

UNADOPTED MINUTES

Monterey County Workforce Development Board Special Executive Committee Meeting

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

Thursday, February 12, 2026

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

Members Absent: None

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

Public Comment: None

Call to Order/Introductions: Erik Cushman called the meeting to order at 9:15 a.m. A quorum was established.

Changes to Agenda: None

Director's Report: Executive Director Chris Donnelly reported to the Executive Committee on Department of Labor, Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) funding and on the release of the WIOA One Stop Operator Request for Proposals (RFP).

CONSENT CALENDAR:

1. **Action:** Consider approval of minutes from the Monterey County Workforce Development Board (MCWDB) Executive Committee meeting on January 15, 2026.
A motion was made by Cesar Lara to approve the minutes for the Executive Committee meeting on January 15, 2026, seconded by Paula Calvetti. Motion passed.

Discussion or Review of Business Calendar Action Items:

1. **ACTION:** Consider and approve the reappointment of Erik Cushman, representing Business, for a three-year term, and that the MCWDB forward the reappointment to the Board of Supervisors for final approval.
2. **ACTION:** Consider and approve the reappointment of Efrain Aguilera, representing Labor, for a three-year term, and that the MCWDB forward the reappointment to the Board of Supervisors for final approval.
3. **ACTION:** Consider and approve the reappointment of Arpi Tanilian, representing Business, for a three-year term, and that the MCWDB forward the reappointment to the Board of Supervisors for final approval.
4. **ACTION:** Consider and approve the reappointment of Justin McIntire, representing California's Department of Rehabilitation, for a three-year term, and that the MCWDB forward the reappointment to the Board of Supervisors for final approval.
A motion was made by Cesar Lara to approve Items 1 through 4 on the Business Calendar, seconded by Paula Calvetti. Motion passed.
5. **ACTION:** Consider and approve WDB Policy #2026-01, Supportive Services Policy and Guidance.
A motion was made by Cesar Lara to approve WDB Policy #2026-01, Supportive Services Policy and Guidance, seconded by Paula Calvetti. Motion passed.
6. The Executive Committee welcomed its new member, Larry Hartman.
7. The Executive Director provided an update on the CWDB Executive Director's visit to the workforce development boards of the Central Coast.
8. The Executive Director discussed MCWDB's 2026-2028 Strategic Plan with the Executive Committee.
9. Management Analyst Elizabeth Kaylor provided implementation information on Assembly Bill (AB) 339.
10. The Executive Director discussed AB 642, State Rapid Response legislation, and provided an update on local Rapid Response activities.
11. Management Analyst Vanessa Kor provided an update on the Pajaro Business Relief Program.
12. Finance Manager Daisy Fernandez provided an update on MCWDB's 2025-26 2nd Quarter budget.
13. Lucy Iracheta from Equus's Adult/Dislocated Worker program, Lourdes Luviano from Equus' Youth program, and Michael Artalejo from Turning Point's Youth program provided updates on the WIOA Adult, Dislocated Worker, and Youth programs.
14. Management Analyst Vanessa Kor provided an update on WIOA Adult, Dislocated Worker, and Youth program performance.

15. Updates on Executive Committee members' workforce and business activities were postponed to a future meeting.

Adjournment: Chair Erik Cushman adjourned the meeting at approximately 10:50 a.m.