

**Workforce Development Board  
YOUTH COMMITTEE MEETING**

Workforce Development Board Conference Room  
Workforce Development Department Administration Office  
290 North D Street, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor, San Bernardino, California

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 8, 2020 12:30 p.m.**

**MINUTES**

**Attendees:**

<b>Members</b>	<b>Present</b>
B.J. Patterson (Chair)	
Ken Boshart	X
*Andre Bossieux	X
Phil Cothran	X
*Lowell King	X
Dale Marsden	
*Audrey Mathews	X
Tony Myrell	
Jon Novack	
*Fernando Olivarez	X
William Sterling	X
Jonathan Weldy	X

*\*Public Members*

<b>Staff to WDB</b>	<b>Present</b>
Devra Bell	X
Reg Javier	X
Molly Wiltshire	X
<b>WDD Staff</b>	<b>Present</b>
Darren Cook	X
Curtis Compton	X
Keven Eldridge	X
Mariann Johnson	X

**OPENING**

- 1) **Acting Chair called meeting to order** at 12:38 p.m.
- 2) **Pledge of Allegiance** led by Lowell King
- 3) **Adoption of Agenda**

Phil Cothran, Acting Chair, called for a motion to adopt the agenda. Will Sterling; Audrey Mathews seconded. None opposed, motion carried.

- 4) **Introductions** were made around the room. The Acting Chair also introduced Keven Eldridge, one of the new Business Services Specialists, who provided additional information regarding his background.

**REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES**

- 5) **Approve Minutes from the November 6, 2019 Youth Committee Meeting**

The Acting Chair requested a motion to approve the minutes from the November 6, 2019 Youth Committee Meeting. Will Sterling motioned; Lowell King seconded the motion. None opposed. Motion carried.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

- 6) **Comments from the General Public in Attendance**

There were no Public Comment cards presented.

**PRESENTATION**

- 7) **Career Pathways Update**

Mariann Johnson discussed the changes to the Workforce Developments' role. We will now be working with the businesses to help place students vs. working with the students directly. Janeth Tran made a presentation of the LaunchPath system, which matches students to businesses. There are currently 250+ employers loaded into this system. A discussion ensued about the matching process between the employer and the students. In addition, Ms. Johnson discussed the requirement that students attend a work readiness class during their Junior year of high school and subsequently begin their internship during their Senior year of high school.

The Acting Chair requested information from the Youth Providers regarding any challenges they are encountering. It was noted that there is a need for more students to go through the Career Pathways program. One of the challenges encountered are students not showing up as required for their training.

## **WORKSHOP**

### **8) Engaging Foster Youth**

Molly Wiltshire introduced Brenda Dowdy, Homeless Education Project Manager and Paul Durham, Foster Youth Manager, from the San Bernardino County Superintendent of Schools. Ms. Dowdy discussed their work with homeless youth and the goal to remove barriers to their education. She noted that there is a liaison assigned to provide support to these individuals, as long as they are on a school campus. Mr. Durham reported that many of these kids do not have adults to assist them and are usually not job ready, which would require mentorship. He suggested that it is useful to look at the student's attendance at school, which could help predetermine their likelihood of showing up for work.

Elizabeth Hulseley from Goodwill introduced a former foster youth, who shared her story of entering the foster system as a baby. Once she turned 18, she did not know how to get a job or pay bills, so she went to Goodwill and they gave her the resources she needed. She is now a Certified Nursing Assistant and just bought a house.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Chair called for a motion to adjourn. Ken Boshart motioned; Audrey Mathews seconded the motion. None opposed; motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 2:11 p.m.

The next WDB Youth Committee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 18, 2020 at 12:30 p.m. to be held at WDD Admin, 290 North D Street, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor, San Bernardino, CA 92401.

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Devra Bell – WDB Secretary