

**WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD
SPECIAL POPULATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING**

“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, APRIL 20, 2022 – 10:30 AM – 12:00 PM

MINUTES

Attendance:

Members	Present
Jonathan Weldy (Chair)	X
Cinnamon Alvarez	X
*Stephani Congdon	X
*Russell Degnan	X
*Dan Flores	X
Lowell King	X
Scott Kuethen	
*Yukiko Long	
Louie Lopez	X
*Clint Miller	X
*Deborah Napier	
*Pauline Pina	X
*Jessica Rodriguez	X
*Terrance Stone	X
*Linda Titus	X

**Public Members*

Staff to WDB	Present
Devra Bell	X
Brad Gates	X
Mariann Johnson	X

OPENING

- 1) **Chair called meeting to order** at 10:31 AM
- 2) **Pledge of Allegiance** – Lowell King led the Pledge of Allegiance
- 3) **Introductions** – The Board Secretary took roll call attendance.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- 4) **Comments from the General Public in Attendance** – No Public Comments

CONSENT AGENDA (Roll Call Vote)

5) Approve Minutes from January 12, 2022 Special Populations Committee Meeting

The Chair called for a motion to approve the consent agenda. Lowell King motioned; Russell Degnan seconded the motion.

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

Jonathan Weldy, Chair: Aye
Cinnamon Alvarez: Aye
Stephani Congdon: Absent (late arrival)
Russell Degnan: Aye
Dan Flores: Aye

Lowell King: Aye
Scott Kuethen: Absent
Yukiko Long: Absent
Louie Lopez: Aye
Clint Miller: Aye
Deborah Napier: Absent (late arrival)
Pauline Pina: Aye
Jessica Rodriguez: Aye
Terrance Stone: Absent (late arrival)
Linda Titus: Absent (late arrival)

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

PRESENTATION

6) San Bernardino County Hiring Process

Bradley Gates introduced Diane Rundles, Director of Human Resources, for San Bernardino County. She provided an overview of the county hiring process, to which the Human Resources Department provides oversight, to ensure there is a competitive process and the appropriate individuals are hired for a specified position. Based on the type of funding we receive, the County is bound by civil service requirements, therefore, personnel rules were adopted and the State audits those personnel rules, to ensure compliance. A discussion ensued regarding the hiring of individuals that fall within special populations and Ms. Rundles noted that the County does not discriminate during the hiring process and as long as individuals meet the job requirements, they are able to apply. She also discussed the challenges the County experience in finding and retaining good talent, just as other businesses have experienced recently.

WORKSHOP

7) Review Workplan for Special Populations Committee Goals

Mariann Johnson discussed the workplan that was created to support the goals of the Special Populations Committee. There were multiple activities under each of the goals that were already approved by the Committee members previously. The progress will be reported during the committee meetings to ensure these goals are met. Ms. Johnson discussed You Science and their aptitude tests and results. A discussion ensued regarding the testing itself and the challenges presented to autistic individuals or those with learning disabilities.

REPORTS AND INFORMATION

8) Prison to Employment Update

Mariann Johnson provided the updates and noted the Prison to Employment (P2E) funding, which ended on March 31, 2022. She reported on the program enrollment details and the key wins. They are awaiting final numbers, but it appears the funds were spent in full. The members discussed what they learned as a result of this program; the connection with other partners in the county and there is a need to be more proactive in getting the stories and successes out in the public, so we can obtain further funding.

9) Federal Earmarks

Brad Gates reported on our receipt of a \$250,000 Federal earmark from Senator Feinstein and Senator Padilla, which will be used to hire 2 full time staff that will work with individuals with disabilities. There were many letters of support provided to us.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair called for a motion to adjourn. Russell Degnan motioned; Louie Lopez seconded the motion. None opposed; Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 11:53 AM

The next WDB Special Populations meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, July 13, 2022 at 10:30 AM and will be held at the WDD Administration Office, 290 North D Street, 6th Floor, San Bernardino, CA 92415.



Devra Bell, WDB Secretary