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**CALIFORNIA WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING NOTICE**

Gavin Newsom,
Governor

Angelo Farooq,
Chair

**Wednesday, June 7, 2023
10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.**

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**CALIFORNIA WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA**

**Wednesday, June 7, 2023
10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.**

1. Welcome and Opening Remarks

2. Action Items

- a. Approve November 2, 2022 meeting summary

PUBLIC COMMENT

3. Updates and Discussion

- a. Labor Agency Update

PUBLIC COMMENT

4. Initiative Updates

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

5. Other Business

6. General Public Comments

Adjourn

**CALIFORNIA WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING SUMMARY**

Wednesday, November 9, 2022

10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Members Present

Dr. Angelo Farooq

Abby Snay

Diane Factor

Jamil Dada

Nancy Farias

Jeremy Smith

Joseph Williams

Carol Zabin

Bob Redlo

Due to technical difficulties, the first ten minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting were not live recorded through YouTube. The following written minutes memorialize only the recorded meeting.

1. Welcome and Opening Remarks

Chairman Angelo Farooq opened the meeting at 10:00 a.m. A quorum was established.

Chairman Farooq gave instructions on how the Zoom meeting works and how to provide public comment. Public comment was opened and accepted via email at BoardPublicComment@cwdb.ca.gov. He advised the Executive Team that anything typed in the chat would be included in the meeting summary as a public record.

Public Comments: There was no public comment.

2. Action Items

The August 3, 2022, meeting summary was approved.

Public Comment

None

3. Updates and Discussion

Abby Snay provided updates on various topics:

- **Healthcare Workforce Initiative:** Funded in last year's budget at \$1.4 billion. The funding is moving forward to get out into the community.
- **Employment Training Panel Workforce:** The guidelines for funding were released earlier this week. The funding promotes and encourages employer partners who could benefit from training and otherwise would not be eligible.

Solicitation for an intermediary for an Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) core is in process and will hopefully release in the next few weeks.

- **High Road Training Partnerships (H RTP) Healthcare:** The H RTP Healthcare Partnerships is being formed, and the California Health & Human Services Partners have a Request for Information (RFI) out for Clinical Nurse Specialist (CNS) assistant training.

Health care initiatives totaling \$130 million for English Language Learners are still available, Proposition 98 dollars that go through the Adult Education system. The National Skills Coalition, through private philanthropic funding, was brought in to facilitate a working group. The goal is to have this money go out in a way that spurs innovation, equity, and access to English Language Learners. This funding helps promote powerful outcomes for the increased healthcare integration model in the state. Solicitation or application for funding should be out after the first of the new year.

The Governor announced the new appointee for the Assistant Secretary for Health Care Workforce. Jessica Pill will be sworn in on December 5.

- Workforce Services Branch: A solicitation is out now for equity target population funds that focus on veterans, people with disabilities, and other groups that have traditionally been left behind. This includes robust training and selective employer partnerships that can move people into good jobs.

Another funding release will launch over the next few weeks, targeting at-risk or homeless people. The funding will focus on employment social enterprise. It will target support services and transition support for workers to retain and transition into permanent jobs or training for competitive jobs.

- Labor Agency: The Labor Agency has been working with stakeholders in labor, such as steelworkers, the climate focus coalition, etc., planning for the \$40 million approved in last year's budget for displaced oil and gas workers' transition. Students from the Harvard Kennedy School will be conducting research to identify employment trends, projected layoffs, and likely changes that can keep wages relatively stable. They will also make recommendations for funding. Solicitations are anticipated to come out by the end of the first quarter or early April 2023.
- Apprenticeship: The Apprenticeship Innovation Fund framework is out for public comment. We hope this will be an ongoing funding source for non-traditional jobs where they hope to see expansion. It also helps increase the rate for related and supplement Rehabilitation Services Administration (RSA) dollars to put them on par with other reimbursements for other community college courses. The agency is currently working on designing a system for teacher apprenticeships. The goal is to solidify apprenticeship programs as a pipeline for teacher credentialing programs to increase the pool of teachers and to have more teachers that will look like the students that teach. This will provide pathways into teacher credentialing for those who can't take time off and are not paid for training.
- Tim Rainey and Curtis Notsinneh attended President Biden's Infrastructure Pipe Challenge on behalf of the CWDB. 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.

- 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.

Public Comment

None

4. Initiatives Update

Policy, Research, and Legislation

- Research: The first round of evaluations has moved to the second round of evaluations in CAAL-Skills. The Dashboard Report and America's Job Center of California are on the website now. Assembly Bill 1111, Breaking Barriers, and RPI 3.0 are in the final stages. The staff is developing concept papers and working with UC Berkeley on job quality, which should be ready early next year.

Tim Rainey reported that the CWDB is working very closely with Jen Sturdy to tighten up evaluation work across departments and create

products in which we can understand what is working and what is not – all of which will impact the program and policy.

- **Policy:** Mr. Kotamraju’s team has re-introduced waiver applications based on several requests by local boards. The Youth Waiver deadline was extended. The team is also currently working on the updated bylaws.
- **Legislation:** 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.
- **Data Administration/Management:** The team is working on moving CAAL-Skills to the cloud, which should be implemented by next year. Data agreements with different agency partners have also been worked on.

Program Implementation

- Joelle Ball reported that Accelerator 11 has closed. The applications were received on October 31st and are being reviewed. The Regional Equity Recovery Partnership Grant has moved to contract with the EDD Support Unit. Prison to Employment and Breaking Barriers are ready to present recommendations for awards to Labor Agencies.
- **New Reentry Grant:** This grant was budgeted in 2022-2023 for \$50 million, focusing on eligible applicants Local Workforce Development Boards required. It has been postponed until spring to have time to develop as other priorities have emerged fully.

The HRTP rolling fund is closed for enhancements and will reopen in mid-January 2023 with a slightly different structure. The HRCC fund will follow with a bit of restructuring. HRCC projects that were funded will spend down SB1 dollars that we still have and will all be spent down – with anticipation of infrastructure dollars coming to California. The Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund has projects under California Climate Investments that will end in March, and the team is preparing for closeouts.

High Road Field Team

- Sandra Hamameh reported that there had been a lot of activity around the Resilient Workforce fund. Outreach has been a major focus, and the field team continues to work with current and new stakeholders interested in funding for the High Road Partnerships. This is particularly the case in the Low Carbon Economy Workforce. The team has also been meeting with more community-based organizations for Health and Human Services funding.

The field team is working with the statewide partnerships to align efforts across agencies. The focus has been on bringing on partners who might not know each other and providing stronger connections.

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.

A federal grant from the U.S. Department of Labor and the Bureau of Federal Prisons was awarded and is now finalized. State Board partners in California will partner with the U.S. Board of Prisons and the Department of Labor to develop similar programs inside federal prisons across the country, such as MC3 inside prisons. We will be advising on a national plan. There are not many details at this point, but CWDB did get an award from the Federal Government, as this program is being used as a national model. Much work is needed at the federal level, but the U.S. Bureau of Prisons is interested in our system.

Public Comment

None

5. Other Business

The full Board meeting will be hybrid on November 16, 2022, at 10:00 a.m.

6. General Public Comments

None