

**Workforce Investment Board  
Castle Airport Conference Center  
1900 Airdrome Entry, Atwater, CA  
September 3, 2009, 3:00-5:00 p.m.  
Meeting Minutes**



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**Members Present:**

Andrea Baker	Agustin Beltran	Edward Dietz
Rennise Ferrario	Ernie Flores	Debra Glass
Carol Greenberg	Darren Hughes	Henry Ildefonso
Richard Liszewski	David Long	Albert Montejano
Steve Newvine	Alfonse Peterson	Cordell Price
Al Romero	Loretta Schlosser	Vann (Mike) Smith
Nancy Ugarte	Hubert "Hub" Walsh	Karyn Wiens
James Wood Jr		

**Members Absent:**

Lee Andersen	Bob Bittner	Brenda Callahan-Johnson
Mario Delgado	Peter Fluetsch	Amalee Jayasinghe
Joseph Lombardi	Terry Nichols	Rick Osorio
Mike Sullivan		

**Others Present:**

Brian Cutler	Cherie Davis	John Fowler
Dee Knight	John Jepson	Alfredo Mendoza
Steven Nascimento	Joanne Presnell	Bill Roeder
Kurt Silva	Jackie Walther-Parnell	Mike Welsh

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1. Call to Order/Roll Call – The Chair, Mr. Albert Montejano, noted at 3:07 there was no quorum, and asked that the CA Youth@Work video (item 8.a.) be viewed. After viewing the video, the Chair called the meeting to order at 3:24 p.m. Roll call was taken.
  2. Approval of Agenda – The Chair noted item 6.b. would be removed from the agenda. It was *M/S/C Wood/Ildefonso* to approve the agenda with the change.
  3. Approval of Minutes – It was *M/S/C Long/Dietz* to approve the July 9, 2009 minutes.
  4. Public Opportunity to Speak – The Chair asked all those who were attending the meeting for the first time to introduce themselves.
  5. Consent Agenda: It was *M/S/C Wood/Beltran* to approve items 5a.-d. of the Consent Agenda.
    - a. Grant Opportunity – Healthcare Sector and Other High Growth and Emerging Industries.
    - b. Quality Employment and Development Committee Mission Statement.
    - c. Priority of Services to Veterans.
    - d. Merced College Course – Water Treatment Operator.
  6. Action Agenda:
    - a. Occupations in Demand: It was *M/S/C Ildefonso/Wiens* to approve staff changing the Occupations in Demand policy, and bring it to the Workforce Investment Board (WIB) for approval.
    - b. Eligible Training Provider List (ETPL) Program Addition: Item removed from agenda.
    - c. Pathways Out of Poverty:

- 1) Central Valley Opportunity Center: It was *M/S/C Smith/Idefonzo (abstain Flores)* to approve the WIB partnering with CVOC in applying for the Pathways Out of Poverty grant.
- 2) Merced College: It was *M/S/C Idefonzo/Dietz (abstain Wiens)* to approve the WIB partnering with Merced College in applying for the Pathways Out of Poverty grant.
- d. California Clean Energy Workforce Training Program: It was *M/S/C Dietz/Flores (abstain Wiens)* to approve the WIB partnering with Merced College in applying for the CA Clean Energy Workforce Training Program grant.
- e. Disability Program Navigator Funding: It was *M/S/C Beltran/Glass* to approve submission of the Disability Program Navigator grant application.

**7. Presentations:**

- a. Solar Power Assets (SPA): Mr. Bill Roeder gave the following overview of his organization's concept on solar power:
  - Vision and Purpose, and what they want to accomplish in Merced County.
  - Making solar power competitive.
  - Target markets.
  - Value propositions.
  - Phases of operation.
  - Projected employment.
  - Management team and purpose for coming to Merced.

Anyone wanting more information can e-mail Mr. Roeder at [bill@solarpowerassets.com](mailto:bill@solarpowerassets.com).

**8. Reports:**

- a. Youth Council: A recognition video was viewed of the Merced County CA Youth@Work, showing youth on their various jobs, which was made by the youth who worked in the Media Program.

**9. Information:** No comments were made on the information items.

- a. Fiscal Report.
- b. Participant Report.
- c. Enterprise Zone Manager.
- d. Labor Market Information.
- e. Summer Youth Program.

**10. Director Comments:** Ms. Baker noted the Dept of Workforce Investment is now the Enterprise Zone Manager. She stated Ms. Eve Snelling, who introduced herself earlier, is now part of the WIB staff team. She asked everyone to please plan to attend the Ed Morrison Community Forum on Sept 23, 2009, 9:00 – 11:30 a.m. (breakfast meeting), at the Merced County Fairgrounds Pavilion; cost is \$5.00.

There is a great team going to the Meeting of the Minds Conference in Monterey next week. They will have dialogue with the Secretary of the Employment Training Administration, Ms. Jane Oates.

**11. Chair Comments:** The Chair welcomed Mr. Richard Liszewski, and asked him to tell the WIB where he was from. He also urged everyone to attend the Community Forum and to circulate the flyers.

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

**13. Adjourn –** Meeting was adjourned 4:23 p.m.