

**Workforce Investment Board**  
**Dept of Workforce Investment, Large Conference Rm**  
**1880 W. Wardrobe Ave, Merced, CA**  
**March 19, 2009, 3:00-5:00 p.m.**  
**Meeting Minutes**



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**Members Present:**

Andrea Baker	Peter Fluetsch	Debra Glass
Carol Greenberg	Henry Ildefonso	David Long
Albert Montejano	Steve Newvine	Terry Nichols
Rick Osorio	Alfonse Peterson	Al Romero
Loretta Schlosser	Vann (Mike) Smith	Mike Sullivan
Karen Weins		

**Members Absent:**

Lee Andersen	Bob Bittner	Brenda Callahan-Johnson
Edward Dietz	Rennise Ferrario	Ernie Flores
Darren Hughes	Amalee Jayasinghe	Joseph Lombardi
Nancy Ugarte	Hubert "Hub" Walsh	

**Others Present:**

Brian Cutler	Dee Knight	Alfredo Mendoza
Joanne Presnell	Roger Schmitt	Pedro Vargas
Jackie Walther-Parnell		

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1. Call to Order/Roll Call – The Chair, Mr. Albert Montejano, noted at 3:08 p.m. there was no quorum so the board would listen to the presentation (item 7. below). After the presentation, the Chair called the meeting to order at 3:21 p.m. Roll call was taken.
  2. Approval of Agenda – It was *M/S/C Romero/Peterson* to approve the agenda.
  3. Approval of Minutes – It was *M/S/C Smith/Peterson* to approve the January 1, 2009 minutes.
  4. Public Opportunity to Speak – None.
  5. Consent Agenda:
    - a. Self-Sufficiency Wage Policy – It was *M/S/C Long/Romero* to approve the changes to the Self-Sufficiency Wage policy.
  6. Action Agenda:
    - a. Retreat Outcomes: Staff provided a PowerPoint presentation on the Retreat Outcomes that are the Workforce Investment Board (WIB) Goals for 2009-2011, and their connection to the goals established for 2006-2008. Everyone was asked to vote on the priority of the new goals by placing a dot on the one they thought was most important (each member was given two dots). Following are the prioritized goals:
      - 1) Comprehensive programs for employment and life skills for youth and adults. (13 votes)
      - 2) Facilitating resources and networks to help business succeed. (6 votes)
      - 3) Influence workforce legislation and regulations. (5 votes)
      - 4) Improve One-Stop effectiveness and quality. (3 votes)
      - 5) Board development strategies, public awareness and outcomes. (1 vote)
      - 6) Capacity in WIB system to gather business data. (1 vote)

7) Continued regional work. (1 vote)

b. Economic Stimulus Sole Source Procurements: It was *M/S/C Nichols/Osorio* to approve the Economic Stimulus Sole Source Procurements with the following amendment to the proposed motion: “That the WIB recommends to the Board of Supervisors that they approve sole source procurements with public, private nonprofit and private for profit organizations for Adult, Dislocated Worker and Youth funds stemming from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 for training, service providers and summer youth activities that meet sole source justifications.”

c. Recovery Act Youth Funding Levels: It was *M/S/C Ildefonzo/Long* to approve the American Reinvestment and Recovery Act of 2009 youth funding be spent as follows: “At least 85%, and up to 100% is spent in September 2009, with the remaining funds spent in PY 09/10.”

d. Recovery Act Age Groups: It was *M/S/C Osorio/Ildefonzo* to approve the proposed motion with the following change: Delete “throughout PY 08/09”, and Replace with “through September 2009”.

7. Presentation:

a. End-of-Year Report: Ms. Andrea Baker gave a PowerPoint presentation on the End-of-Year report covering the focus, mission and accomplishments of the WIB from July 2007-June 2008. Everyone was provided a copy of the report. This presentation will be made at the WIB/Board of Supervisors Joint meeting on April 14, 2009.

8. Discussion:

a. Economic Stimulus (most recent developments): Ms. Baker gave a PowerPoint presentation on the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. This information was gathered at the National Association of Workforce Boards Forum 2009 in Washington, DC, that she and Mr. Steve Newvine attended. Everyone was provided a copy.

9. Information:

- a. State Economic Stimulus Dislocated Worker Funds.
- b. Younger Youth (YOP) Quarterly Report.
- c. Out-of-School (Empower) Quarterly Report.
- d. Mr. Ed Morrison Update.
- e. Customer Service & Satisfaction Report.
- f. Fiscal Report
- g. Participant Report
- h. WIB Nomination Committee.
- i. Participant Enrollment-Employment Data
- j. WIB Recertification.
- k. Joint Workforce Investment Board/Board of Supervisors Meeting.
- l. Green Jobs.

10. Director Comments: Ms. Baker thanked the Employment Development Dept partners who helped in verifying the number of unemployment applications in Merced County over the past year, and in helping the Department understand what industries have been most impacted.

11. Chair Comments: The Chair thanked everyone for the very positive discussions on the agenda items.

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Mr. Rick Osorio recommended that ad-hoc committees be formed to help staff in meeting the needs of using the Economic Stimulus funds in the different areas. Anyone interested in being on an ad-hoc committee, please contact Ms. Baker or staff.

**12.** Next Meeting – May 14, 2009, Dept. of Workforce Investment, 1880 Wardrobe Ave, Merced.

**13.** Adjourn – Meeting was adjourned 4:28 p.m.