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**WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD  
BUSINESS COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA**

**Date:** Thursday, August 20, 2020  
**Time:** 9:00 AM – 10:30 AM  
**Location:** Virtual Meeting Via Zoom <https://slohealth.zoom.us/j/98579656908?pwd=RDVlTytDMmZ6ZG9DaHFBYVVFdjBUZz09>  
**Meeting ID:** 985 7965 6908 **Passcode:** 970238 **Join by phone:** 877 853 5257 US Toll-free

**Public Comment Phone Line:** 805-781-1908  
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**MEMBERS:**

**Isiah Gomer, Chair**  
 Paso Robles Waste & Recycle

**John Cascamo**  
 Cuesta College

**Kirk Coviello**  
 TransUnion

**Chuck Jehle**  
 Mission Community Services Corp.

**Judy Mahan**  
 Cal Poly Center for Innovation & Entrepreneurship

**Michael Specchierla**  
 County Office of Education

**Verena Latona-Talman**  
 Cannon Corporation

**Jim Yancheson**  
 Eckerd Workforce Development

- 1. Call to Order and Introductions** *Gomer*
- 2. Public Comment**
- 3. Consent Items** *Gomer*
  - 3.1 Approve the April 16, 2020 Minutes
- 4. AJCC Report** *Yancheson*
  - 4.1 Receive Report on AJCC Business Services
- 5. Information/Discussion**
  - 5.1 Identify Training Provider for Commercial Driver's License Prep Course *Boulanger*
  - 5.2 Discuss Small Business Layoff Aversion Grant *Boulanger*
  - 5.3 Discuss goals, business services strategy, and plan of the Business Council for 2020/2021 *Marin*
- 6. Council Member Workforce Development Updates** *All*
- 7. Next Meeting**  
 Thursday, October 15, 2020, 9:00am – 10:30am  
 Virtual Meeting Via Zoom
- 8. Adjournment**

**Public Comment:** Members of the public may address the committee on items appearing on the agenda. The public may also address items of interest to the committee which are within the jurisdiction of the WDB. However, in compliance with Government Code section 64954.3(a), the committee shall take no action on any item not appearing on the agenda. Speakers are asked to limit their remarks to a maximum of three minutes.

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**WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD  
of San Luis Obispo County  
BUSINESS COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

**Date:** Thursday, April 16, 2020  
**Time:** 9:00 a.m.-10:30 a.m.  
**Location:** Virtual Meeting- <https://meet.lync.com/o365gcoslo/dboulanger/6JCH9J35>

**Present:** Isiah Gomer, Jim Yancheson, Michael Specchierla, Verena Latona-Tahlman, Chuck Jehle

**Absent:** John Cascamo, Judy Mahan, Kirk Coviello

**Staff:** Dawn Boulanger, Sarah Hayter, Diana Marin

**Guest:**

**1. Call to Order:**

**Chair Isiah Gomer:** called the meeting to order at 9:05 A.M. **Quorum.**

**2. Public Comment:**

**Chair Gomer:** noted no public on public line.

**3. Consent Items:**

**3.1 Approve the December 19, 2019**

Motion: Verena Latona-Tahlman

Second: Jim Yancheson

Abstentions: None

**Motion Passed Unanimously**

**4. Information/Discussion:**

**4.1 Receive update on License Prep Course at Cuesta College**

Dawn Boulanger (staff) presented the item which provided an update on the status of the Commercial License Preparation Course aimed to assist the community in preparing for the commercial licensure exam. The preparation course is still of interest to the committee, however at this time Cuesta College has been unable to move forward due to the impacts of COVID-19. The committee discussed options in moving forward with course.

**4.2 Receive and Review Rapid Response Update**

Diana Marin (staff) presented the item which is included as part of the agenda. Diana informed of current Rapid Response numbers. She stated that the COVID-19 pandemic has had a tremendous impact on the local workforce and business climate. As a result, SLO County has experienced a record number of closures (temp and otherwise) as well as UI claims.

**4.3 Receive Update and Discuss the Downtown SLO Business Walk**

Diana Marin (staff) reported out to the committee regarding the outcome of the proposed SLO Downtown Business Walk. The meeting was held on February 14, 2020. Those present were representatives of the city of SLO, CalPoly CIE, Mission Community Services/Women's Business Center, SLO Chamber of Commerce, Downtown SLO, SCORE and the AJCC. All parties expressed interest in conducting a Downtown SLO Business Walk, however felt it was important to learn more about each other's organizations before moving forward. Fall was proposed for Business Walk timeframe. A follow up meeting was suggested to discuss idea further and learn more about

services available from each organization, goals and messaging to businesses. Due to COVID-19 pandemic, no meeting date has been established for follow up meeting or Business Walk at this time.

**5. Council Member Workforce Development Updates:**

**Chair Gomer:** opened the floor to updates from the Committee membership  
Isiah Gomer and Michael Specchierla spoke.

**6. Next Meeting:**

Thursday, June 18, 2020 9:00am-10:30am  
Virtual Zoom Meeting

**7. Adjournment:**

**Chair Gomer:** adjourned the meeting at 10:30 A.M.

Diana Marin, Clerk of the Business Council of the Workforce Development Board of San Luis Obispo, do hereby certify that the forgoing is a fair statement of the proceedings of the meeting held Thursday, April 16, 2020 by the Business Council of the Workforce Development Board of San Luis Obispo County.

Diana Marin, Business Council Clerk

Dated: April 20, 2020