

**Workforce Investment Board
Executive Committee
1880 Wardrobe Ave
January 5, 2009, 7:30-9:00 a.m.
Meeting Minutes**



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

Members Present:

Albert Montejano (Chair) Steve Newvine Alfonse Peterson Al Romero

Members Absent:

Edward Dietz Rennise Ferrario Vann (Mike) Smith

Others Present:

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

1. Call to Order/Roll Call: The Chair, Mr. Albert Montejano, called the meeting to order at 7:43 a.m. Roll call was taken.
2. Approval of Agenda: It was *M/S/C Romero/Peterson* to approve the agenda as published.
3. Approval of Minutes: It was *M/S/C Peterson/Romero* to approve the November 3, 2008 minutes.
4. Public Opportunity to Speak: None.
5. Action Agenda:
 - a. Limited Funds Policy: It was *M/S/C Peterson/Newvine* to accept the changes made to the Limited Funds Policy, and forward to the Workforce Investment Board (WIB) for approval.
 - b. Veterans Priority of Service Policy: It was *M/S/C Peterson/Romero* to accept the Veterans Priority of Service Policy, and forward to the WIB for approval.
6. Discussion:
 - a. Workforce Investment Board Membership: Staff noted the business sector membership of the WIB is still meeting the requirement of the law, but if one business person should leave, the WIB would be below the requirement. The following was decided:
 - o Staff would identify businesses within the WIB's industry sectors, and e-mail the list to Executive members for review,
 - o Invitations to have breakfast would be sent to those identified,
 - o Breakfast would be Feb 2, 2009, 7-8 a.m., 1880 Wardrobe Ave, Large Conference Room,
 - o A short briefing would be given on the mission, goals and accomplishments of the WIB,
 - o A sign-up sheet would be given to those interested in joining the WIB, and
 - o Follow-up by a WIB member and staff would be made with those interested.

It was also suggested that the WIB regularly advertise in the local chambers' newsletters.

- b. Workforce Investment Board Strategic Scorecard: Staff went over the categories to be reviewed for January.

7. Reports:

a. Youth Council Report: Staff noted the Youth Council has formed an ad-hoc committee to update the Youth Resource Directory. Ms. Nancy Silva (Probation Dept) and Mr. Alfredo Mendoza (Staff) were selected to attend the Annual Youth Conference, Jan 20-22, 2009, in Long Beach, CA. Ms. Patricia Evans (Human Services Agency) became a new member in Dec 2009.

8. Information:

- a. Governor's Additional Dislocated Worker Funding
- b. CalGRIP for Cities Only
- c. Regional Veterans Grant Update
- d. Community-Based Job Training Grant 1% Rescission
- e. Fiscal Reports: Ms. Joanne Presnell gave an update on the designation of the Enterprise Zone.
- f. Participant Reports
- g. Workforce Investment Act Quarterly Performance (Jul – Sep)

9. Director Comments: In the absence of Ms. Andrea Baker, Ms Presnell noted they have heard nothing but good things about the nominee for the Secretary of the Dept of Labor, Ms. Hilda Solis—she is from California, understands Workforce Investment, and has a strong labor background.

Regarding President Elect Obama's Economic Stimulus package, the Workforce Investment Areas would receive additional dollars for Dislocated Workers, and also allocation for a Summer Youth Program. The Department has begun initial planning in anticipation of the Summer Youth Program.

Ms. Presnell noted Ms. Baker regrets being unable to attend the meeting, and asked her to wish everyone a happy New Year. Ms. Baker broke her ankle and will be back as soon as the doctor releases her.

10. Chair Comments: The Chair noted he attended the California Workforce Association meeting Dec 12, 2008, in San Diego, CA. The meeting was very informative, especially regarding the Economic Stimulus package and the anticipated plans for the allocations.

11. Next Meeting: February 2, 2009 (right after the breakfast), Dept of Workforce Investment Large Conference Room, 1880 Wardrobe Ave.

12. Adjourn: The meeting adjourned at 8:35 a.m.