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## **Merced County Workforce Development Board Meeting Wednesday, March 27, 2024; 2:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.**

**Meeting Location:  
Laird Manufacturing  
1130 Stuart Drive  
Merced, CA 95341**

No virtual option available  
Follow signs for parking and meeting location  
Tour of Laird Manufacturing facility 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.

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| <b>Agenda</b> |  |  |
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| <b>1. Call to Order</b>   | Roll Call of Members of the Board   | Vinton Thengvall-<br>Vice-Chair                  |
| <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.  | Vinton Thengvall –<br>Vice-Chair                 |
| <b>3. Host Welcome Statement</b>  | Laird Manufacturing   | Staff  |
| <b>4. Approval of Minutes</b>   | Approval of WDB Meeting Minutes from December 13, 2023.   | Vinton Thengvall-<br>Vice-Chair                  |
| <b>5. Open Announcements</b>  | Updates and announcements from members of the Workforce Board.  | Vinton Thengvall-<br>Vice-Chair                  |
| <b>6. Chair Comments</b>  | Comments from the Vice-Chair of Merced County Workforce Development Board.  | Vinton Thengvall-<br>Vice-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                                    |
|   | <b>Workforce System and Administration</b>  |  |
| <b>8. Bylaws Changes</b>  | Review and approval of changes to the Merced County Workforce Development Board Bylaws, namely staggering of Board Membership terms. <i>(Note: This item was presented previously to the Workforce Board, but quorum requirement was not met for approval).</i><br><br><b>BOARD ACTION</b>                                      | Erick Serrato                                    |
| <b>9. Board Appointments, Recruitment Activity and Board Committee Membership</b> | Nominate and re-elect members to a new four-year term to the Workforce Development Board, current terms ending June 30, 2024. Their appointment would be advanced to the BOS if approved by the WDB. Discussion on Board Composition and recruitment activity. Review of Board Committee membership.<br><br><b>BOARD ACTION</b> | Erick Serrato<br>Vinton Thengvall-<br>Vice-Chair |
|   | <b>Industry &amp; Labor Market</b>  |  |
| <b>10. California Jobs First (formerly CERF)</b>                                  | Update on the California Jobs First program (formerly CERF) of the North San Joaquin Valley region, for which the Workforce Board serves as the convening agency, including discussions about regional CEDS activity.   | Erick Serrato                                    |
| <b>11. 2024 Industry Focus: Infrastructure and Healthcare</b>                     | Discussion regarding proposed 2024 Industry Focus on Infrastructure, including baseline data and industry subcategories.  | Erick Serrato                                    |
|   | <b>Adult and Youth Career Services</b>  |  |

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| <b>12. Performance Framework</b>             | Discussion and adoption of Merced County Workforce Development Performance Framework.<br><br><b>BOARD ACTION</b>  | Erick Serrato                               |
| <b>13. AJCC Facility Planning</b>            | Update and discussion regarding proposals for the acquisition, renovation, and movement of AJCC and Workforce Board offices. Request to form an ad-hoc Facilities Committee of the Workforce Board. | Erick Serrato                               |
| <b>14. Grant Update: 2023 Storm Response</b> | Update on Department efforts to assist the Planda20M program, including STORM Funding and Los Wages/Business Support application processing.  | Erick Serrato<br>Stacie Tury/Jose Velasquez |
|  | <b>Other Items for Discussion</b>   |   |
| <b>15. Future Agendas &amp; Meetings</b>     | Next WDB Meeting, June 26, 2024<br>Location: TBD  | Vinton Thengvall-<br>Vice-Chair             |
| <b>16. Adjournment</b>                       | Adjourning of the Workforce Development Board Meeting.  | Vinton Thengvall-<br>Vice-Chair             |

***Optional: Tour of Laird Manufacturing facility following the meeting.***