

**Workforce Development Board (WDB)
Executive Committee
Worknet Merced County
1900 Airdrome Entry
Atwater, CA 95301
December 3, 2020, 4:00 p.m.**



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Members Present:

Leslie Abasta-Cummings Tim O'Neil (Via Zoom)
Daron McDaniel Michael Altomare

Members Absent:

Vinton Thengavall

Others Present:

Erick Serrato, David Mirrione, Reyna Espinoza, Patricia Hinson

- 1. Call to Order/ Roll Call** – Board Chairperson, Mrs. Leslie Abasta-Cummings, called the meeting to order at 4:06 p.m.
- 2. Approval of Agenda – Chairperson Mrs. Leslie Abasta-Cummings made a motion to add an agenda item, ‘Approval of Meeting Minutes.** It was *Altomare/McDaniel* who approved the meeting agenda with add on item.
- 3. Approval of Minutes** – *Altomare/McDaniel* approved the November 18, 2019 minutes as submitted.
- 4. Public Opportunity to Speak:** None
- 5. Chair Comments:** Mrs. Leslie Abasta-Cummings thanked everyone for being present and those who were present via zoom. She was happy to see member’s in-person. She then proceeded to give the floor to the new Merced County Workforce Investment Director, Erick Serrato.
- 6. Director’s Comments:**
Director Erick Serrato thanked all members for being present and those present via zoom. He extended a deep appreciation to David Mirrione for assisting him in the transition of becoming the new Director of Merced County Department of Workforce Investment/Worknet.

Consent Calendar:

- 7. Approval of Consent Agenda Calendar (Items #6a-6e):**
It was approved by Altomare/McDaniel Consent Agenda calendar items 6a-6e.

Regular Calendar:

8. 2021-24 WIOA Local and Regional Plan Update:

The local plan is up for renewal. There is a local plan and a regional plan. The local plan folds up to the regional plan. The region covers the central valley and each of the different workforce boards and counties. The local plan is the view of the county and what the workers and county needs are. Each county is in charge of writing its local plan. Once all the local plans are drafted and reviewed, they will be sent to the state for further revision. It has been agreed that for the Merced County local plan, management from Merced County Department of Workforce Investment/ Worknet will be writing the draft for the local plan and by doing so will save the county some money. The plan's timeline is that there will be six community forums at the regional level, and Stanislaus County is taking the lead on setting up the forums. Some of the topics that will be discussed at the community forums are; The San Joaquin Valley Economy-Through the Eyes of Business and the Community. Accelerating the Development of Career Pathways for Priority Sectors, Building a 'Big Tent' Workforce Systems: Leaving no Worker Behind. The first draft will be completed by the end of January, and then it will be posted on the website for one month and invite the public to provide feedback. Then it will be presented at the April 15th full WDB meeting for approval.

9. 2021-26 WIOA Youth RFP Update: The RFP draft will be submitted by the end of December. Under the WIOA, WIOA Youth Services providers must be procured at minimum every (5) years to provide a diversity of services for Out-of-school and/or in-school youth, ages 16-24. The goal is to select a contractor by the spring of 2021 to takeoff services at the beginning of the 2021-2022 program year. Staff is currently working on the final RFP for release in January 2021. An update will be provided at the next WDB Exec meeting.

Reports:

- a. **WDB Member Reports:** None
- b. **Possible Direction for Future Agenda Items:** A board member made a suggestion to see more data on the labor market.

10. Next Meeting Date and Time – January 25, 2021 via Zoom meeting invite.

11. Adjournment

Adjourned at 4:55 p.m.