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## **Merced County Workforce Development Board Meeting Wednesday, December 11, 2024; 2:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.**

**Meeting Location:**

**West Mark**

441 Business Park Way

Atwater, CA 95301

No virtual option available

Follow signs for parking and meeting location

Tour of West Mark will occur directly after meeting Adjournment

**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](http://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 shall consist of thirteen (13) members. Actions by the committee shall require a majority vote (13 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 meetings are held in-person quarterly on one Wednesday of the month at 2:00 p.m. and locations hosted at Industry/Employer/Training sites throughout the County.

<h1>Agenda</h1>		
<b>1. Call to Order</b>	Roll Call of Members of the Board	Leslie Abasta-Cummings, Chair Patricia Hinson, Board Secretary
<b>2. Public Opportunity</b>	Public opportunity to speak on any matter of public interest within the Board's jurisdiction, including items on the Board's agenda.	Leslie Abasta-Cummings, Chair
<b>3. Host Welcome Statement</b>	West Mark <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Partnership Appreciation (Jorge de Nava)</li> <li>- Client Testimonial and "North Pole" Send Off</li> </ul>	Erick Serrato, Director
<b>4. Approval of Minutes</b>	Approval of WDB Meeting Minutes from March 27, 2024.	Leslie Abasta-Cummings, Chair
<b>5. Open Announcements</b>	Updates and announcements from members of the Workforce Board.	Leslie Abasta-Cummings, Chair
<b>6. Chair Comments</b>	Comments from the Chair of Merced County Workforce Development Board. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Recognition of Greg Vincelet, Member</li> </ul>	Leslie Abasta-Cummings, Chair
<b>7. Director's Comments</b>	Synopsis of Meeting Agenda, comment on non-Agenda items, legislative updates, and other areas of interest.	Erick Serrato, Director
<h2>Workforce System</h2>		
<b>8. California Jobs First (North Valley THRIVE) Update</b>	Update on California Jobs First, Master Plan on Career Education, and related efforts, including Catalyst Funding and Implementation Phase.	Erick Serrato, Director
<b>9. Local and Regional Plan</b>	Staff presentation of State-mandated Local and Regional Planning, and proposed local processes, including planned community feedback forums and other activities to complete and submit the Merced County Local Plan by April 27, 2024, as required.  <b>Action Item: Local Plan Process Approval</b>	Erick Serrato, Director
<b>10. MCWDB-Worknet Marketing and Communication Strategy</b>	Briefing about contract launch with JPW to develop a multi-pronged effort to improve and unify the Workforce Board, Workforce Investment Department and "Worknet" communication and marketing channels; opportunities for Board and employer participation and the development of ongoing investment by the Workforce Board.	Erick Serrato, Director Tim O'Neill, Member

	<b>Industry &amp; Labor Market</b>	
<b>11. Board Discussion: 2025-2027 Economic 'Projection' and Service Response</b>	Interactive Design Session about the Merced County economic outlook and potential response in workforce strategies.	Erick Serrato, Director
	<b>Adult and Youth Career Services</b>	
<b>12. Youth Internship Programming</b>	Overview of Youth internship programming through Fall 2024, including County Internships, Worknet Community Interns, Bay Valley Tech, Merced Union High School Summer Employment, and Merced Youth Jobs.	Valente Huitron, Staff Erick Serrato, Director
<b>13. Early Childhood/Childcare Program Update</b>	Update on current workforce and entrepreneurial programs in Early Childhood Education/Childcare.	Stacie Tury, Staff Erick Serrato, Director
<b>14. AJCC Facility Planning</b>	Update and discussion regarding proposals for the acquisition, renovation, and movement of AJCC and Workforce Board offices.  <i>Action Item: Facilities Plan Approval</i>	Leslie Abasta-Cummings, Chair
<b>15. WIOA and Workforce Policy Updates</b>	Presentation of updates to local workforce policy covering On-the-Job Training and Supportive Services.  <i>Action Item: Policy Approval</i>	Erick Serrato, Director
	<b>Other Items for Discussion</b>	
<b>16. Future Agendas &amp; Meetings</b>	Presentation of 2025 Meeting Calendar  <i>Action Item: Approval of Meeting Calendar</i>	Leslie Abasta-Cummings, Chair
<b>17. Bylaw Review</b>	Staff request for the creation of an Ad-Hoc Committee to consider revisions of the Workforce Development Board Bylaws, including Member composition, roles and responsibilities, and reimbursement policies. Invitation for participation. (Per Bylaws, The Chair has the authority to establish an Ad-Hoc Committee and assign members).	Leslie Abasta-Cummings, Chair
<b>18. Adjournment</b>	Adjourning of the Workforce Development Board Meeting.	Chair – Abasta-Cummings

*Optional: Tour of West -Mark following the meeting.*