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**Workforce Development Board (WDB)
UC Merced Downtown Campus
655 W. 18th Street, Room 105/106
Merced, CA 95340
October 11, 2018, 3:30-5:00 p.m.
Meeting Minutes**

Members Present:

Leslie Abasta-Cummings
Margarita Cabalbag
Eric Chu
Mark Hendrickson
Joshua Lepper

Jack Mobley
Daron McDaniel
Steve Newvine
Tim O'Neill
Tim Robertson

Stergios (Steve) Roussos
Peter Schuerman, Ph.D.
Steve Tietjen, Ed.D.
Greg Vincelet

Members Absent:

Michael Altomare
Daniel Caris
David Dees

Steve Hobbs
Amie Marchini
Vinton Thengvall

Others Present:

Ruby Awesome
Valente Huitron

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 3:33 p.m to address Agenda Item #8a pending quorum. The First Vice Chair, Mr. Steve Newvine called the meeting to order at 4:08pm.
 2. Approval of Agenda: It was *M/S/C Abasta-Cummings/Tietjen* to approve the agenda as published.
 3. Approval of Minutes: It was *M/S/C Tietjen /Abasta-Cummings* to approve the August 16, 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 continue host the Merced County Workforce Development Board meeting at their administrative building located in Downtown Merced.

Mr. Mirrione introduced new staff: Valente Huitron as Staff Services Analyst hired primarily as the Employment and Training Supervisor, and Nick Loret de Mola as officially the new Deputy Director. Mr. Mirrione discussed vacant positions to be filled in the near future.

Mr. Mirrione announced the receipt of additional Storm Grant funding originally in the amount of \$1.1 million, however \$400,000 will be reallocated by the state to other local areas. AB1111 is coming soon and Mr. Loret de Mola has extensive amount of experience in the development of the language of this grant. The Region was awarded \$190,000 through the Prison to Employment

Planning Grant to convene and gather data on how to service the re-entry population. SB1 in regards to transportation is in the works as well, which has a 5 year workforce specific funding opportunity. Additional funding opportunities are coming soon such as the accelerator grant, and funding for serving veterans. Mr. Mirrione also announced he has obtained council membership with the US Conference of Mayors. Program is going through monitoring in October, and results will be announced at the next board meeting. David Hinojosa has been assigned to work with the region following Veronica Champayne's departure to Southern California.

7. Action/Discussion

- a. 501(C)(3) Nonprofit Exploration: It was *M/S/C O'Neill /Roussos* to direct Workforce Development Board staff to research 501(c)(3) nonprofit models and report back to the Workforce Development Board Executive Committee at its November 5, 2018 meeting. Peter Schuerman made a request to look at models that include working with Universities.
- b. WDB and Executive Committee Calendar for 2018-19 and 2019-20: It was *M/S/C Abasta-Cummings/Vincelet* to approve the WDB and Executive Committee Calendar for 2018-19 and 2019-20.
- c. Regional and Local Planning Update: Ruby Awesome, Regional Organizer and Regional Training Coordinator, provided an update on the regional and local planning forums.
- d. Business Services Strategic Planning: Workforce Development Board Deputy Director Mr. Loret de Mola provided an overview of the 2018-19 Business Services Strategic Plan.

8. Presentations

- a. Mid-California International Trade District Presentation by Mark Hendrickson

9. Reports

- a. WIOA Adult Program: Mr. Huitron provided and reviewed enrollment reports for the WIOA Adult Program. It was recognized that the Disabilities enrollments were missing, however Mr. Huitron stated we are on target to reach the goal enrollment.
- b. WIOA Youth Program: Mr. Loret de Mola provided and reviewed enrollment reports for the WIOA Youth Program.
- c. Worknet Business Services: Mr. Loret de Mola 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.

10. Information

- a. 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. Mr. Mirrione provided a contract policy form to be completed and signed by WDB members.

11. Special Meeting: 3:00 p.m., Thursday, December 13, 2018, Location: TBD.

12. Adjournment: The meeting at 4:51 p.m. It was *M/S/C Lepper /Tietjen*