



Tim Rainey,  
Executive Director

**CALIFORNIA WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD  
MEETING NOTICE**

Gavin Newsom,  
Governor

Angelo Farooq,  
Chair

**Wednesday, May 18, 2022  
10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.**

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California Department of Rehabilitation  
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**Conference Room #242**

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**CALIFORNIA WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD  
MEETING AGENDA**

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10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.**

**1. Welcome and Opening Remarks**

**2. Action Items**

- a. Approve February 23, 2022 meeting summary

PUBLIC COMMENT

**3. Updates and Discussion**

- a. Labor Agency Update

PUBLIC COMMENT

**4. Initiative Updates**

- a. High Road Field Team
- b. Program Implementation Team
- c. Policy, Legislation & Research Team

PUBLIC COMMENT

**5. Local Workforce Board Update**

**6. Other Business**

**7. General Public Comments**

**Adjourn**

**Item 2a**

**Actions:**

**Approve the Board meeting summary from February 23, 2022.**

**CALIFORNIA WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD**

**FULL BOARD MEETING SUMMARY**

**(February 23, 2021)**

The entire meeting is available to view on the CWDB YouTube channel

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC8j2IMLyol-6ifdLHGTXLiQ>

**Members Present:**

- Dr. Angelo Farooq, Chair
- Mr. Jamil Dada
- Mr. Bob Redlo
- Mr. Bruce Stenslie
- Ms. Nancy Farias
- Mr. Stewart Knox for Sec. Natalie Palugyai
- Hon. Rudy Salas
- Hon. Kevin Mullin
- Hon. Connie Leyva
- Mr. Kamyar Amiri-Davini
- Mr. Mark Arabo
- Mr. Jason Haider
- Mr. Jim Suennen for Sec. Mark Ghaly
- Mr. John Brauer
- Mr. Chuck Riojas
- Mr. Larry Frank
- Mr. Joe Xavier
- Ms. Lee Ann Eager
- Ms. Hilary Lentini
- Ms. Laura Long
- Ms. Gloria Young
- Mr. Avin Sharma
- Mr. Dean Fealk
- Ms. Nicole Rice
- Ms. Annette Smith-Doring
- Mr. Jeremy Smith
- Joseph Williams

**Special Guests:**

- Ms. Priscilla Lopez, Executive Director, Imperial County Workforce Board

## 1. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Chairman Farooq called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.

Chairman Farooq provided instructions on how the Zoom meeting works and how to provide public comment.

## 2. ACTION ITEMS

a. **Approve December 1, 2021 Meeting Summary**

Motioned by Jamil Dada, Gloria Young seconded. All in favor. Meeting summary was approved.

- b. **LA County Workforce/Foothill Local Area modification for approval:** The Los Angeles County LWDB submitted an official Local Area modification request to transfer the City of Monrovia from the Foothill Local Area to the Los Angeles County Local Area. Marissa Clark provided some additional information on this modification. Anthony Crouch from EDD helped get the background information together for this modification request. The board must formally approve or deny this request. At our February 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting, this request was presented to our Executive Committee. The request was reviewed by our Executive Committee and recommended for approval. With approval, the request will go to Labor Secretary Natalie Palugyia for final action on behalf of the Governor.

There are no questions from the group. Joseph Williams moved to approve. Annette Smith seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

No public comment

Mr. Farooq welcome Nancy Farias, the new EDD Director. Ms. Farias thanked everyone for the welcome and stated she was happy to be a part of the meeting.

## 3. UPDATES AND DISCUSSION

a. **STATE LABOR AGENCY UPDATE**

Ms. Abby Snay provided the State Labor Agency update. Budget investments are going to the labor agency and fall under five main categories:

**Healthcare:** \$1.7 billion investment in the healthcare industry. Funding going through EDD of \$600 million would train justice-involved youth.

Comprehensive/short-term training working as EMTs on a paramedic track in

Alameda County. Fill the needs across the state as emergency medical technicians. \$340 million is coming to the state board for high road partnerships. See where there are gaps for training.

**Climate Justice:** \$110 million over three years for the Port of Los Angeles. \$50 million under the Workforce Services Branch to address the needs of oil and gas workers. \$15 million under the CWDB to develop a well-capping workforce training pilot program.

**Immigrant Workforce:** \$30 million under the Workforce Services Branch to accelerate integrated education and training for English Language Learners not in the workforce. \$20 million under the Employment Training Panel for employers to build skilled workforces, increase employee retention, and provide pathways to good jobs for immigrants.

**UI Transformation:** \$3 billion over two years to pay down California's Unemployment Insurance Debt to the Federal Government. \$186.5 million over three years to provide continued funding to combat fraud, manage the workload surge and backlog, and improve the claimant experience for Californians filing for benefit payments. \$16.3 million over two years to support and enhance EDD cybersecurity, fraud mitigation, suspicious activity monitoring, and staff training.

**Worker Protection:** Governor Newsom signed worker protection legislation related to safety, health, wages/pay, and hours worked across various sectors, including the construction industry. \$20 million over two years to the Department of Industrial Relations resources to implement and enforce these policies. \$650,000 for the Division of Labor Standards Enforcement to invest in an interdisciplinary outreach campaign called "Reaching Every Californian." Enhancing ongoing outreach to workers and communities.

Mr. Tim Rainey dove deeper into the five items that are proposed for the State Workforce Board. The aim is to build at least one HRTP/HRCC in each major sector, in every corner of California. \$340 million over three years. Targeting those occupations that don't require four-year degrees. Actually working with the department of conservation. Capping oil wells and building pathways to those jobs. Oil capping work requires work in similar construction trades. The hope is to transition current workers and displaced workers into this type of work.

Mr. Avin Sharma stated that he has worked for the Port of Los Angeles for 4 ½ years. The port is looking at its role in the goods movement industry, which is

not known for its job development/creation. It is one of the first H RTP partners in the state though. They had a successful pilot program, now looking to take it to the next level. They would like to inject the H RTP philosophy into the whole industry. Two areas that need to be focused on in the industry are safety and sustainability. In terms of safety, it is difficult because there is not a dedicated campus or live terminals for training. In 2022, there have already been three fatalities at our terminals. There are no quite days at the port anymore, so there are no opportunities to train crane operators. We need to provide a safe environment for training, including trucking and warehousing. How do we remove some of the barriers to entry? Need to look into no cost or low cost training. Sustainability will be about re-skilling and up-skilling projects. Ports have committed that by 2030, they will be zero emission. We need to have a trained workforce to handle these technologies. We want to make sure our workers are trained on the zero emission cargo handling equipment. Mr. Rainey added that AB639 created an industry panel at the Port of Los Angeles on automation. We are putting the industry panel together and looking to meet very soon. UCLA is facilitating the process. The automation process report is due to the legislature in July of 2023.

Bob Redlo: So excited for the proposed money for healthcare. So much opportunity for us. The paramedic program is tied closely to the EMT program, but they are very different. There is a lot of opportunity for paramedics. We want to make sure there is funding for EMTs, but also a career pathway to be a paramedic. Paramedics can make double our triple what EMTs make.

Abby Snay: It is important to frame this initiative, which is greater than the sum of its parts. Also important to show the mobility of and among programs. In Alameda County, we are learning that EMTs are being used in a different way, i.e. homeless shelters, etc.

**b. STAFFING UPDATE**

Curtis Notsinneh reported that the CWDB had added 20 positions as a part of last year's budget and just trying to keep up with staffing. The team did have some departures: Cindy Harrington, Emily Sunahara. But, we have been able to fill many of these positions internally. We welcomed Anna Champe as our new Communications Manager. It is great to have some dedicated capacity. Also welcomed Evelyn Kuzmenko as a new IT staffer. Very busy in many departments. Lots of finance. Lots of contracts. The new capacity is welcome.

**c. YOUTH POLICY UPDATE**

Pradeep Kotamraju reported that a survey was recently conducted with local workforce boards around youth policy. The team also reviewed the local plans from these boards. After reviewing these plans, all the LWBs met the required element, but several went above and beyond. Those that did go above and beyond

partnered with businesses and other partners. The team is also working on a policy brief. The brief is looking at how we can create a taxonomy on how youth services are approached.

#### 4. INITIATIVE UPDATES:

##### i. **Policy Legislation and Research**

Pradeep Kotamraju reported that the Data Management team is finishing up the work on a few reports. One is the Metrics Workforce Dashboard report, and the other is the CAL-Skills Impact report done by the California Policy Lab. Both reports meet the legislative requirement. These reports look at outputs guided by seven state agencies and 11 training programs. Reports are now going through the Labor Agency for internal review. Getting them accessible right now for the website and should be sent to the legislature by the end of this month. In addition, there is a lot of work going on in getting the CAL-Skills database infrastructure from the 20th century to the 21st century by moving all of the data to the cloud. In addition the team is developing new MOU's for all of our partners and expanding that. Also researching several platforms for analytical tools for reporting. EDD is a critical partner in all of this work. State partnership team is also working on building out non-WIOA and WIOA partnership goals and regional coordination.

##### ii. **Program Implementation**

Joelle Hurst reported that the Workforce Accelerator Fund 8.0 closes in March. The WAF 9.0 had a well-attended community of practice earlier this month. Chan Saecho is now a Program Manager with the CWDB. The Regional Equity program went live last week and applications are due April 22. There are 18 project awards, totaling just over \$10.5 million. AB1111 closes in March. For P2E, there is a Summit scheduled for March 1. This program also ends in March. HRCC had an allocation in the 2022 budget and leftover SB1 funds. There will be a rolling fund and have it available on Salesforce in late spring.

##### iii. **High Road Field Team**

Aida Cardenas reported that HRCC had its first community of practice convening to share best practices. Bringing them together has been proven to be a great benefit to our partners. Lumina Foundation is investing in three HRCCs. Breaking barriers in access to mechanical careers, including Vocational ESL and Vocational Math. The team is also expanding our partners and stakeholders. Providing private and public partnerships.

The field team has been working on potential new High Road partnerships. Working with projects to incorporate worker voice and equity. Pointing

them to other projects that may have other components they might be interested in. Also, making sure we are steps ahead in implementation of the work. Looking at strategies as a means for equity, equality and environmental impacts. Have been working closely with Joelle's team and Salesforce team to make the proposal process easier. In December, the team had the opening of a training center for tree trimming project in Woodland. Will see thousands of workers trained there in the coming years. Also in December had a visit to the Inland Empire and invited Secretary Palugyia to show her the projects in the Inland Empire. Aida shared a slideshow of the Inland Empire visit. Able to impact and scale when we are able to build. It is our opportunity now to make big moves in terms of industry change. There is a lot of work ahead of us still.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

No public comments

## **5. LOCAL WORKFORCE BOARD UPDATE**

**Priscilla Lopez, Executive Director– Imperial County Workforce Board:** Ms. Lopez reported on the work the Imperial County Workforce Board has been focused on. Main area has been the Lithium extraction industry. Because of the move to electric vehicles for California going forward, this area is really excited to focus on this project. They are excited to get it done and get it done correctly. They have gathered industry professionals around Lithium extraction and the companies that are coming in to do this work. Everyone has really been engaged. Really looking into a career pathway for our youth and others that are unemployed.

She stated they want to be ready and developed when these industry professionals open their doors and have really looked into the need. IBC jumped in right off the bat. Everything is still in its infancy but moving quickly. It is very exciting, and want to do it correctly. The area is predominantly Hispanic: 80%. The area is focused on addressing the specific needs and making sure they are in the schools. They are trying to expand and teach the area's youth that there is a resource there for them in Imperial County. It would be even more exciting to get a University here.

#### **OTHER BUSINESS**

Mr. Farooq reminded the Board members about Form 700. If they haven't received it, they can reach out to Jeff Jacobstein.

On April, 20, there will be a special meeting to discuss HRTP and HRCC. The next Full Board Meeting is on May 4, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. The next meeting will be a mix. Will be in-person, but also virtual.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

No Public Comment

**Zoom Comments**

10:00:26 From Priscilla Lopez to Everyone:

Good morning!

10:11:34 From Jim Suennen, CalHHS Agency (he, him) to Everyone:

Welcome, Nancy!

10:12:20 From Anette Smith to Everyone:

Nancy, thank you for being here!

10:20:14 From Mark Arabo to Everyone:

Hi everyone- hope your doing great. Having WIFI issues but I'm on the call.  
Grateful

10:21:22 From Bruce Stenslie, EDC to Everyone:

Thanks so much for the overview. Tim, Abby, could this summary document be sent to us also, for sharing with our local partners?

10:21:35 From Gloria Young to Everyone:

Speak

10:24:02 From Bob Redlo, (he,him) to Everyone:

Wish to speak on Abby's great presentation !!!

10:25:35 From Anette Smith to Everyone:

RN point of entry can still be a community college

10:46:13 From Hilary Lentini - Lentini Design & Marketing, Inc. to Everyone:

welcome new team members!

11:00:05 From ABBY SNAY to Everyone:

I am sorry I have to leave for another meeting. Thank you all for everything you do for California's workforce!

11:03:58 From Curtis Notsinne, CWDB to Everyone:

[https://cwdb.ca.gov/p2e\\_summit/](https://cwdb.ca.gov/p2e_summit/)

11:23:29 From Bob Redlo, (he,him) to Everyone:

Tim, in other business, is there any information coming out on our requirements on form 700's or required training for members,

11:24:54 From Clemente Vizcarra to Everyone:

Board members will be receiving an email to register to the portal to complete the Form 700 online

11:25:11 From JJacobstein to Everyone:

Board Members should have received a notification from the FPPC regarding your form 700 filing requirements. If you have not, please email me (Jeffrey.jacobstein@cwdb.ca.gov) and I will look into it for you.

11:27:03 From Clemente Vizcarra to Everyone:

Form 700 needs to be completed by March 18, 2022

11:29:31 From Lee Ann Eager, Fresno EDC to Everyone:

Are we expecting the May meeting to be in person with virtual option?

11:30:54 From JJacobstein to Everyone:

No public comments from YouTube.

11:31:04 From Hilary Lentini - Lentini Design & Marketing, Inc. to Everyone:

Thank you!