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**Merced County Workforce Development Board
Executive Committee Meeting**

Monday, March 9th, 2026; 7:30 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.

Meeting Location: 1900 Airdrome Entry, Atwater, CA 95301

Public Comment: If you wish to speak on a matter that does NOT appear on the agenda, you may do so during the Public Opportunity to speak. Please state your name and address for the record. Each speaker will be limited to three (3) minutes.

Agenda Items: Public opportunity to speak on items on the Workforce Development Board WDB Agenda will be heard following announcement of each section or subsection of the Agenda. In order that interested individuals have an opportunity to speak, any person addressing the WDB will be limited to a maximum of three (3) minutes per section or subsection of the Agenda.

Agendas and Minutes: All supporting documentation is available for public review at 1900 Airdrome Entry, Atwater, CA 95301 or visit our website at www.worknetmerced.com during regular business hours, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. (Except holidays). Any material related to an item on this Agenda submitted to the WDB, after distribution of the Agenda packet, is available for public inspection at 1900 Airdrome Entry, Atwater, CA 95301.

Reasonable Accommodations: Persons, who require accommodation for disability in order to review an agenda, or to participate in a meeting of the WDB per the American Disabilities Act (ADA), may obtain assistance by requesting such accommodation in writing addressed to Merced County Workforce Development Board Admin Office or telephonically calling (209) 724-2000 or Erick Serrato (209) 724-2041. Any such request for accommodation should be made at least 72 hours prior to the scheduled meeting for which assistance is requested.

Committee Quorum and Action: A Quorum of the WDB Executive Committee shall consist of four (4) members. Actions by the committee shall require a majority vote (four (4) votes or more) of the total membership of the Committee. When there is no Quorum present at the scheduled start time of the meeting, the meeting will be adjourned and agenda items will be discussed at the next regularly scheduled meeting.

All regular WDB Executive meetings are held in-person every other month on one Monday of the month at 9:00 a.m. and location is 1900 Airdrome Entry, Atwater, CA 95301

Agenda		
1. Call to Order	Roll Call of Members of the Board	Chair Leslie Abasta
2. Public Opportunity	Public opportunity to speak on any matter of public interest within the Board's jurisdiction, including items on the Executive Committee agenda.	Chair Leslie Abasta
3. Approval of Minutes	Approval of Executive Committee Meeting Minutes from February 2 nd , 2026.	Chair Leslie Abasta
4. Chair Comments	Comments from the Chair of Merced County Workforce Development Board.	Chair Leslie Abasta
5. Director's Comments	Synopsis of meeting Agenda, special project and partnership updates, local workforce data, legislative news, and other areas of interest.	Erick Serrato
6. Fiscal and Monitoring Update	Update on Monitoring and Compliance activity.	Erick Serrato Linda Gutierrez
7. Facilities Update	Update on Merced, Castle and Los Banos Centers, with revised dates for public opening events and construction completion.	Erick Serrato
8. Grant Updates	Update on status of existing grants and recent applications, including funding awards, expirations, and key milestones.	Erick Serrato
9. Board Recruitment	Discussion of current vacancies and recruitment opportunities with focus on specific industry sectors.	Erick Serrato Chair Leslie Abasta
10. On-The-Job Training/Wage Subsidy Concept	Discussion about creative alternatives to traditional On-The-Job training and wage subsidy for potential implementation in Prospero Programs.	Erick Serrato
11. World Agri-Tech Tour	Briefing of partnership with GO-Biz to tour 18 international ag-tech executives on March 19 th , 2026.	Erick Serrato
14. Adjournment	Adjourn Executive Committee Meeting.	Chair Leslie Abasta

Next Executive Committee Meeting. Monday, May 11th, 2026