the meeting to order at 3:27 p.m. Roll call was taken.
  2. Approval of Agenda – It was *M/S/C Romero/Peterson* to approve the agenda with the following change: Pull item 6.c.
  3. Approval of Minutes – It was *M/S/C Smith/Sullivan* to approve the May 8, 2008 minutes.
  4. Public Opportunity to Speak – None.
  5. Consent Agenda: It was *M/S/C Peterson/Dietz* to approve items a. through d. of the Consent Agenda.
    - a. Exceptions to Individual Training Account Policy
    - b. Workforce Investment Board & Executive Committee Meetings for PY 08/09
    - c. Workforce Investment Board Membership – Ms. Amalee Jayasinghe
    - d. Workforce Investment Board Strategic Scorecard
  6. Action Agenda:
    - a. At-Large Member Election (if needed): It was *M/S/C Sullivan/Long* that the Workforce Investment Board (WIB) keep the following Chair appointed and at-large members:

Vann (Mike) Smith	Chair Appointed
Edward Dietz	Member at Large
Al Romero	Member at Large

b. Recertification of Los Banos Worknet Employment Resource Center: It was *M/S/C Smith/Crookham* to approve the recommendation from the Executive Committee of a three-year Affiliate Site Recertification for the Los Banos Worknet Employment Resource Center.

c. Authorization to Sign Documents Resolution Approval Request: (Pulled)

**7. Presentations:**

a. California Army National Guard: Sgt Robert Bender provided everyone a copy of the Enlistment Criteria for the CA Army National Guard, and gave an overview of the information. His counterpart, Sgt Jamie Mares, works in the Merced Worknet along with Ms. Anna Garcia who is a paid National Guard employee. He works out of the Los Banos Worknet office. Sgt Bender noted a big problem is getting applicants to pass the ASVAB test. The National Guard program is designed to help the applicants pass the ASVAB test. There was a question and answer period following the presentation.

b. State Integration Pilot Project: Ms. Andrea Baker provided a PowerPoint presentation on the State Integration Pilot Project because the WIB may decide to participate in this project at some future time. The State is piloting integrated service delivery in several places around the state. Project implementation may be different at each pilot site because their particular labor market and their WIB determine how it is implemented. The integration of service includes Wagner-Peyser, which are funds that fund Employment Development Departments' (EDD) Job Service and the One-Stops. Several states—New York, Oklahoma, N. Dakota and Louisiana—have already integrated this project.

EDD wants to find out if integrating these two organizations at the One-Stops would improve services, unite policies, get everyone working on the same performance measures, help the job-seeking customer in a more fluid way, and do all the programs and funding in the same office. The State EDD will soon send a letter to everyone asking if we would like to participate in this pilot project, or adopt another model from another state or workforce area.

It was suggested that the Department start gathering information on the other models used along with the model used in California so the WIB would be more prepared when the request comes from EDD. Also, get some statistics and information from our National/State Associations on the states who are using this program.

**8. Member Committee Reports:**

a. Youth Council: Staff noted the Youth Council would be having Common Measures training on Aug 20, 2008, 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m., at Merced County Office of Education Complex. The State is sending two people to facilitate this training. The Ad Hoc Youth Website Committee will have a presentation next month from Tulare County on the process they went through to get their website up and running.

Mr. Mike Smith commented on the "Two Million Minutes" video (a documentary on high school students from freshman to senior) the Youth Council viewed, and how it would be worthwhile for our educators to see. He noted the Youth Council is also trying to get a presentation from a researcher in Oakland who did a study on the San Jose school district who about five years ago put all their students on the college track.

b. P-16 Council: Committee does not meet during the summer months.

- c. BEAM Committee: Committee does not meet during the summer months.

**9. Information Agenda:**

- a. Fiscal Reports
- b. Labor Market Information
- c. Customer Service & Satisfaction Report

**10. Director's Comments:** Ms. Baker noted she is watching bill AB 2570 because it has to do with revamping Employment and Training Panel (ETP) money. This amendment would delete the limitation on the number of licensed nursing programs that could be funded by ETP in any one year in the State. She will consult with Mr. Joseph Lombardi of Mercy Hospital and Merced College to see if they can advocate for this legislative change. This fund would then be available for Merced County's nursing programs to apply for.

**11. Chair Comments:** The Chair noted he appreciated everyone's participation in the meeting. He is looking forward to receiving information from staff on the Integration Pilot Project. The Chair wished everyone a nice Labor Day, and he is looking forward to the meeting everyone on September 18<sup>th</sup>.

**12. Next Meeting –** Sept 18, 2008, Dept of Workforce Investment, 1880 W, Wardrobe Ave, Merced.

**13. Adjourn –** Meeting was adjourned 4:16 p.m.