



EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE: 1/15/2026  
AGENDA ITEM: 1

# MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Workforce Development Board Executive Committee

**FROM:** Christopher Donnelly

**SUBJECT:** Approval of Appointment of Cynthia Benitez,  
Representing Labor

**DATE:** January 15, 2026

**RECOMMENDATION:**

It is recommended that the Executive Committee approve the appointment of Cynthia Benitez, representing Labor, to the Monterey County Workforce Development Board (MCWDB), and that the MCWDB forwards the appointment to the Board of Supervisors for final approval.

**BACKGROUND:**

Ms. Cynthia Benitez, Patient Services Representative, Service Employees International Union (SEIU) Local 521, has applied for membership to the full Workforce Development Board. As the nominating body, the Executive Committee is asked to consider Ms. Benitez's application and recommend it for approval at the full Workforce Development Board meeting on February 26, 2026.

The WDB bylaws state that the term of membership for all WDB members shall be three years. The three-year term limit was enacted with the approval of the original WDB bylaws by the Board of Supervisors on June 23, 2015.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

Ms. Benitez's application