

Workforce Investment Board of Merced County
Youth Council

Merced County Office of Education – Bldg J-2

632 W. 13th Street, Merced, CA

Wednesday, January 10, 2007 – 4:00 p.m.

Meeting Minutes



<http://web.co.merced.ca.us/wi/youth/meetingpkts/meetingpkts.html>

Members Present: Bob Bittner, Adam Cox, Ben Duran, Rennise Ferrario, Alexander Hall, Mary Jane Hawkes, Taide Hernandez, Rebecca Lincoln, Wendy Lomeli, Richard Mahacek, Nancy Vega-Mendoza, Sheena Murry, Isabel Nash, Holly Newlon, Rick Osorio (Chair), Mayra Vega-Ramirez (Vice- Chair), Deloris Sharp, Nancy A. Silva, Rev. Craig E. White

Members Absent: Stephanie Busbea, Natalie Culver, Kathy Hassett, Edgar Perez, Vann (Mike) Smith, Nathan Timmerman

Others Present: Brian Cutler, Dave Davis, Martha Dueñas, Robert Harmon, Patricia Hinson, Alfredo Mendoza

1. Call to Order/Roll Call: The Vice Chair called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. Roll call was taken.

2. Approve Agenda: It was *M/S/C Hall/Duran* to approve the agenda with change to move Information Agenda 8.b. Youth Funding to Discussion item 7.c.

3. Approve Minutes: It was *M/S/C Duran/Hawkes* to approve the December 13, 2006 minutes.

4. Public Opportunity to Speak: None.

5. Announcements: Ms. Mayra Ramirez made the following announcements: 1) Mr. Robert Harmon, Workforce Investment Board (WIB) Chair, was invited to talk to Youth Council members about his vision in regards to the Youth Council. 2) This will be Rev. Craig E. White's last meeting. 3) Ms. Rennise Ferrario is the new director for the Housing Authority.

6. Presentations:

a. Regional Occupational Program (ROP) WASC: Ms. Holly Newlon gave a PowerPoint presentation on the ROP accreditation from Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC). Merced County Office of Education has formed four focus groups to meet and work on the next process for this accreditation. Ms. Newlon asked for volunteers to sign up for these groups.

7. Discussion:

a. Retreat Outcomes: Staff gave an overview of the items discussed at the May 6, 2006 Youth Council Retreat. One of the items discussed was the Youth Resource Directory. Members decided to form a group to meet with staff to complete this project. Ms. Becky Lincoln, Ms. Ramirez and Mr. Richard Mahacek will be part of this group.

b. Mentoring: Ms. Lincoln noted it would be good for some Youth Council members to become mentors for all new youth members. Mr. Bob Bittner, Ms. Ramirez and Ms. Lincoln volunteered to be mentors.

c. Youth Funding: Members decided to form a subcommittee to work with staff and come up with recommendations regarding this item, and how to bring it forward to the WIB. Mr. Ben Duran, Mr.

Adam Cox, Ms. Mayra Ramirez, Ms. Nancy Mendoza and Ms. Wendi Lomeli volunteered to be part of this subcommittee.

8. Information Agenda:

a. AB 1234 “Ethics Training: Staff reminded all committee members to take the required Ethics Training, and provide a signed copy of course completion to the Department of Workforce Investment.

9. Date, Time and Location of Next Youth Council Meeting: Next meeting is February 14, 2007, 4:00 p.m, MCOE, Newbold Room, 632 W. 13th Street, Merced.

10. Adjourn: The meeting adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

Minutes prepared by Patricia C. Hinson.