

WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD
of San Luis Obispo County

WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Date: Thursday, February 05, 2026
Time: 8:30 AM – 10:30 AM
Location: The Cliffs Hotel and Spa, 2757 Shell Beach Road, Pismo Beach, CA 93449

Present: Isiah Gomer, William Hills, David Baldwin, Ian Journey, Danielle McIntire, Justin McIntire, Veronica Orozco, Angela Rayfield, Ryan Stanley, Verena Latona-Tahlman, Angela Toomey, Patrick Woolpart
Absent: Josh Cross, Cheryl London, Julie Sinton Pruniski, Mark Simonin
Guests: Vivian Estrada, Andriy Moskalyk, Shana Paulson, Wendy Wendt, Raechelle Bowlay, Maggie Payne, Shana Paulson, Christina Lefevre Latner, Aaron Moon, Jennifer Campos, Valerie Macias
Staff: Dawn Boulanger, Diana Marin, Eddie Hernandez

1. Call to Order and Introductions:

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

2. Public Comment:

Chair Gomer: No public comment

3. Presentation:

3.1 First 5 SLO County& CAPSLO – Child Care Careers

3.2 SLO County Family-Friendly Workplaces Initiative

4. Consent Items:

4.1 Approve the November 06, 2025, Minutes

4.2 Review and Approve WDB Member Appointment

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

Motion: William Hills

Second: Justin McIntire

Motion Passed Unanimously

Public Comment: N/A

5. Action Items:

5.1 Review and Approve Revision to Local Policy 12-19

Diana Marin (staff) presented this item to the WDB, which attachment is available and part of the agenda packet.

Motion: Justin McIntire

Second: Verena Latona-Tahlman

Motion Passed Unanimously

Public Comment: N/A

6. Discussion Items:

6.1 Special Grants Update

Dawn Boulanger (staff) presented this item to the WDB, which attachment is available and part of the agenda packet.

6.2 Receive FY 25-26 Q2 Eckerd WIOA Youth Contract Performance Report

Diana Marin (staff) presented this item to the WDB, which attachment is available and part of the agenda packet.

6.3 Receive FY 25-26 Q2 Eckerd WIOA Adult, Dislocated Worker Contract Performance Report

Diana Marin (staff) presented this item to the WDB, which attachment is available and part of the agenda packet.

6.4 Receive FY 25-26 Q2 Eckerd Rapid Response Contract Performance Report

Diana Marin (staff) presented this item to the WDB, which attachment is available and part of the agenda packet.

7. Administrative Entity Update:

7.1 Receive Director Update

Dawn Boulanger (staff) provided the Workforce Development Board with updates on current Career Center facility, Assembly Bill 339 (AB 339), and the upcoming visit of the California Workforce Development Board Director to the Central Coast.

7.2 Receive and Review Fiscal Update

Dawn Boulanger (staff) provided WDB with an update on the Fiscal Budget, which is available and part of the agenda packet.

8. Reports:

a.) Executive Committee and Chairperson Report

Chairperson Isiah Gomer reported that the Executive Committee meetings scheduled for December 10, 2025, and January 14, 2026, were canceled; therefore, there was nothing to report to the Workforce Development Board at this time. The next Executive Committee meeting is scheduled for March 11, 2026, at 8:30 a.m., to be held at the Department of Social Services, 3433 S. Higuera Street, San Luis Obispo, California.

b.) Board Member Workforce Development Updates

Chairperson Isiah Gomer shared that he recently attended a California Polytechnic State University (Cal Poly) meeting, where it was discussed that Vandenberg Space Force Base plans to expand its operations, ultimately resulting in approximately 30,000 new job openings. WDB Member Angela Rayfield shared that Rantec Power Systems has seen an increase in hiring compared to last year (2025), which has resulted in a positive impact to the organization. WDB Member Ryan Stanley provided an update on a successful grant outreach event where recent graduates from High Road Construction Careers (HRCC) and Resilient Workforce Fund (RWF) were able to connect and toured the Operating Engineers and Sheet Metal apprenticeship program located at Camp San Luis Obispo. WDB Member Angela Toomey shared that Morris & Garritano Insurance is also seeing an increase in qualified candidates when posting job openings and noting that it is currently an employer's market. WDB Member Verena Latona-Tahlman shared that Cannon Corporation is seeing a significantly larger pool of qualified engineers and designers compared to past years, and with new projects being anticipated, hiring qualified candidates is not expected to be an issue. WDB Member David Baldwin echoed Ryan Stanley's update and added that members of Local 406 were also on site to demonstrate pipe welding, stick welding, and oracle welding machine procedures. Mr. Baldwin also shared that after a year and a half of negotiations, the Pipefitters contract was successfully renewed with Southern California for another three-year term. Chairperson Gomer finally added and shared to the WDB that Paso Robles

Waste & Recycle recently filled two job openings, a heavy duty diesel mechanic and a commercial driver, both postings were successfully filled with qualified candidates.

8. Next Meeting:

May 07, 2026

8:30 – 10:30 AM

Location: Atascadero Chamber of Commerce, 6907 El Camino Real #4, CA 93422

9. Adjournment:

Chairperson Isiah Gomer: adjourned the meeting at 10:24 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, February 05, 2026, by the Workforce Development Board of San Luis Obispo County.

Eddie Hernandez, WDB Program Review Specialist

Dated: 02/06/2026