

UNADOPTED MINUTES

Monterey County Workforce Development Board Executive Committee Meeting
America's Job Center of California, 344 Salinas Street, Suites 205 & 206, Salinas, CA 93901
Thursday, March 20, 2025

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

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Chris Donnelly, Elizabeth Kaylor, Pearl Sanchez, Daisy Fernandez, Vanessa Kor, and Linda Avakian

Public Comment: None

Call to Order/Introductions: Erik Cushman called the meeting to order at 9:04 a.m. A quorum was established.

Changes to Agenda: None

Director's Report: Executive Director Christopher Donnelly presented information on the following topics:

- The new owners of 344 Salinas Street building
- The Local and Regional Plans for 2025-28
- California Workforce Association (CWA) Quarterly Director Meeting Update

Consent Calendar:

1. **ACTION:** Consider approval of minutes from the Monterey County Workforce Development Board (MCWDB) Executive Committee meeting on January 16, 2025.
A motion was made by Cesar Lara to approve the Consent Calendar, seconded by Paula Calvetti. ALL AYES. Motion passed.

Discussion or Review of Business Calendar Action Items:

1. **ACTION:** Consider and approve the appointment of Alma Diaz, representing The State of California's Employment Development Department (EDD) and filling an unexpired EDD/Wagner-Peyser representative's term, to the MCWDB for a term to expire on April 18, 2026, 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 Alma Diaz to the Workforce Development Board, seconded by Paula Calvetti. ALL AYES. Motion passed.
2. **ACTION:** Consider and approve the appointment of Mark Faylor, representing Business to the MCWDB 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 Mark Faylor to the Workforce Development Board, seconded by Paula Calvetti. ALL AYES. Motion passed.
3. **ACTION:** Consider and approve the appointment of Salvador Munoz, representing Business, and filling an unexpired previous representative's term to the MCWDB for a term to expire on June 21, 2025, 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 Salvador Munoz to the Workforce Development Board, seconded by Paula Calvetti. ALL AYES. Motion passed.
4. **ACTION:** Consider and approve the submittal of the Workforce and Opportunity Act (WIOA) Application for Local Area Subsequent Designation and Local Board Recertification Application for Program Years 2025-27.
A motion was made by Paula Calvetti to approve the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) Application for Local Area Subsequent Designation and Local Board Recertification Application for Program Years 2025-27, seconded by Cesar Lara. ALL AYES. Motion passed.
5. Finance Manager Daisy Fernandez provided an update on the 3rd quarter budget expenditures.

6. Management Analyst Pearl Sanchez presented information on the recent subrecipient corrective actions issued to Equus Workforce Solutions and Turning Point of Central California relating to their 2024-25 contractual performance.
7. Pearl Sanchez presented information regarding EDD's upcoming 2023-24 Local Area program, fiscal, and procurement monitoring and internal program and fiscal monitoring of Equus and Turning Point for program year 2024-25.
8. Service providers Melineh Kocharian and Lourdes Luviano of Equus, and Michael Artalejo of Turning Point gave an update on the WDB's Adult, Dislocated Worker, and Youth program.
9. Board members provided updates on workforce and business activities.

Adjournment: Mr. Erik Cushman adjourned the meeting at 10:32 a.m.