



**WORKFORCE
INVESTMENT BOARD**
MERCED COUNTY

Workforce Investment Board
Department of Workforce Investment Lg Conf Rm
1880 Wardrobe Ave, Merced, CA
September 16th, 2010, 3:00-5:00 p.m.
Meeting Minutes

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Members Present:

Lee Anderson	Albert Montejano
Agustin “Auggie” Beltran	Steve Newvine
Brenda Callahan-Johnson	Terry Nichols
Karen Dower	Alfonse Peterson (Chair)
Rennise Ferrario	Joanne Presnell
Ernie Flores	Cordell “Corky” Price
Debra Glass	Greg Vincelet
Richard Liszewski	Supervisor Hubert “Hub” Walsh

Members Absent:

Mario Delgado	Peter Fluetsch	Joseph Lombardi
Edward Dietz	Darren Hughes	Al Romero
Chuck Falkenstein	Loretta Schlosser	James Wood Jr.
Henry Ildefonso	David Long	

Others Present:

Brian Cutler	Flip Hassett	Dave Spaur
Alfredo Mendoza	Jackie Walther-Parnell	Roni Armstrong
Cynthia Mount	Mike Rendon	

As a quorum was not met, the Chair started with Presentations.

Pacific Gas & Electric (PG&E) – Mario Rendon, Manager Workforce Development, presented on PG&E’s Power Pathways program. This program was a collaboration of various colleges and WIBs in developing a curriculum to obtain an AA Degree in a shortened timeframe and help PG&E develop a pipeline for their staffing needs.

1. Call to Order/Roll Call: The Chair called the meeting to order at 3:32 PM and roll call was taken.
2. Approval of Agenda: It was *M/S/C Liszewski/Montejano* to approve the Agenda as published.
3. Approval of Minutes: It was *M/S/C Beltran/Montejano* to approve the July 8th, 2010 minutes.
4. Public Opportunity to Speak: None
5. Consent Agenda: It was *M/S/C Newvine/Vincelet* to approve the Consent Agenda, Items 5a and 5b.
 - a. Fiscal Report
 - b. Worknet of Tulare County – National Emergency Grant Agreement
6. Action Agenda
 - a. Youth Council Membership – Paula Mason; *M/S/C Vincelet/Dower, Ferrario abstained*, to ratify the Youth Council’s decision to recommend the approval of Ms. Paula Mason, Resident Services

Coordinator, Housing Authority of the County of Merced, for membership on the Youth Council and forward to the Board of Supervisors for approval.

- b. Youth Council Membership – Lori Minor; *M/S/C Newvine/Beltran* to ratify the Youth Council’s decision to recommend the approval of Ms. Lori Minor, Supervising Probation Officer/Placement Unit Supervisor, Merced County Probation Department, for membership on the Youth Council and forward to the Board of Supervisors for approval.
- c. WIB Nomination – Mike Altomare; *M/S/C Glass/Montejano* to accept the nomination of Mr. Michael B. Altomare, and forward to the Board of Supervisors for approval.
- d. WIB Nomination – David Spaur; *M/S/C Newvine/Dower* to accept the nomination of Mr. David L. Spaur, and forward to the Board of Supervisors for approval.

7. Presentations

- a. National Association of Workforce Boards (NAWB)/Merced Ahead – Debbie Glass provided an overview of the Merced Ahead meetings: There were several subcommittees formed after the May 15th, 2010, Merced Ahead event. The Business to Business group formed in the May 1st, 2010, Merced Ahead workshop has subcommittees focusing on the following:
 - Creating an ombudsman/business navigator program;
 - Advertising the need for everyone in Merced to buy locally;
 - Education by having business people partnering with preschool and supporting preschool education; emphasize the importance of early education; explore ideas of bringing junior achievement (there is an international organization that teaches business concept to junior high aged youth) to our area. The Community Communication Corps motivates high school students to become writers of positive press. Those students would function as reporters finding stories and people contacting them about positive happenings in their community.

Flip Hassett spoke on Building Healthy Communities and Merced Ahead.

- b. Pacific Gas & Electric – Power Pathways – provided at the beginning of the meeting.
8. Reports:
- a. Youth Council – Debbie Glass reported that the Youth Council met in August and resolved to meet every other month with the next meeting scheduled in October. Several ad hoc committees have been formed; one of which is the Membership Committee. The Youth Council is required to have 5 WIB members. Currently, the only WIB member is the Youth Council Chair. Ms. Glass solicited membership from the WIB asking them to contact her if they were interested in becoming Youth Council members. There is a Youth Council team currently gathering information for the next Request for Proposal (RFP) for WIA youth providers.
 - b. Quality Employment and Development Committee (QUED) – Steve Newvine reported that the QUED met yesterday and discussed several issues which are being forwarded to the Executive Committee to review in the following month. Staff is drafting a letter to negotiate local performance measures recommended by the State for program years 2009/10 and 2010/11.
 - c. Redistribution of WIA Stimulus Funds: San Joaquin County as the lead has sent a letter to the State stating that the LWIAs in the CCWC have spent the ARRA funds as required and if there are other areas in the State that have not, we asked that those funds be reallocated to the CCWC.

9. Information

- a. Labor Market Information;
- b. Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) Healthcare Grant;
- c. Incentive Funds;
- d. Worknet Customer Satisfaction Report;
- e. Worknet Customer Service Report.

10. Director Comments: - Assistant Director Joanne Presnell presented on the Director's Comments. There has been a reduction in our allocation for this year and as a result the Department is going through transitions. Cost cutting measures across the board have taken place. There has been a reduction in force in WI and WI is striving to provide the same level and quality of service to our customers in Los Baños and Merced. Seven staff members that were part of the reduction in force have obtained positions within the County.

The expansion of the Enterprise Zone (EZ) has been approved by HCD and press releases are going out soon. There are additional businesses that now qualify for the EZ services.

The WI is working with Merced County Community Action Partnerships (MCCAP) and Brenda Callahan-Johnson on the feasibility of certification for Modesto Junior College's curriculum for Solar and Weatherization. WI has reduced the number of participants to two instead of the 8 originally planned.

11. Chair Comments: The Chair thanked everyone that worked on committees in addition to being on the WIB. The Chair stressed it is important to the community that members are stepping up to the plate, and thanked the members for their participation.
12. Next Meeting – November 18th, 2010 – The Chair stated that the Meeting of the Minds information will be shared with the WIB at the next meeting;
13. Adjourn: Meeting was adjourned at 4:08 PM.