

**WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD
GENERAL BOARD MEETING**

**THIS MEETING WAS CONDUCTED PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF THE GOVERNOR'S
EXECUTIVE ORDER N-29-20 DATED MARCH 17, 2020, WHICH SUSPENDS CERTAIN
REQUIREMENTS OF THE RALPH M. BROWN ACT.**

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2021, 8:30 AM - 10:30 AM

MEETING MINUTES

ATTENDANCE:

Members				Staff to WDB	
	Present		Present		Present
Phil Cothran (<i>Chair</i>)	X	Lowell King	X	Devra Bell	X
Will Sterling (<i>Vice-Chair</i>)	X	Scott Kuethen	X	Sophie Akins	X
B.J. Patterson (<i>Second Vice-Chair</i>)	X	Louie Lopez	X	Brad Gates	X
Orlando Acevedo	X	Robert Loeun			
Cinnamon Alvarez	X	Dale Marsden	X		
Ken Boshart	X	Lina Montes			
Ricardo Cisneros	X	Henry Shannon	X		
Jimmy Elrod	X	Shannon Shannon	X		
Mike Gallo		Jonathan Weldy			
Cherilyn Greenlee	X				

OPENING

- 1) **Chair Call Meeting to Order** at 8:31 AM
- 2) **Pledge of Allegiance** – Jimmy Elrod led the pledge of Allegiance
- 3) **Introductions** – The Board Secretary took roll call attendance.
- 4) **Success Stories**
 - **AJCC:** Jennifer Sowards introduced Dominick Alcantara. Mr. Alcantara spoke with the school and they referred him to EDD. He went through the training program and finished, then received his license in Arizona. EDD was able to find him a job the same day. Mr. Alcantara now works with United Trucking in Adelanto, which is close to his home. He noted that United starts their pay at .55 per mile and he is bringing home about \$1,000 per week. Mr. Alcantara thanked everyone that helped him get his job.

- **Business Services:** Curtis Compton introduced Mario Campo, Senior HR Representative/Recruitment at California Steel Industries (CSI). Mr. Campo thanked the board for the approval for the welding training program and reported that their 640 hours of training went well. Mr. Campo introduced Moses Torres, who was honored and fortunate that he was one of 12 welding trainees. He discussed the specific training he received and how he was looking forward to becoming a CSI employee and he now has the opportunity to be promoted to journeyman level. Thanked his CSI staff and the WDB.

Mr. Campo then introduced Cayron Anderson, who is a Veteran of the Navy. Mr. Cayron was looking for a new career and went to the Intech Center for the industrial mechanic program. The training helped him pass the pre-employment testing and he then was able to do additional welding training. He is now one of six certified welders able to do the upkeep at their building.

- **Youth:** Mariann Johnson introduced Christine Cox from Career Institute. Ms. Cox discussed how much the program helped her. She entered foster care at 12 and once she aged out of the system at 18, she wasn't sure what she would do after she graduated. She did some research online and found Career Institute. She met with Caryn, who discussed the program and what they offered. She was offered paid work experience with a rescue and learned about taking care of animals. She is going towards her Associates degree in photography of animals and then wants to go to vet school.

The Chair reported on the resignation of B.J. Patterson from the Board. He also announced that Shannon Shannon will become the new Chair of the Youth Committee.

PUBLIC COMMENT

5) Comments from the General Public in Attendance

There were no public comments.

CONSENT AGENDA (Roll Call Vote)

6) Approval of Minutes from November 10, 2021 General Board Meeting

The Chair requested a motion to approve the consent agenda. Lowell King motioned; Henry Shannon seconded the motion.

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

Phil Cothran, Chair: Aye
 Orlando Acevedo: Aye
 Cinnamon Alvarez: Aye
 Kenneth Boshart: Aye
 Ricardo Cisneros: Abstained
 Jimmy Elrod: Abstained
 Mike Gallo: Absent
 Cherilyn Greenlee: Aye

Lowell King: Aye
Scott Kuethen: Aye

Louie Lopez: Abstained
Robert Loeun: Absent
Dale Marsden: Aye
Lina Montes: Absent
Henry Shannon: Aye
Shannon Shannon: Aye
Will Sterling: Aye
Jonathan Weldy: Absent

Without further comment or objection, motion carried.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

7) Ratification and Adoption of Resolution to Make Certain Findings as Required by California Government Code section 54953(e) to Participate in Public Meetings via Teleconference

Brad Gates provided an overview of the item. The Chair requested a motion to ratify the resolution that was previously approved at a special Executive Board meeting on January 12, 2022. The Chair requested a motion to approve Scott Kuethen motioned; Orlando Acevedo seconded the motion. The Board Secretary took a roll call vote.

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

Phil Cothran, Chair: Aye
Orlando Acevedo: Aye
Cinnamon Alvarez: Aye
Kenneth Boshart: Aye
Ricardo Cisneros: Aye
Jimmy Elrod: Aye
Mike Gallo: Absent
Cherilyn Greenlee: Aye
Lowell King: Aye
Scott Kuethen: Aye
Louie Lopez: Aye
Robert Loeun: Absent
Dale Marsden: Aye
Lina Montes: Absent
B.J. Patterson: Aye
Henry Shannon: Aye
Shannon Shannon: Aye
Will Sterling: Aye
Jonathan Weldy: Absent

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

PRESENTATION

8) Prison to Employment

Mariann Johnson led the presentation and provided an update to the Prison to Employment (P2E) Initiative. She reviewed the program enrollment data; key wins/system structure building; and provided updates on the partnerships with Operation New Hope, Goodwill of Southern California and San Bernardino Community College District. A discussion ensued regarding the top jobs and trades utilized in the program. Most of the jobs were in logistics, but there has been success and needs for individuals to go into the building trades, electrical programs and solar workers.

9) Homeless Hiring Tax Credit

Brad Gates and Curtis Compton discussed the Homeless Hiring Tax Credit, which is a statewide tax credit signed by Governor Newsom under Assembly Bill (AB) 150. The credit is available for taxable years beginning January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2026. Employers may receive \$2,500 to \$10,000 in tax credit per eligible employee, based on the actual hours worked in the taxable year. Employers may claim up to \$30,000 of credit per taxable year. Fred Burks discussed the Pilot Homeless Transitional Employment Program, which includes funding of \$87,000 that can be spent between the period March 1, 2022 through February 28, 2023. WDD will work with 20 homeless or housing precariat individuals, with the goal of placing at least 14 into employment. WDD will provide case management, referrals, supportive services and OJT/Work experience, pre-employment skills workshops and job placement/retention assistance for those individuals in the program.

REPORTS/INFORMATION

10) Committee Reports

The Chair introduced the Committee Chairs:

- EDBR: Cinnamon Alvarez summarized the list of goals for the committee for 2022; gave a demonstration of the tool kit that is available for businesses; discussed the Barstow Expungement Hiring Event; the continued regional work with emphasis on the priority sectors of manufacturing, logistics and healthcare. Ms. Alvarez also discussed the various letters of support received from our partners, chambers and the state, for the Good Jobs Challenge Grant; and lastly, provided an update regarding the CNC training for the Uniquely Abled program.
- Special Populations: Mariann Johnson discussed the 2022 committee goals. She also showed a picture of the graduates from the Uniquely Abled program and reported that 3 of the participants have been hired and 2 additional individuals are doing more training. Another cohort will begin in the Fall of 2022 for Machining.
- Youth: Mariann Johnson reviewed the approved goals for 2022 and discussed the consultants that came in to assist with development a Youth provider policy, so there is standardization between providers. The RFP was released and the proposals will be due on 2/15/22. There were 40-50 providers that attended the mandatory bidders conference.

11) County Report

Brad Gates provided several updates, which include: the AJCC offices are all open and staff is back in person; the department is currently undergoing 3 audits/monitoring, simultaneously; in the final year of the MOU TCC Grant with Ontario; submitted application for the "Good Jobs Challenge and we are applying for \$19 million, as a regional partnership with Riverside County; in the process of planning next years' budget and will conduct a budget workshop at the end of March. Looking at level funding from WIOA; and lastly, will see increase in Board items at the May General Board meeting.

A discussion ensued about the Fiscal reports and whether these would be provided to the General Board members. Mr. Gates noted that these reports would be reviewed at the next Executive Board meeting, as the Fiscal Committee was dissolved and the information would be reviewed by the Executive Board going forward.

ADJOURNMENT

The Chair called for a motion to adjourn. Henry Shannon motioned; Lowell King seconded the motion. None opposed. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 10:09 AM

The next meeting of the General Board is scheduled for May 11, 2022, at 8:30 AM at the WDD Administration Office, 290 North D Street, 6th Floor, San Bernardino, CA 92415



Devra Bell, WDB Secretary