

**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, MAY 12, 2021 – 8:30 AM – 9:30 AM**

**MINUTES**

**Attendance:**

<b>Members</b>	<b>Present</b>
Cinnamon Alvarez (Chair)	X
Orlando Acevedo	X
Phil Cothran	X
Jimmy Elrod	X
Mike Gallo	
*Peggi Hazlett	X
Lina Montes	
B.J. Patterson	
Shannon Shannon	X

*\*Public Members*

<b>STAFF TO WDB</b>	<b>Present</b>
Devra Bell	X
Marlena Sessions	X
Brad Gates	X

**OPENING:**

- 1) **Chair called meeting to order** at 8:31 AM
- 2) **Pledge of Allegiance** – Peggi Hazlett led the Pledge of Allegiance
- 3) **Introductions** – The Board Secretary took roll call attendance.

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

- 4) **Approval of Minutes from the March 10, 2021 Economic Development and Business Resources (EDBR) Committee Meeting**

The Chair requested a motion to approve the minutes from the March 10, 2021 meeting. Peggi Hazlett motioned; Shannon Shannon seconded the motion.

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

Cinnamon Alvarez, Chair: Aye  
Orlando Acevedo: Abstain  
Phil Cothran: Absent  
Jimmy Elrod: Aye  
Mike Gallo: Absent  
Peggi Hazlett: Aye  
Lina Montes: Absent  
B.J. Patterson: Absent  
Shannon Shannon: Aye

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

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

5) **Comments from the General Public in Attendance** – No public comment cards provided.

## **PRESENTATIONS**

### **6) Uniquely Abled Computer Numerical Control (CNC) Program**

Mariann Johnson provided an overview of the program. Miquel Ortiz, who is one of the teachers, discussed the program of study to become a Computer Numerical Control (CNC) Machine Operator. He showed a video that provided an inside look at the individuals, their successes and the training area and machinery. A discussion ensued about the specific program and costs, expanding the program to other schools and the starting wages these individuals could anticipate at the completion of the program.

### **7) EDBR Goals Work Plan Review**

Brad Gates the business retention work plan that included the following goals: Collaborate with Chambers of Commerce by improving and encouraging ongoing dialogue and open channels of communication by regularly connecting with Chamber Executives; Identify Business Organizations in target industry sectors: Logistics, Healthcare, Construction and Manufacturing. Reorganize Committee participants to include a minimum of one (1) key person from each target industry; and lastly, Collaborate with industry associations and chambers of commerce to identify emerging industries and practices to ensure local training is preparing workers for the future of work and provide EDBR with appropriate updates on growth projections/challenges/training opportunities.

The primary focus at this meeting was access services provided to business community. A list of services will be created and provided to businesses, with the types of customers and who is using those services. The goal is to have some additional information available at the next meeting. Mr. Gates provided an update regarding collaboration with industry associations and chambers and noted that a Request for Proposal was released to contract with industry/chambers for business outreach in the county.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

The Chair requested a motion to adjourn. Orlando Acevedo motioned. Jimmy Elrod seconded. None opposed; motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 9:30 AM

The next WDB Economic Development and Business Resource Committee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, August 11, 2021 at 8:30 AM and will be held via Zoom Conference.

  
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Devra Bell, WDB Secretary