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**CALIFORNIA WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD  
MEETING NOTICE**

Gavin Newsom,  
Governor

Angelo Farooq,  
Chair

**Wednesday, March 22, 2023  
10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.**

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**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 November 16, 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. Other Business**

**6. General Public Comments**

**Adjourn**

## CALIFORNIA WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD

### FULL BOARD MEETING SUMMARY

(November 16, 2022)

The entire meeting is available to view on the CWDB YouTube Channel.

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9FKWEpv\\_ufg](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9FKWEpv_ufg)

#### Members Present:

- Chairman, Angelo Farooq
- Lee Ann Eager
- Diane Factor
- Gloria Young
- Laurence Frank
- Charles Rojas
- Jamil Dada
- Nancy Farias
- Joe Xavier
- John Brauer
- Mark Arabo
- Jim Suennen
- Robert Redlo
- Arvin Sharma
- Joseph Williams

## 1. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Chairman Farooq called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m. and explained how the Zoom meeting worked. To confirm the quorum, roll call was held.

Only Board Members invited guests, and staff will be present at the meeting, either in person or by Zoom. The public can view the live stream via YouTube or in person. Public comment is open at [Boardpubliccomment@cwdb.ca.gov](mailto:Boardpubliccomment@cwdb.ca.gov) or by being recognized by the chairperson. All emails will be read aloud and included in the meeting minutes.

## 2. ACTION ITEMS

a. Approve August 31, 2022 Meeting Summary.

Jamil Dada moved to approve, seconded by Nancy Farias. Passed without objection. The meeting summary was approved.

**NO PUBLIC COMMENT.**

## 3. UPDATES AND DISCUSSION

a. Labor Agency Update:

- Tim Rainey and Curtis Notsinneh attended President Biden's Infrastructure Pipeline Challenge on behalf of the California Workforce Development Board. The event highlighted the role of organized labor and building trades. The Biden-Harris administration is pushing for infrastructure and huge investments in California. The role of organized labor and the building trades, and CWDB's work in these areas were highlighted during the meeting. The work being done in California is setting up the infrastructure to get more people access to good quality jobs. Mr. Rainey reported that many workforce departments throughout the United States know about CWDB programs and are looking to California for ideas. Sam Lewis from the Anti-Recidivism Coalition attended the conference. They also had several conversations with the North American Building Trades Unions who worked with them on the MC3 work.
- Abby Snay (Labor Agency update) reported that the Community Economic Resiliency Relief fund gave \$5 million would go to each of 13 regions in California who have plans to help develop an inclusive economic plan for a carbon-neutral economy by addressing equity and transition. 11 plans have been awarded. OPR also setting up the next phase of funding for early implementation funding. Listening sessions for the next phase of funding will be held soon.

Funding guidelines for healthcare advancement: Getting ready for contract submission in January 2023. What's new is that fund dollars for employers who would otherwise not be eligible, are now eligible. This includes larger systems. Outcomes will also be tied to career advancement. EMS core component of the initiative has 12 components. They are shaping an overall initiative that is greater than the sum of its parts. EMS core aims to replicate successful program of

Alameda County for youth. A solicitation will be released in the next few weeks to identify 10 counties around California for replication.

The General Fund dollars for California Employment Training ETP funding will focus on career advancement. There are 12 different program elements in the initiative. For example, in Alameda, there is a program for at-risk youth to be trained as Emergency Medical Service providers.

There is also 130 Million for ELL for preparation for health care. Generous private companies, and adding the Department of Education will help shape and find innovative models they hope to release in 2023.

On December 5, the Assistant Deputy Secretary for Health Care Workforce, Jessica Pitt will be sworn into office.

The Workforce Services branch of the Employment Development Department, is working with WIOA 15 percent dollars on a population focus. The Equity Target Pop Fund I is out now for those who have challenges to employment. In the next few weeks, another solicitation will be released targeting homelessness and transition support for people that don't have work experience or recent experience to help be successful with the transition.

Working with Labor Climate Justice Coalitions on 40 Million awarded for O and G displacement. Team of researchers at Harvard that are building on work done and on getting a plan in place.

Happy National Apprenticeship Week. The proposed form for Healthcare and Innovations is out for public comment.

The agency is working with a team of researchers at the State Board of Education to pilot and test a few specific programs and to develop a system with a focus on male recruitment to create a pipeline for training.

- Discussion by Tim Rainey- Tied to the trip to DC was a conversation with Cal-Trans about investing dollars and getting people into good jobs. This was a very robust conversation led by Sec. Palugyai. Tim believes that CWDB will need to provide some guidance. Ensuring that the investments are creating the right type of jobs is not new to CWDB.

- Curtis Notsinneh reported that in 2018, the legislature passed and the Governor signed a bill requiring the California Department of Corrections to use the Multi-Craft Core Curriculum (MC3) program in all of their Career Technical Education (CTE) programs (inside of California Department of Corrections (CDCRs), in all 35 institutions). CDCR, Tim, Curtis, and others, including local Community-Based Life Skills programs and other partners in the field, formed a working group. They worked with CDCR to implement a plan and standards to help implement the program. It has been successful and has been implemented in all 35 institutions. CDCR did a great job partnering and training teachers to become certified in MC3.
- Bylaws Modification: Chairman Farooq introduced an informational modification; no action is needed.

The U.S. Department of Labor recently conducted a review of our state board and found that for compliance with federal law, the Board's bylaws need to be modified:

- 1) Term limits- How the term limits will be staggered
- 2) The process to notify the Governor of a vacancy to ensure a prompt nominee, and
- 3) The use of technology (web-based meetings) to promote meeting participation

To resolve these items, the bylaws will be updated, and then they will be sent back to the Department of Labor. A clarification on the term limits and actual requirements will be needed, or we need to acknowledge and address the terms in the bylaws. Then, we will consult the Labor Secretary and the Governor's office and draft amendments to the bylaws to address missing criteria. Lastly, we will present amended bylaws to the Executive Committee for review and approval to take to the full Board for adoption.

### **c. Public Comment**

None.

## **4. INITIATIVE UPDATES:**

### **a. High Road Field Team**

- Tim Rainey reported for Sandra Hamameh. The field team is focusing on helping new programs with applications and working with grantees to help ensure their success. High Road Training Partnership (H RTP) dollars are in a revolving fund; the team is accepting ongoing applications and can move money more efficiently and effectively to use the fund.
- The Low Carbon Workforce money with oil and gas funding is out for applications. There is also H RTP money available for funding partnerships.
- The H RTP Fund is collaborating with foundations in Irvine that want to invest in highway partnerships. Rainey reported that there has not been this level of collaboration with foundations at the state level, and it will be a good opportunity for California.
- On a parallel track, Lumina is also doing the same thing by investing in High Road Construction Careers. There has been a real focus on community colleges and using them for training with math remediation and getting credit for pre-apprenticeships in MC3 programs. This is a very small program right now, but are hoping to grow.

#### **b. Program Implementation**

- Joelle Ball reported that the Workforce Accelerator Fund 11 is reviewing applications. Breaking Barriers and Prison to Employment projects that were recommended for awards are in the approval process. The H RTP Resilient Workforce Fund will have the first rewards in the next few weeks. H RTP is closed and under enhancements but will re-open in mid-January.

#### **c. Policy, Legislation, and Research**

- Pradeep Kotamraju reported that there are four strands in PLR department and they are working at two levels: WIOA on the implementation of the law and with state partner agencies to collaborate on different aspects, including funding and scoring grants. The state partnerships team is also working on Prison Reentry, Health and Human Services Agency, and Interagency Counsel on Homelessness. The theme is to look at job quality standards on these agencies. CWDB is finalizing the WIOA annual report and is due to the U.S. Department of Labor by December 1.
- The DATA Administration team is close to completing the move of CAAL-Skills to the cloud infrastructure. The CAAL-Skills team is working with the Policy Lab to move to the next phase of evaluations for CAAL-Skills 2.0. The focus will be on different work streams and on enhancing the evaluation work.



- The research team has completed four third-party evaluations: the CalSKLS impact report, AJCC, AB11, and the RPI 3.0 report. The team is moving to the next phase of third-party evaluations with the Regional Equity and Recovery, Reentry populations with UC Riverside, and Breaking Barriers. These will all be online in 2023.
- There is an additional grant in Breaking Barriers. All of these will be found online in 2023.
- Legislation: Currently in hiatus, but from past session, there are eight chapter bills affected CWDB during the most recent legislative session: Four in the Assembly and four in the Senate. The topics ranged from looking at procurement standards, particularly with High Road work and the climate area, to improvements to data collection. Some chapter bills required further work by CWDB, and others are being worked on with other agencies and third parties. They cover three different areas such as data enhancement, wage and employment, and climate.
- Also discussing funding for youth, and moving forward given what happened in the last budget.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

Bob Redlo: Asked whether there was any progress regarding discussion about a common forum to report on, because different funds have different reporting standards. Mr. Rainey confirmed that the issue is being worked on, and although it is painstaking work, it will be ideal to have everything available in one place. Mr. Notisinnah reported that they are looking at common themes and variables they can apply for consistency.

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

No report for this meeting.

### **Other Business**

The 2023 meeting calendar is not out yet but is currently being worked on. This is a standing item on agenda and a good way to have finger on pulse of LWD.

### **Public Comments**

No public comments or YouTube comments.

Jamil Dada moved to adjourn – Nancy Farias seconded.

Meeting adjourned at 10:57 a.m.