County of Monterey

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

Meeting Agenda - Final

Special Workforce Development Board Meeting

Thursday, September 24, 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:

Erik Cushman

CHANGES TO AGENDA:

Erik Cushman

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

(Limited to 2 minutes per person)

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:
• Meeting of the Minds in Monterey
• Central Coast Workforce Development Board (WDB)
Directors' Presentation to the State WDB
Update on the High RoadSM Construction Careers (HRCC)
program.
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Chris Donnelly

CONSENT CALENDAR:

Erik Cushman

1 **ACTION:** Consider approval of minutes from the Special Monterey County Workforce Development Board (MCWDB) meeting of July 16, 2026.

Attachments: Consent 01 MCWDB Unadopted Minutes July 16, 2026

Erik Cushman

DISCUSSION OR REVIEW OF BUSINESS CALENDAR ACTION ITEMS:

Erik Cushman

1 Discussion of MCWDB's 2025-26 budget closeout.

Attachments: Business 01 MCWDBs 2025-26 Budget Closeout
Business 01a Budget 2026 Presentation Period 1-14

Daisy Fernandez

2 **ACTION:** Consider and approve the final 2026-27 MCWDB budget.

Attachments: Business 02 Approval of proposed 2026-27 MCWDB budget
Business 02a WIOA FY 26-27 Budget

Daisy Fernandez

3 **ACTION:** Nominations for and election of MCWDB Vice Chair and Second Vice Chair, for a three-year term.

Attachments: Business 03 Election of Vice Chair and Second Vice Chair

Erik Cushman

4 **ACTION:** Consider and approve the Request for Qualifications (RFQ) #10996 Evaluation Committee's selection of the following 19 qualified contractors for MCWDB's Local and Regional Consultant and Contractor Services List: American Institutes for Research; Brennan Workforce Consulting; BW Research Partnership, Inc.; Cuts & Coaching LLC; Drone, Aviation, and Robotics Technology (DART); Dynamic Works Institute; Emerald Ocean Insights LLC; High Road Alliance; Hightower Workforce Initiatives; Jan's Dreams; L.I.F.E. University, Inc.; Marcove Executive Training; Pat Davis Design Group; Plain Language International, Inc.; QA Commons; Rrecord Consulting Services LLC; Social Policy Research Associates; TAD Grants; and TW Trainz. LLC.

Attachments: Business 04 Approval of RFQ #10996 Selected Contractors

Vanessa Kor

5 Update on MCWDB's Strategic Plan and Annual Board Retreat.

Attachments: Business 05 2026-2028 Strategic Plan and Annual Board Retreat
Business 05a 2026-2028 Strategic Plan

Erik Cushman

6 Update on MCWDB's Community Builders Awards (CBA).

Attachments: Business 06 Update on 2026 Community Builders Awards (CBA)
Business 06a 2026 Community Builders Awards Ceremony Sponsorship Flyer

Vanessa Kor

7 Updates on Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA)

Adult, Dislocated Worker, and Youth programs.

Attachments: Business 07 Update on WIOA Adult, Dislocated Worker, and Youth programs

Lucy Iracheta, Michael Artalejo

8 Updates on Board members' workforce and business activities.

Attachments: Business 08 Board members' updates on workforce and business activities

Individual Board Members

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Erik Cushman

ADJOURNMENT

Erik Cushman

SUBCOMMITTEE MEETINGS: Executive: October 15, 2026 WDB MEETING October 29, 2026

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