

Workforce Investment Board of Merced County Youth Council

Merced County Office of Education – Bldg J-2

632 W. 13th Street, Merced, CA

Wednesday, February 14, 2007 – 4:00 p.m.

Meeting Minutes



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

Members Present: Adam Cox, Martha Dueñas, Kathy Hassett, Mary Jane Hawkes, Taide Hernandez, Rebecca Lincoln, Wendy Lomeli, Richard Mahacek, Holly Newlon, Rick Osorio (Chair), Nancy A. Silva, Vann (Mike) Smith, Nathan Timmerman

Members Absent: Bob Bittner, Stephanie Busbea, Natalie Culver-Dockins, Ben Duran, Rennise Ferrario, Alexander Hall, Sheena Murry, Isabel Nash, Edgar Perez, Deloris Sharp, Nancy Vega-Mendoza, Mayra Vega-Ramirez (Vice- Chair)

Others Present: Andrea Baker, Claudia Corchado, Dave Davis, Josh Franco, Patricia Hinson, Stephani Martinez, Nellie McGarry, Alfredo Mendoza, Javier Miramontes, Jackie Walther-Parnell

1. Call to Order/Roll Call: The Chair called the meeting to order at 4:16 p.m. Roll call was taken.

2. Approve Agenda: It was *M/S/C Hassett/Mahacek* to approve the agenda as published.

3. Approve Minutes: It was *M/S/C Cox/Hawkes* to approve the January 10, 2006 minutes.

4. Public Opportunity to Speak: Mr. Javier Miramontes shared his experience with the Empower Program. Mr. Miramontes graduated high school last year. He wanted to attend a University, but could not due to financial problems. He joined the Empower program through Merced County Office of Education (MCOE), and one of the program coordinators helped him sign up for UC Merced. He is very thankful to MCOE and their staff.

5. Announcements: Ms. Stephani Martinez, Alumni Affairs Coordinator, and Mr. Josh Franco, Student Body President, UC Merced, visited the Youth Council to see what it's all about, and to consider membership on the council.

6. Presentations:

a. New Vocational Education charter School: Due to unforeseen circumstances, presentation was canceled.

7. Discussion:

a. Retreat Outcomes Update: This item will be discussed at the next meeting.

b. P-16 Update: Ms. Nellie McGarry noted the P-16 Council is formed by business community members, all County School's Superintendents, and community-based organizations. This council is funded by membership fees through Merced County School Districts and grants. Ms. McGarry provided a handout with a list of the P-16 accomplishments over the course of two years. Ms. McGarry gave an overview of the council's goals and objectives. She noted the P-16 Council is committed to helping students achieve better education from preschool through high school, and will continue to work to accomplish all the goals.

8. Information Agenda:

- a. **CWA Youth Conference:** Staff shared with the group their experience at the CWA Youth Conference, and provided a handout with conference information.
- b. **High Concentration of Youth Update:** A handout was provided with the meeting package.
- c. **YOP/EMPOWER Quarterly Report:** A handout was provided at the meeting.
- d. **At-Risk Youth Solicitation for proposal:** A handout was provided with the meeting package.

9. Committee Updates:

- a. **Ad-hoc Committee Update:** The Ad-hoc committee will meet with Ms. Andrea Baker March 2, 2007.

10. Date, Time and Location of Next Youth Council Meeting: Next meeting is March 14, 2007, 4:00 p.m, MCOE, Building M, 632 W. 13th Street, Merced.

11. Adjourn: The meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

Minutes prepared by Patricia C. Hinson.