

# Workforce Investment Board of Merced County Youth Council

Department of Workforce Investment  
1880 W. Wardrobe Avenue, Merced  
Wednesday, July 9, 2008 – 3:30 p.m.

## Meeting Minutes



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**Members Present:** Bob Bittner, Stephanie Busbea, Martha Dueñas, Rennise Ferrario (Chair), Alexander Hall, Kathy Hassett, Mary Jane Hawkes, Taide Hernandez, Stefani Martinez, Edgar Perez, Rebecca Rodriguez-Lincoln, Nancy A. Silva, Vann (Mike) Smith

**Members Absent:** Claudia Corchado (Vice Chair), Wendy Lomeli, Richard Mahacek, Holly Newlon, Rick Osorio, Deloris Sharp, Nancy Vega-Mendoza

**Others Present:** Alexandra Buckner, Patricia Evans, Patricia Hinson, Alfredo Mendoza, Marcelino Plascencia, Samuel Rangel, Anthony Tucker

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**1. Call to Order/Roll Call:** The Chair called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m. Roll call was taken.

**2. Approved Agenda:** It was *M/S/C Hassett/Bittner* to approve the agenda.

**3. Approve Minutes:** *It was M/S/C Smith/Hawks* to approve the March 12, 2008 minutes.

**4. Public Opportunity to Speak:** Ms. Alexandra Buckner, Human Services Agency, Foster Youth Assistant, visited the Youth Council to get information on its function and mission. She is considering membership on the council.

Ms. Patricia Evans, Human Services Agency, visited the Youth Council to introduce two Foster Youth Assistants. She is in the process of completing her application to the council.

**5. Announcements:** Ms. Rennise Ferrario congratulated Mr. Edgar Perez for graduating from Fresno State with a Master's Degree in Spanish Literature.

Ms. Martha Dueñas, Employment Development Department, is back from sick leave.

### **6. Presentation:**

**a) 2 Million Minutes Video:** Members viewed the film regarding a documentary called "Two Million Minutes." This film is about how three superpowers of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century –China, India and the United States are preparing their high-school students for the future. The council viewed the entire film instead of watching it in two parts. Members enjoyed the video, and at the end of the film members provided feedback. Staff was instructed to inquire about a Bay Area Project with all students on the "college track" for outcomes and updates as well as future presentations on this topic.

### **7. Action Agenda:**

**a. Youth Council Membership Samuel Rangel:** *It was M/S/C Hall/Busbea* to approve Mr. Samuel Rangel for membership on the Youth Council.

### **8. Discussion Agenda:**

**a. Website Ad-hoc Committee Update:** Staff contacted Ms. Eldonna Caudill from Tulare County and asked her to present information on how Tulare created its youth website. Staff asked

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members for specifics regarding scheduling the workshop. It was decided to schedule the workshop on a Friday from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and make it a working lunch workshop. Staff will contact Ms. Caudill and then will get back to members with possible workshop dates and meal information.

**b. Youth Council Meeting Calendar:** The Youth Council has been unable to make quorum for the past 3 meetings, therefore, some members have expressed an interest in changing the meetings to every other month. Staff will prepare an attendance policy for review at the next meeting.

**c. Distribution of Youth Resource Directories:** Ms. Becky Lincoln noted there are plenty of Youth Resource Directories available. If you would like to place an order, please contact Mr. Alfredo Mendoza at 724-2044.

## **9. Information Agenda:**

**a. Common Measures Training:** Common Measures Training will be held August 20<sup>th</sup> at the Merced County Office of Education Complex, from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Ms. Lillian LeBlanc will co-facilitate the all-day training. The capacity is at maximum. Additionally, Stanislaus and Marin County representatives have signed up.

**10. Chair Comments/Roundtable/Future Agenda Item:** The Chair thanked everyone for attending the meeting and would like to see the following items on the August Agenda. 1) Presentation - Housing Authority- Services Available, presentation by Youth Opportunity Program student; 2) Youth Council application for Ms. Patricia Evans. The August meeting will start at 4:00 p.m.

**11. Date, Time and Location of Next Youth Council Meeting:** August 13, 2008, 4:00 p.m., Department of Workforce Investment, 1880 W. Wardrobe Avenue, Merced.

**12. Adjourn:** The meeting adjourned at 5:05 p.m.

Meeting minutes prepared by Patricia Hinson.