
UNADOPTED MINUTES

Special Monterey County Workforce Development Board Meeting

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

Tuesday, April 8, 2025

Members Present: Erik Cushman (Chair), Cesar Lara, Casey Van Den Heuvel, Efrain Aguilera, Josh Metz, Mark Faylor, and Supervisor Luis Alejo

Members Absent: Denise Dorsey, Michael Gutierrez, Paula Calvetti, Roger Gilbert

Staff Present: Pearl Sanchez, Elizabeth Kaylor, Daisy Fernandez, and Linda Avakian

Public Comment: None

Call to Order/Introductions: Erik Cushman called the meeting to order at 9:16 a.m. and asked for introductions. A quorum was established.

Changes to Agenda: None

Consent Calendar:

1. **ACTION:** Consider approval of minutes from the Monterey County Workforce Development Board (MCWDB) meeting of January 23, 2025.
2. **ACTION:** Concur with the Executive Committee's March 20, 2025, recommendation to approve the appointment of Alma Diaz, State of California Employment Development Department (EDD).
3. **ACTION:** Concur with the Executive Committee's March 20, 2025, recommendation to approve the reappointment of Mark Faylor, Peninsula Business Interiors, representing Business, to the WCWDB.
4. **ACTION:** Concur with the Executive Committee's March 20, 2025 recommendation to approve the appointment of Salvador Munoz, S. Munoz and Associates Architects, representing Business, to the MCWDB.
5. **ACTION:** Ratify the Executive Committee's March 20, 2025, recommendation to approve the submittal of the WIOA Application for Local Area Subsequent Designation and Local Board Recertification for Program Years (PY) 2025-27.

A motion was made by Casey Van Den Heuvel to approve all items on the Consent Calendar, seconded by Josh Metz. ALL AYES. Motion passed.

Discussion or Review of Business Calendar Action Items:

1. **PRESENTATION:** Staff will provide a demonstration of Transfr Virtual Reality (VR) goggles for VR career exploration. The presentation was cancelled due to lack of time.
2. **ACTION:** Approve the submittal of the WIOA Local and Regional Plans for 2025-28.
A motion was made by Cesar Lara to approve the submittal of the Local and Regional Plans, seconded by Mark Faylor. ALL AYES. Motion passed.
3. Finance Manager Daisy Fernandez gave an update on MCWDB's 3rd Quarter expenditures.
4. Executive Director Chris Donnelly gave an update on Pajaro Business Relief Program.
5. Operations Manager Pearl Sanchez discussed recent requests for corrective actions issued to Equus Workforce Solutions and Turning Point of Central California relating to their 2024-25 performance.
6. Pearl Sanchez discussed EDD's upcoming 2023-24 Local Area program, fiscal and procurement monitoring, and internal program and fiscal monitoring of Equus and Turning Point for 2024-25.
7. One Stop Operator Elizabeth Alvarez gave an update on the MCWDB's One-Stop Operator program.
8. A program update was provided by WIOA funding subrecipient representatives of the Adult, Dislocated Worker, and Youth Programs.
9. Board members provided updates on workforce and business activities.

Adjournment: Mr. Erik Cushman adjourned the meeting at 11:06 a.m.

