

Workforce Investment Board of Merced County  
**Youth Council**

Merced County Office of Education – Bldg M  
632 W. 13<sup>th</sup> Street, Merced, CA  
Wednesday, October 11, 2006 – 4:00 p.m.

**Meeting Minutes**

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



**Members Present:** Bob Bittner, Stephanie Busbea, Natalie Culver, Rennise Ferrario, Kathy Hassett, Mary Jane Hawkes, Rebecca Lincoln, Wendy Lomeli, Sheena Murry, Rick Osorio (Chair), Deloris Sharp, Nancy A. Silva, Vann (Mike) Smith, Nathan Timmerman, Nancy Vega-Mendoza, Mayra Vega-Ramirez (Vice- Chair)

**Members Absent:** Ben Duran, Alexander Hall, Taide Hernandez, Charlie Lambert, Richard Mahacek, Edgar Perez, Rev. Craig E. White

**Others Present:** Cyndie Bray, Dave Davis, Martha Dueñas, Patricia Hinson, Blanca Rodriguez

**1. Call to Order/Roll Call:** The Vice Chair called the meeting to order at 4:05 p.m. Roll call was taken.

**2. Approve Agenda:** It was *M/S/C Smith/Bittner* to approve the October 11, 2006 agenda.

**3. Approve Minutes:** It was *M/S/C Hassett/Culver* to approve the September 13, 2006 minutes.

**4. Public Opportunity to Speak:** None.

**5. Announcements:**

a. Ms. Becky Lincoln noted Merced County Office of Education (MCOE) is starting its 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Coat Drive. The goal is to provide 140 coats to children who attend Don Stowell Elementary School in Merced. To support this effort MCOE will be having a 'Food Fair' on October 30, 2006, in the "M" Street parking lot from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Lincoln at (209) 381-5916.

b. Ms. Kathy Hassett noted Youth Leadership Opportunities in California will be having academies in January and February on teen labor rights, and health and safety. Tulare County has provided \$228,000 of non-WIA money towards a foster care youth transition program to place students and trainees in clerical jobs with Tulare County. This program is in conjunction with the Tulare Workforce Investment Board and Probation Department, and will pay for hourly wages.

**6. Action Agenda:**

a. It was *M/S/C Hassett/Ferrario* to approve the application for additional funding for High Concentration of Eligible Youth.

**7. Presentation:**

**The Real Game California:** Ms. Becky Lincoln, Ms. Blanca Rodriguez and Ms. Cyndie Bray gave a presentation of the Real Game California, and provided handouts.

**8. Chair Comments/Roundtable/Future Agenda Items:** None

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**9. Date, Time and Location of Next Youth Council Meeting:** Next meeting is November 8, 2006, 4:00 p.m, at Merced County Department of Workforce Investment, 1880 W. Wardrobe Avenue, Merced.

**10. Adjourn:** The meeting adjourned at 5:20 p.m.

Minutes prepared by Patricia C. Hinson.