

UNADOPTED MINUTES

Special Monterey County Workforce Development Board Executive Committee Meeting
America's Job Center of California, 344 Salinas Street, Suites 205 & 206, Salinas, CA 93901
Thursday, October 23, 2025

Members Present: Erik Cushman (Chair), Paula Calvetti, Cesar Lara

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Elizabeth Kaylor, Pearl Sanchez, Daisy Fernandez, Vanessa Kor

Call to Order/Introductions: Erik Cushman called the meeting to order at 9:06 a.m. A quorum was established.

Changes to Agenda: None

Public Comment: None

Director's Report: Executive Director Christopher Donnelly provided an update via Zoom on the impacts of the government shutdown on Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) funding.

Consent Calendar:

1. **ACTION:** Consider approval of minutes from the Special Monterey County Workforce Development Board (MCWDB) Executive Committee meeting on August 28, 2025.
A motion was made by Paula Calvetti to approve the minutes from August 28, 2025, seconded by Cesar Lara. Two AYES with Cesar Lara abstaining. Motion passed.

Discussion or Review of Business Calendar Action Items:

1. **ACTION:** Consider and approve the appointment of Omar Perez-Sandoval, representing Business, for a three-year term, and that the MCWDB forward the appointment to the Board of Supervisors for final approval.
A motion was made by Cesar Lara to approve the appointment of Omar Perez-Sandoval to the Workforce Development Board, seconded by Paula Calvetti. ALL AYES. Motion passed.
2. Chair Erik Cushman provided an update on the MCWDB's October 30, 2025, Board Retreat.
3. Management Analyst Vanessa Kor discussed MCWDB's Community Builder Awards ceremony scheduled for December 3, 2025. This item was heard out of order.
4. Finance Manager Daisy Fernandez presented an update on MCWDB's FY 2025-26 1st Quarter budget.
5. Vanessa Kor presented an update on the Pajaro Small Business Assistance program.
6. Vanessa Kor presented an update on 1st Quarter WIOA Adult, Dislocated Worker, and Youth program performance.
7. Service provider representatives Lucy Iracheta and Lourdes Luviano of Equus, and Michael Artalejo of Turning Point, provided updates on the MCWDB's Adult, Dislocated Worker, and Youth programs. This item was heard out of order.
8. Operations Manager Pearl Sanchez provided an update on Proposition 47 (2014) community services funding.
9. Executive Committee members provided updates on their workforce and business activities.

Adjournment: Meeting Adjourned at 9:58 am.