

WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD
of San Luis Obispo County

WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Date: Thursday, August 01, 2024

Time: 8:30 AM

Location: Courtyard by Marriott, Estero Bay Room, 1605 Calle Joaquin, San Luis Obispo, CA 93405

Present: Isiah Gomer, Josh Cross, Mark Simonin, Angela Rayfield, Ryan Stanley, Angela Toomey, Julie Sinton Pruniski, Justin McIntire, Danielle McIntire, Veronica Orozco, David Baldwin

Absent: William Hills, Verena Latona-Tahlman, Patrick Woolpert, Micheal Sloan

Guests: Chelsea Kuhns, Christina Kuhn (Zoom), Joey Valero, Eryk Nappi, Kim Wybenga, Stacy Church, Sara Rodrigues, Cheryl Ruck, Hugo Castaneda, Susan Strachan, Maria Escobedo, Holly Chavez, Christina Chow, Karen Tillman, Eric Sarabia, Megan Murchison, Rebecca Campbell, Kelley Abbas, Michael Foote, Oscar Ramos

Staff: Dawn Boulanger, Diana Marin, Eddie Hernandez

1. Call to Order and Introductions:

Chairperson Isiah Gomer called the meeting to order at 8:32 AM **Quorum reached**

2. Public Comment:

Chair Gomer: No public comment

3. Presentations:

3.1 Exemplar Practices of Economic and Workforce Development alignment in Humboldt County - strategic planning for emerging Offshore Wind Industry

3.2 Tribal Marine Sanctuary Research Findings - Community College training opportunities for the emerging offshore wind industry

4. Consent Items:

- 4.1 Approved the May 02, 2024, Meeting Minutes**
- 4.2 Approve the Member Appointment of Oscar Ramos to an Education Partner Seat.**

The Board approved consent items 4.1 and 4.2 in a single motion

Motion: Justin McIntire

Second: Angela Toomey

Abstentions: None

Motion Passed Unanimously

5. Action Items:

- 5.1 Review and Approve Draft Scope of Work and Budget for WIOA Rapid Response Services Contract**

Diana Marin (staff) presented the item, and the board approved the item

Motion: Josh Cross

Second: Angela Reyfield

Abstentions: None

Motion Passed Unanimously

- 5.2 Review and Approve 2024-25 WIOA Subgrant Agreement with CA Employment Development Department**

Dawn Boulanger (staff) presented the item, and the board approved the item

Motion: Josh Cross

Second: Veronica Orozco

Abstentions: None

Motion Passed Unanimously

6. Discussion Items:

6.1 Receive FY 23-24 Quarter 4 Eckerd WIOA SLO Cal Careers Adult/Dislocated Worker Contract Performance Report

Diana Marin (staff) introduced Joey Valero (guest) to lead the discussion item that is available as part of the agenda. Mr. Valero is the Eckerd Program Manager for the Adult/Dislocated Worker Program at the SLO Cal Careers Job Center. Mr. Valero reported that enrollment numbers were strong in Quarter 4 for the WIOA Adult Programs. Isiah Gomer (Chair) added that current updates regarding the WIOA Adult programs was positive, compared to previous years.

Public Comment: N/A

6.2 Receive FY 23-24 Quarter 4 Eckerd WIOA Youth Contract Performance Report

Diana Marin (staff) reported on the Quarter 4 performance report which is available as part of the agenda. Ms. Marin reported that in Quarter 4 enrollment goals were met. Ms. Marin summarized the barriers to employment that many youth participants face. Joey Valero (guest) shared a WIOA Youth program success story. Dawn Boulanger (Staff) highlighted the increase in current youth numbers compared to those in the past few years. Ms. Boulanger concluded by congratulating the SLO Cal Careers Eckerd Team on their hard work in not only meeting but exceeding the contract enrollment goals for the WIOA Youth Program.

Public Comment: Stacy Church (Guest) invited board members to join an upcoming lunch and learn session to learn more about programs and services available through SLO Cal Careers.

6.3 Receive Fiscal Year 23-24 Quarter 4 Atascadero Chamber WIOA Layoff Aversion/Business Retention Services Contract Performance Report

Dawn Boulanger (staff) introduced Josh Cross (member), President of the Atascadero Chamber, to present the performance report of the WIOA Layoff Aversion contract with the Atascadero Chamber. Mr. Cross emphasized the limited number of staff who conduct the layoff aversion work and the need for a contract like this to assist the collective effort of county-wide layoff aversion. Mr. Cross then expressed that Quarter 4 has been their busiest quarter yet. Mr. Cross introduced Eryk Nappi (guest). Mr. Nappi informed the board that HR Hotline has been a helpful resource for local businesses. Mr. Nappi informed the board that he and Ms. Wybenga have

visited a total of 242 businesses, connected 6 business to SLO Cal Career and have connected local employers to SLO Cal Careers businesses services and the HR Hotline. Dawn Boulanger informed the board that both Eryk Nappi and Hugo Castaneda, Eckerd Business Services Liaison, had recently completed training with TAD Grants to obtain certification as Business Service Consultants.

Public Comments: N/A

7. Reports:

a.) Executive Committee and Chairperson Report

Nothing to report out

b.) SLO Cal Careers Services Addressing Barriers to Employment

Dawn Boulanger (staff) gave a brief overview of the non-WIOA special grants. Ms. Boulanger informed the Workforce Development Board of active non-WIOA grants.

c.) Board Member Workforce Development Updates

David Baldwin (member) reported on recent Mid-State Fair Career Fair. He thanked everyone who was involved

8. Administrative Entity Update:

8.1 Receive and Review Fiscal Expenditure Update

Dawn Boulanger (staff) reported on the Fiscal Budget which is available as part of the agenda.

8.2 Receive and Review Rapid Response Update

Diana Marin (staff) reported on Rapid Response, which is available as part of the agenda.

8. Next Meeting:

November 7, 2024

8:30 – 10:30 AM

Location: Courtyard by Marriott, Estero Bay Room, 1605 Calle Joaquin, San Luis Obispo, CA 93405

9. Adjournment:

Chair Gomer: adjourned the meeting at 10:30 AM

I, Eddie Hernandez, Clerk of the Workforce Development Board of San Luis Obispo, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a fair statement of the proceedings of the meeting held on Thursday, August 1, 2024, by the Workforce Development Board of San Luis Obispo County.

Eddie Hernandez, WDB Program Review Specialist

Dated: October 29, 2024