

Workforce Investment Board
Dept of Workforce Investment Large Conference Rm
1880 Wardrobe Ave, Merced, CA
November 12, 2009, 3:00-5:00 p.m.
Meeting Minutes



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Members Present:

Lee Andersen	Andrea Baker	Bob Bittner
Karyn Dower	Peter Fluetsch	Debra Glass
Carol Greenberg	Richard Liszewski	David Long
Albert Montejano	Steve Newvine	Cordell "Corky" Price
Al Romero	Loretta Schlosser	Vann (Mike) Smith
Mike Sullivan	Nancy Ugarte	Hubert "Hub" Walsh

Members Absent:

Agustin Beltran	Brenda Callahan-Johnson	Mario Delgado
Edward Dietz	Rennise Ferrario	Ernie Flores
Darren Hughes	Henry Ildefonso	Amalee Jayasinghe
Joseph Lombardi	Terry Nichols	Rick Osorio
Alfonse Peterson	James Wood Jr	

Others Present:

Brian Cutler	Wesley Golangco	Dee Knight
Alfredo Mendoza	Joanne Presnell	Frank Quintero
Eve Snelling	Jackie Walther-Parnell	

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1. Call to Order/Roll Call – The Chair, Mr. Albert Montejano, called the meeting to order at 3:09 p.m. Roll call was taken.
 2. Approval of Agenda – It was *M/S/C Romero/Fluetsch* to approve the agenda as published.
 3. Approval of Minutes – It was *M/S/C Walsh/Greenberg* to approve the September 3, 2009 minutes.
 4. Public Opportunity to Speak – None.
 5. Consent Agenda: It was *M/S/C Smith/Newvine (abstain Andersen)* to approve items 5a. and b. of the Consent Agenda. It was *M/S/C Liszewski/Fluetsch* to approve items 5c.-j. of the Consent Agenda.
 - a. YOP Contract for Disposition of Unspent Youth Funding.
 - b. Empower Contract for Disposition of Unspent Youth Funding.
 - c. Youth Council Meeting Schedule.
 - d. Occupations in Demand Policy.
 - e. Building Green Jobs Study.
 - f. Incumbent Worker Policy.
 - g. Workforce Investment Board Membership – Greg Vincelet.
 - h. Work Readiness Definition (Summer Youth).
 - i. LVN Program Participant Support.
 - j. Green Works Forum.
 6. Action Agenda:
 - a. Youth Council Membership – Nancy Mendoza: It was *M/S/C Smith/Bittner* to approve the Youth Council membership nomination, and forward to the Board of Supervisors for approval.

b. Wastewater Treatment Course – Merced College: It was *M/S/C Long/Andersen* to approve staff to contract with Merced College for a Wastewater Treatment Operator course.

At this time the Chair interrupted the regular proceedings to make a couple of presentations. Mr. Robert Bittner (retiring), Employment Development Dept, and Ms. Dee Knight (retiring), Dept of WI staff, were presented a Certificate of Appreciation for their service and support to the WIB.

7. Presentations:

a. Workforce Development Network of Merced: Mr. Richard Moore, CA State University Northridge, gave a PowerPoint presentation on the results of a Social Networking Study done on the Merced County Workforce Investment Board, which was funded by the CA Workforce Association. Everyone was provided a copy of the presentation that consisted of the following:

- Goals of the project.
- Why networks?
- What is a network made of.
- The exponential relationship.
- Common network measures.
- This project is part of a larger statewide analysis.
- Who do you work with on regional issues, programs or projects?
- Survey participants/survey questions.
- Which organizations do you work with on workforce related activities?
- Merced WIB has the most central position in the network.
- Findings/Conclusions.

8. Reports:

a. Youth Council: Ms. Debra Glass noted in the October meeting she provided Council members a copy of the goals to review. Mr. Richard Mahacek provided a presentation on the Longitudinal Study of Merced County youth. In the November meeting Council members will be bringing ideas for the use of the unspent funding.

b. Training Provider Map: Staff provided everyone a current map of the training providers utilized in the Merced Workforce Investment Area.

c. Quality Employment and Development Committee: Mr. Steve Newvine noted both committees met on the same date. He noted Mr. Bruce Logue was invited to the Economic Development Committee to inform members of the Vaughn Grisham presentation on Nov 4, 2009. The QUED Committee is working to identify potential WIB members to satisfy the private sector requirement.

d. Economic Development Committee: (See above comments).

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

- a. Fiscal Report.
- b. Participant Report.
- c. Labor Market Information.
- d. High Speed Rail Comment Letter.
- e. Solar Power Assets Letter.
- f. Valley Bio and Science Coalition (Funding Reallocation).
- g. Bureau of Post Secondary Education (BPPVE) Update.
- h. Older Youth 4th Quarter Report (Empower).
- i. Younger Youth 4th Quarter Report (YOP).
- j. Letter of Resignation – Robert Bittner.

- k. Merced College Allied Health Center Open House.
- l. Employment Development Department Fiscal and Procurement Review.
- m. Final Performance Measures – Program Year 2008/09.

10. Director Comments: Ms. Andrea Baker noted several agencies are submitting an application to become an Innovation Hub (iHub)—Commerce, Aviation and Economic Development in conjunction with UC Merced (for renewable energy); Alliance Worknet, Stanislaus County (for bio-tech and agribusiness); and the San Joaquin Valley Partnership of which Fresno is the lead (focusing on a broader array of sectors including the Cities of Merced, Atwater, Los Banos and the County of Merced). Each is asking the WIB for a letter of support. There are no dollars involved, but it comes with a designation that will be helpful in future opportunities.

11. Chair Comments: The Chair commented favorably on the statewide study, and noted copies of the Ed Morrison presentation were located on the front table and available to those who were unable to attend. He wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving, a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year, and he hoped everyone would spend the holidays with those who are dear and close to them.

12. Next Meeting – January 14, 2010, Dept of Workforce Investment, 1880 Wardrobe Ave, Merced.

13. Adjourn – Meeting was adjourned 4:07 p.m.