

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

Date: Thursday, August 20, 2020
Time: 9:00 a.m.-10:30 a.m.
Location: Virtual Meeting- <https://slohealth.zoom.us/j/98579656908?pwd=RDViTytDMmZ6ZG9DaHFBYVVFdjBUZz09>

Present: Isiah Gomer, Jim Yancheson, Michael Specchierla, Verena Latona-Tahlman, Chuck Jehle, Judy Mahan, Kirk Coviello

Absent: John Cascamo

Staff: Dawn Boulanger, Sarah Hayter, Diana Marin

Guest:

1. Call to Order:

Chair Isiah Gomer: called the meeting to order at 9:02 A.M. **Quorum.**

2. Public Comment:

Chair Gomer: noted no public on public line.

3. Consent Items:

3.1 Approve the April 16, 2020

Motion: Chuck Jehle

Second: Verena Latona-Tahlman

Abstentions: None

Motion Passed Unanimously

4. AJCC Report:

4.1 Receive Report on AJCC Business Services

Jim Yancheson (committee member) presented the item which provided an update on the San Luis Obispo America's Job Center of CA (AJCC). Jim Stated that the AJCC has relocated from 880 Industrial Way to 3450 Broad St. #103 in San Luis Obispo. The AJCC is expected to open to the public on September 8, 2020. Services will continue to be offered online even after re-opening.

5. Information/Discussion:

5.1 Identify Training Provider for Commercial Driver's License Prep Course

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 driver's licensure exam. The preparation course is still of interest to the committee, however at this time Cuesta College has expressed that they are unable to move forward as the training provider. Dawn Boulanger stated that conversations have begun with the San Luis Obispo County Office of Education to inquire if they can be the education provider for the course. The committee discussed options and decided to move forward in the pursuit of finding a training provider for the commercial driver's license preparation course.

5.2 Discuss Small Business Layoff Aversion Grant

Dawn Boulanger (staff) presented the item which included a brief update on the upcoming release of funds for Small Business Layoff Aversion Grants that will be aimed at assisting small businesses in SLO County cover costs incurred that would have otherwise been spent on employees, to avert layoffs. The grants will be issued as a reimbursement to businesses and an application would have to be completed and submitted by the due date. The committee was asked to serve as reviewers of applications in the event that an abundance of applications are received in order to assist WDB staff with timely review and responses. The Business Council agreed to serve as the application review committee to the Workforce Development Board if needed.

5.3 Discuss goals, business services strategy, and plan of the Business Council for 2020/2021

Diana Marin (staff) presented the item which included review of prior year accomplishments and discussion about setting current year goals. Isiah Gomer (chair) suggested creating a team to assist in identifying business closures or layoffs. Diana Marin (staff) also brought up the concept of an Advanced Telehealth Coordinator Certificate. She stated that she has started working on getting some industry input on thoughts about the need for that type of certificate locally. She learned about it from another area that had implemented it to avert layoffs of Community Health Workers. Committee agreed that it is something that merits more research. She stated that she would report back as she learned more. Chuck Jehle (committee member) state that he would like to sit in on a full board meeting. Dawn Boulanger (staff) stated that Workforce Development Board meetings are public meetings and the next one will be held on November 5, 2020.

6. Council Member Workforce Development Updates:

Chair Gomer: opened the floor to updates from the Committee membership Michael Specchierla, Verena Latona-Tahlman, Judy Mahan, Chuck Jehle and Isiah Gomer shared updates.

7. Next Meeting:

Thursday, October 15, 2020 9:00am-10:30am
Virtual Zoom Meeting

8. Adjournment:

Chair Gomer: adjourned the meeting at 10:11 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, August 20, 2020 by the Business Council of the Workforce Development Board of San Luis Obispo County.

Diana Marin, Business Council Clerk

Dated: August 24, 2020