

**Workforce Investment Board**  
**Dept of Workforce Investment, Large Conference Rm**  
**1880 W. Wardrobe Ave, Merced, CA**  
**September 15, 2005, 3:00-5:00 p.m.**  
**Meeting Minutes**



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

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**Members Present:**

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| Andrea Baker      | Don Bergman      | Sharon Cresswell |
| Peter Fluetsch    | Robert Fore      | John Fowler      |
| Scott Galbraith   | Carol Greenberg  | Charlie Lambert  |
| Nellie McGarry    | Ned Miller       | Anne Newins      |
| Rick Osorio       | Alfonse Peterson | Larry Pitts      |
| Carole Roberds    | Al Romero        | Chris Rosander   |
| Mike (Vann) Smith | Mike Sullivan    |                  |

**Members Absent:**

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| Lee Andersen  | Ed Anderson      | Nick Benjamin      |
| Bob Bittner   | Kathleen Cookham | Ben Duran          |
| Ernie Flores  | Phil Flores      | Jeremiah Greggains |
| Robert Harmon | Albert Montejano | Terry Nichols      |
| Steve Tinetti | Thomas Tsubota   |                    |

**Others Present:**

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| Michelle Allison     | Elena Blanton   | Dave Davis             |
| Martin Gomez-Benitez | Eddie Harding   | Dee Knight             |
| Alfredo Mendoza      | Joanne Presnell | Jackie Walther-Parnell |
| Vickie Willhite      |                 |                        |

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1. Call to Order/Roll Call – The Chair, Ms. Nellie McGarry, called the meeting to order, and roll call was taken. The Chair asked the Workforce Development Professionals to introduce themselves.
  2. Approval of Agenda – It was *M/S/C Fluetsch/Bergman* to approve the agenda as published.
  3. Approval of Minutes – It was *M/S/C Bergman/Lambert* to approve the July 14, 2005 minutes as written.
  4. Public Opportunity to Speak – None.
  5. Consent Agenda – It was *M/S/C Miller/Fluetsch* to approve the Consent Agenda, items a-d.
    - a. Self-Sufficiency Wage Policy.
    - b. Limited Funds Policy.
    - c. Additions to Eligible Training.
    - d. Five-Year Plan, Modification #6.
  6. Presentations –
    - a. Update on Implications for Action – Ms. Andrea Baker noted the three areas of focus are 1) Education, 2) Workforce Housing and 3) Economic Development, and explanations are included in the meeting packet.
      - 1) There were changes made to Education. Additions were made to include career/technical education.
      - 2) The Workforce Housing Task Force has been identified and the names recommended to the Board of Supervisors (BOS) for appointment.

3) Economic Development Implication had a “brown bag” discussion with the Program Planning & Development Committee, which caused the committee to reestablish its Economic Development Action Team.

b. Success Story Video – Before the video, the Chair wanted to recognize that this was Ned Miller’s last meeting, and he would be retiring to Southern California. She noted there was an article in the County Times on his retirement. She presented him a Certificate of Appreciation from the WIB.

The WIB viewed the Success Story Video that was created by the Dept of Workforce Investment to show that success comes from helping our customers achieve their goals. Ms. Sharon Cresswell asked for a copy to show at the Job Fair.

c. Announcements – The Chair noted this is an opportunity for WIB members to speak on topics or upcoming events within their organizations.

Ms. Baker noted there will be a Forum to connect bioscience with industry on September 17, 2005, 9:30 a.m-1:30 p.m., at the Merced College Library Lecture Hall.

Mr. Miller noted the Recertification Examination Team for Worknet had its consensus meeting last week. He urged other WIB members to get involved in the process.

#### 7. Information Agenda

- a. Recertification of Worknet Employment Resource Center – Ms. Baker noted one of the items in the Continuous Quality Improvement category of the recertification is to have certified staff. The Department now has 18 Nationally Certified Workforce Development Professionals through Dynamics Works. They were recognized by the BOS last week. The goal is to have 100% of staff nationally certified.
- b. Selection of Industry Cluster
- c. Demo Grant Update
- d. Fiscal Report
- e. Participant Data Reports
- f. LMI Updates
- g. Committee Reports - [www.co.merced.ca.us/wi/wib/wib.html](http://www.co.merced.ca.us/wi/wib/wib.html) (or faxed upon request)

8. Director’s Comments – Ms. Baker noted she received A High Concentration of Eligible Youth Additional Assistance application, which is for economically disadvantaged youth. This grant will be developed through the Youth Council just as the Juvenile Justice Program grant was last year. The Director thanked those WIB members who attended the Meeting of the Minds Conference in Monterey. There were some very interesting speakers who focused on education, economic development and workforce coming together.

9. Chair Comments – The Chair noted the Meeting of the Minds WIB Chairs’ meeting was interesting. They focused on the relationship the business community and Chairs had with their Board of Supervisors. She noted that compared to some areas, Merced County has a good collaborative effort with its Board of Supervisors. Sometime soon, the Chair would like to meet with the Vice Chairs, City Manager and CEO to get their input as to the which direction they would like to take the WIB.

The P-16 Council met and is working to link education with business. The next meeting will be at UC Merced. If you want to attend, let her know. There will be a P-16 Conference in March 2006 at UC Merced.

10. Other – Ms. Cresswell provided flyers for the upcoming Job Fair on Oct 12, 2005, 3-7 p.m., at Merced County Fairgrounds Commerce Building. If members know of anyone who would like to participate, have them call Ms. Cresswell.

11. Next Meeting – November 10, 2005, Dept. of Workforce Investment, 1880 W, Wardrobe Ave, Merced.

12. Adjourn - Meeting was adjourned 4:50.