

**WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BUSINESS SERVICES COMMITTEE**

“Pursuant to the Governor’s Executive Order N-29-20, the Committee meeting was held via teleconference and a publicly noticed location was provided for public observation and comment.”

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2020 – 1:00 PM – 2:30 PM

MINUTES

Attendance:

Members	Present
Anita Tuckerman (Chair)	X
Phil Cothran	X
Mike Gallo	X
*Peggi Hazlett	X
*Audrey Mathews	
B.J. Patterson	X
William Sterling	X

**Public Members*

Staff to WDB	Present
Devra Bell	X
Marlena Sessions	X

OPENING

- 1) **Chair called meeting to order** at 1:04 p.m.
- 2) **Pledge of Allegiance** – Peggi Hazlett led the Pledge of Allegiance
- 3) **Introductions** – The Board Secretary took roll call attendance.
- 4) **Adoption of Agenda** – The Chair requested a motion to adopt the agenda. B.J. Patterson motioned; Peggi Hazlett seconded the motion.

Pursuant to Government Code section 54953 (b)(2), a roll call vote was called as follows:

Anita Tuckerman, Chair: Aye
Phil Cothran: Aye
Mike Gallo: Aye
Peggi Hazlett: Aye
Audrey Mathews: Absent
B.J. Patterson: Aye
Will Sterling: Aye

Without further comment or objection, motion carried by unanimous vote.

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

- 5) **Approval of Minutes from the July 15, 2020 Economic Development and Business Resources (EDBR) Committee Meeting**

The Chair requested a motion to approve the minutes from the July 15, 2020 meeting. Peggi Hazlett motioned; Mike Gallo seconded the motioned.

Pursuant to Government Code section 54953 (b)(2), a roll call vote was called as follows:

Anita Tuckerman, Chair: Aye
Phil Cothran: Aye
Mike Gallo: Aye
Peggi Hazlett: Aye
Audrey Mathews: Absent
B.J. Patterson: Aye
Will Sterling: Aye

Without further comment or objection, motion carried by unanimous vote.

PUBLIC COMMENT

6) Comments from the General Public in Attendance - No public comment cards were presented.

PRESENTATION

7) High Desert Training Center Industrial Mechanic Apprenticeship Program

The Chair, Anita Tuckerman, introduced Frank Castanos, Director of Community/Contract Education at Victor Valley College and Mariann Johnson, Deputy Director of Workforce Development, who provided an overview of the Industrial Mechanic Apprenticeship Program. Topics discussed included: background of the training module; participating employers and positions that could be obtained after training; timeline and costs; and the potential for program expansion.

WORKSHOP

8) Supporting Job Growth in the High Desert Region

The committee members discussed opportunities for additional trainings that could occur at the High Desert Training Center and the committee's work with Victor Valley College in identifying those needs. Also discussed was the need to identify employers and work with them to identify employee training that may be needed to assist both parties in the future. The need to work with Chambers was also discussed, to help connect with the businesses.

9) Building Committee Structure

The Chair discussed the need to add members to the committee that could represent the Healthcare, Cybersecurity and Green Technology sectors, as those seem to be the newer demand sectors emerging. The Chair asked committee members to provide the names of any individuals from these additional sectors, who may be interested in sitting on the committee.

ADJOURNMENT

The Chair requested a motion to adjourn. B.J. Patterson motioned. Phil Cothran seconded. None opposed; motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 2:01 PM

The next WDB Economic Development and Business Resource Committee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, November 18, 2020 at 1:00 PM and will be held via Zoom Conference.



Devra Bell, WDB Secretary