

**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>

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**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:**

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**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