

WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD
of San Luis Obispo County
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Date: Wednesday, January 11, 2023
Time: 8:00 AM – 10:00 AM
Location: Virtual Meeting Via Microsoft Teams

Present: Isiah Gomer, Justin McIntire, Verena Latona-Tahlman, Josh Cross

Absent: William Hills,

Staff: Dawn Boulanger, Diana Marin, Eddie Hernandez, Tony Girolo

Guest: Christina Kuhn, Jennifer Campos, Michael Specchierla

Committee approves a resolution authorizing the Workforce Development Board Executive Committee to hold teleconferenced public meetings due to the declaration of a natural disaster pursuant to AB-361. Item was added as an addendum to the packet.

1. Call to Order:

Chair Gomer: called the meeting to order at 8:04 A.M. **Quorum.**

2. Public Comment:

Chair Gomer: opened the floor for public comment period without response.

3. Consent Items:

3.1 Approve the October 12, 2022 Minutes

The Committee approves consent items 3.1 in a single motion

Motion: Justin McIntire

Second: Verena Latona-Tahlman

Abstentions: None

Motions Passed Unanimously

4. Action Items:

4.1 Review and Approve 2023 Executive Meeting Schedule

Dawn Boulanger (staff) presented the item which is available as part of the agenda.

Motion: Justin McIntire

Second: Josh Cross

Abstentions: None

Motion Passed Unanimously

5. Information/Discussion Items:

5.1 Receive update from Digital Outreach Ad Hoc Committee

Dawn Boulanger (staff) presented on behalf of Vice-Chairperson William Hills. Ms. Boulanger informed the committee that the Ad-Hoc Committee is near completion of their work and will soon be launching the SLO Cal Careers re-branding along with the SLO Cal Careers landing page. Ms. Boulanger also informed of the SLO Cal Careers co-branding with the WDB service providers. Finally, Ms. Boulanger reported that Full Capacity Marketing recommended that the WDB continue to consider digital marketing campaigns in the future as well as expansion of the SLO Cal Careers landing page to incorporate information about the WIOA Adult, Dislocated Worker, and Youth programs, as well as Business Services.

5.2 Receive update on Workforce Development Board Strategic Plan

Dawn Boulanger (staff) presented the item and informed the committee of Ad-Hoc committees being established to address the identified goals of the WDB strategic plan. Ad-Hoc committees will allow for more flexibility with meetings and membership when addressing goals. Ms. Boulanger also informed that the expectation is that each board member is to participate in at least one of the Ad-Hoc committees. Ms. Boulanger will be providing a descriptive summary for each Ad-Hoc committee, this will assist WDB members to decide which committee they would like to participate in.

6. Reports:

a) Chairman's Report: Nothing to report.

b) Board Member Workforce Development Updates: Josh Cross (member) reported that Atascadero Chamber has partnered with Eckerd and has had a positive experience with an On-the-Job Training (OJT) placement as well as a Work Experience (WEX) placement. Mr. Cross also highly encouraged members of the committee to engage and utilize all resources available at the local job center. Michael Specchierla (guest) updated the committee that SLO Partners, in partnership with RANTEC, are offering the Modern Manufacturing Bootcamp in June of 2023.

c) WIOA Services Addressing Individuals with Barriers to Employment:

Dawn Boulanger (staff) reported on current active grants which include the High Road Construction Careers (HRCC) and SB-1 grants. Both special grants are running the MC3 Pre-Apprenticeship program. Ms. Boulanger reported that Santa Barbara, Ventura, and SLO Counties will keep working closely with the local Building & Construction Trades to address local needs and goals. All three Workforce Boards will be requesting additional funding in order to continue providing the pre-apprenticeship programs that are currently running. Ms. Boulanger also informed the committee that she is currently working closely with the Division of Apprenticeship Standards (DAS) grant to finalize the Apprenticeship Expansion & Equity and Innovation Grant contracts. She expects to have updates on this grant soon.

Christina Kuhn (guest) updated the committee on the Breaking Barriers grant which was recently awarded. This funding will assist many individuals who do not meet the WIOA eligibility guidelines with employment services.

Michael Specchierla (guest) updated the committee on the K12 Strong Workforce grant. Mr. Specchierla stated that the grant has had a positive impact on dual enrollments with Cuesta College.

Lastly, Dawn Boulanger (staff) informed the committee of the collaboration with Santa Barbara County WDB for the Youth Build Grant. This grant will focus on assisting young adults into the building trades.

7. Administrative Entity Updates:

7.1 Receive and Review Fiscal Budget Update: Dawn Boulanger (Staff) reported on the Fiscal Budget which is available as part of the agenda.

7.2 Receive and Rapid Response Report: Diana Marin (staff) reported on Rapid Response which is available as part of the agenda.

8. Next Meeting:

March 8, 2023 at 8:00 A.M.

Location: 3433 S. Higuera Street- Room 101, San Luis Obispo, CA 93401

9. Adjournment:

Chair Gomer: adjourned the meeting at 10:00 A.M.

I, Eddie Hernandez, Clerk of the Executive Committee of the Workforce Development Board of San Luis Obispo County, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a fair statement of the proceedings of the meeting held Wednesday, January 11, 2023, by the Executive Committee of the Workforce Development Board of San Luis Obispo County.

Eddie Hernandez, Executive Committee Clerk

Dated: 3/24/2023