

County of Monterey

America's Job Center of California
344 Salinas St., Suites 205 & 206
Salinas, CA 93901



Meeting Agenda - Final

Thursday, February 26, 2026

9:00 AM

**America's Job Center of California, 344 Salinas Street Suites 205 & 206, Salinas,
CA 93901**

Workforce Development Board

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL:

Cesar Lara

CHANGES TO AGENDA:

Cesar Lara

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

(Limited to 2 minutes per person)

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Chris Donnelly

- Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) funding
- One Stop Operator Request for Proposals (RFP)
- State of California Employment Development Department (EDD) Program Year 2024-25 program, fiscal, and procurement monitoring.

Chris Donnelly

CONSENT CALENDAR:

Cesar Lara

- 1 Action:** Consider approval of minutes from the Special Monterey County Workforce Development Board (MCWDB) meeting of October 30, 2025.

Attachments: [Consent 01 MCWDB Unadopted Minutes October 30, 2025](#)

Cesar Lara

- 2 Action:** Concur with the Executive Committee's January 15, 2026, recommendation to ratify the appointment of Cynthia Benitez, representing Labor, to the MCWDB for a three-year term.

Attachments: [Consent 02 Cynthia Benitez - WDB](#)
[Consent 2a Cynthia Benitez's MCWDB Member Application](#)

Cesar Lara

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- 3 Action:** Concur with the Executive Committee's January 15, 2026, recommendation to ratify the reappointment Casey Van Den Heuvel, representing Labor, to the MCWDB for a staggered term to end on September 15, 2028.

Attachments: [Consent 03 Casey Van Den Heuvel - WDB](#)
[Consent 3a Casey Van Den Heuvel Application - WDB](#)

Cesar Lara

- 4 Action:** Concur with the Executive Committee's February 12, 2026, recommendation to reappoint Erik Cushman, representing Business, to the MCWDB, and that the MCWDB forwards the appointment to the Board of Supervisors for final approval.

Attachments: [Consent 04 Erik Cushman - WDB](#)
[Consent 4a Erik Cushman's Application](#)

Cesar Lara

- 5 Action:** Concur with the Executive Committee's February 12, 2026, recommendation to reappoint Arpi Tanilian, representing Business, to the MCWDB, and that the MCWDB forwards the appointment to the Board of Supervisors for final approval.

Attachments: [Consent 05 Arpi Tanilian - WDB](#)
[Consent 5a Arpi Tanilian - Member Application](#)

Cesar Lara

- 6 Action:** Concur with the Executive Committee's February 12, 2026, recommendation to reappoint Efrain Aguilera, representing Labor, to the MCWDB, and that the MCWDB forwards the appointment to the Board of Supervisors for final approval.

Attachments: [Consent 06 Efrain Aguilera - WDB](#)
[Consent 6a Efrain Aguilera's Application](#)

Cesar Lara

- 7 Action:** Concur with the Executive Committee's February 12, 2026, recommendation to reappoint Justin McIntire, representing the State of California's Department of Rehabilitation, to the MCWDB, and that the MCWDB forwards the appointment to the Board of Supervisors for final approval.

Attachments: [Consent 07 Justin McIntire - WDB](#)
[Consent 7a Justin McIntire - Member Application](#)

Cesar Lara

- 8 Action:** Concur with the Executive Committee's January 15, 2026, recommendation to ratify its approval of the proposed amendments to the MCWDB's Bylaws.

Attachments: [Consent 08 Approval of Amendments to Bylaws](#)
[Consent 8a MCWDB Bylaws Amended February 10, 2026](#)

Cesar Lara

- 9 Action:** Concur with the Executive Committee's February 12, 2026, recommendation to consider

and approve the following WIOA policies:
#2026-01: Supportive Services Policy and Guidance

Attachments: [Consent 09 Approve Revised Supportive Service Policy and Guidance](#)
 [Consent 9a #2026-01 Supportive Services Policy and Guidance](#)

Cesar Lara

DISCUSSION OR REVIEW OF BUSINESS CALENDAR ACTION ITEMS:

Cesar Lara

1 Presentation: Deputy County Counsel Anne Brereton will provide a presentation on Senate Bill 707, the Brown Act Modernization Act of 2025.

Attachments: [Business 01 Presentation on SB 707 RMBAMA](#)

Anne Brereton

2 Action: Authorize the MCWDB, as an Eligible Subsidiary Body, to teleconference pursuant to Government Code Section 54953.8.6.

Attachments: [Business 02 Authorization to Teleconference per RMBAMA](#)
 [Business 2a Govt. Code Section 54953.8.6](#)

Elizabeth Kaylor

3 Update on Assembly Bill (AB) 339 implementation.

Attachments: [Business 03 Update on AB 339 Implementation](#)

Elizabeth Kaylor

4 Update on AB 642 and Local Area Rapid Response activities.

Attachments: [Business 04 Update on AB 642 and Local Area Rapid Response](#)

Chris Donnelly

5 Update on the Pajaro Small Business Assistance Program.

Attachments: [Business 05 Update on Pajaro Small Business Assistance Program](#)

Vanessa Kor

6 Update on the MCWDB's Fiscal Year 2025-26 2nd Quarter budget and expenditures.

Attachments: [Business 06 Update on MCWDB FY 2025-26 Q2 Budget](#)
[Business 6a Budget 2026 Presentation Period 1-6](#)

Daisy Fernandez

- 7 Discussion of the February 19, 2026, California Workforce Development Board Executive Director's visit to the workforce development boards of the central coast.

Attachments: [Business 07 CWDB Executive Director Visit](#)

Cesar Lara

- 8 Update on WIOA Adult, Dislocated Worker, and Youth programs.

Attachments: [Business 08 WIOA Program Updates](#)

Lucy Iracheta, Lourdes Luviano, Michael Artalejo

- 9 Discussion of the MCWDB's 2026-2028 Strategic Plan.

Attachments: [Business 09 Strategic Plan](#)

Cesar Lara

- 10 Update on Board members' workforce and business activities.

Attachments: [Business 10 Board Members' Workforce and Business Activities](#)

Individual Board Members

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Cesar Lara

ADJOURNMENT

Cesar Lara

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