



**Workforce Development Board (WDB)
UC Merced Downtown Campus
655 W. 18th Street, Room 105/106
Merced, CA 95340
August 16, 2018, 3:30-5:00 p.m.
Meeting Minutes**



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Members Present:

Leslie Abasta-Cummings
Margarita Cabalbag
David Dees
Mark Hendrickson
Steve Hobbs

Joshua Lepper
Amie Marchini
Jack Mobley
Steve Newvine
Tim O'Neill

Stergios (Steve) Roussos
Steve Tietjen
Vinton Thengvall

Members Absent:

Michael Altomare
Daniel Caris
Eric Chu

Shawn Dwyer
Daron McDaniel
Tim Robertson

Peter Schuerman, Ph.D
Jerry Sterner
Greg Vincelet

Others Present:

Ruby Awesome
Ranjeev Dosanjh

Linda Gutierrez
Tammy Johnson

Nick Loret de Mola
David Mirrione

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1. Call to Order/Roll Call: The First Vice Chair, Mr. Steve Newvine, called a work session to order at 3:44 p.m to address Agenda Items #8a to 8d pending quorum. The First Vice Chair, Mr. Steve Newvine called the meeting to order at 3:57pm.
 2. Approval of Agenda: It was *M/S/C Abasta-Cummings/Dees* to approve the agenda as published.
 3. Approval of Minutes: It was *M/S/C Hendrickson/Mobley* to approve the April 12, 2018 minutes as submitted.
 4. Public Opportunity to Speak: None.
 5. Vice Chair Comments: None.
 6. Director Comments: Mr. David Mirrione thanked Tammy Johnson and University of California (UC), Merced for the opportunity to host the Merced County Workforce Development Board meeting at their new administrative building located in Downtown Merced.

Mr. Mirrione introduced new staff: Ruby Awesome as Special Projects Manager hired primarily for regional work, Ranjeev Dosanjh as Staff Services Analyst hired primarily as the Business Services Representatives' Supervisor, Linda Gutierrez as Staff Services Analyst hired primarily for fiscal, and Nick Loret de Mola as the new Deputy Director. Mr. Mirrione shared that Mr. Loret de Mola is leaving his position as a Deputy Director at California Workforce Association of five years to join Worknet of Merced County; he comes with an extensive background and knowledge in workforce

related legislative and activities both at the State and Federal levels. Mr. Mirrione also introduced Mr. Vinton Thengvall as the new WDB member.

Mr. Mirrione announced that he has been selected as the Legislative Vice Chair with the California Workforce Association Executive Committee. Mr. Mirrione, in collaboration with the Fresno Regional Workforce Development Board, submitted a grant application to seek funding in the amount of \$110,000 to help bridge the gap for women pursuing trades apprenticeships. Mr. Mirrione also discussed the Prison to Employment Planning Grant Application, due by August 27, 2018. Possible funding up to \$200,000.

7. Action/Discussion
 - a. Procurement of WIOA Youth Services Westside Pilot Program: It was *M/S/C Hendrickson /Abasta-Cummings* to move forward to the Board of Supervisors for the request to work with the Department of Administrative Services and release a Request for Proposals for WIOA Youth Services Westside Pilot Program. Mr. Joshua Lepper discussed a new solar project launching in the Westside of Merced County. (Tietjen abstained.)
 - b. 2018-19 WDB Budget: It was *M/S/C Abasta-Cummings/Hobbs* to approve the 2018-19 final WDB budget. (Tietjen abstained.)
 - c. WDB Board Composition: It was *M/S/C O'Neill/Dees* to revise the WDB Board Composition.
8. Reports
 - a. WIOA Adult Program: Mr. Mirrione provided and reviewed enrollment reports for the WIOA Adult Program.
 - b. WIOA Youth Program: Mr. Mirrione provided and reviewed enrollment reports for the WIOA Youth Program.
 - c. Worknet Business Services: Mr. Dosanjh reviewed Business Services report distributed to the WDB members.
 - d. Fiscal: Mr. Mirrione reviewed the report and a copy of the report was included in the meeting packet.
9. Information
 - a. 2nd Annual Fall Hiring Fair, September 20, 2018: Mr. Mirrione shared the 2nd Annual Fall Hiring Fair flyer. The event will be hosted in the back parking lot of the Worknet Merced County and EDD building.
 - b. Form 700 and Ethics Training: Mr. Mirrione reminded WDB members to complete their Form 700 online if they have not already. Mr. Mirrione requested copies of certificates showing completion of Ethics training; the certificate can be from another county in California.
10. Next Meeting: 3:30 p.m., Thursday, October 11, 2018, UC Merced Downtown Campus, 655 W. 18th Street, Room 105/106, Merced, CA 95340
11. Adjournment: The meeting at 5:03 p.m.