

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

**Wednesday, October 11, 2023
10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.**

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**CALIFORNIA WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD
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1. Welcome and Opening Remarks

2. Action Items

- a. Approve June 7, 2023, meeting summary

PUBLIC COMMENT

3. Updates and Discussion

- a. Budget Update
- b. Legislative Update
- c. State Plan Update
- d. Full Board Briefing Items
 - Local & Regional Plans
 - Local Area Subsequent Designation and Local Board Recertification

PUBLIC COMMENT

4. Other Business

5. General Public Comments

Adjourn

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

June 7, 2023

The full meeting is available to view on the CWDB YouTube channel.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KS8uYFHsv0w>

Members Present:

- Chairman, Angelo Farooq
- Stewart Knox
- Nancy Farias
- Robert Redlo
- Jeremy Smith
- Carol Zabin
- Bruce Stenslie
- Jamil Dada
- Javier Cazares
- Joseph Williams

1. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Chairman Farooq called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. and explained how the Zoom meeting worked. To confirm the quorum, a roll call was held.

Only Board Members, guests, and staff were 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 or by being recognized by the chairperson. All emails will be read aloud and included in the meeting minutes.

2. ACTION ITEMS

a. Approve November 2, 2022 Meeting Summary. Nancy Farias motioned to approve; Bob Redlo seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

3. UPDATES AND DISCUSSIONS

a. Chairman Farooq provided updates on the new board membership. Farooq explained that by Federal Law, the governor appoints California Workforce Development Board members, and State Law requires representatives from the state legislature to be appointed by the legislative leadership. The Senate Pro Tempore appoints two members from the Senate, and the Speaker appoints two members of the Assembly.

Dave Cortese, a Senator from Santa Clara representing District 15, has been appointed and joined the board, replacing the outgoing Senator Connie Leyva.

Two new assembly members have also been appointed and joined the board, replacing members Kevin Mullin and Rudy Salas. The new assembly members are Pilar Schiavo from District 40 and Damon Connolly from District 12. The Board hopes to add the new Chancellor of the California Community Colleges, Dr. Sonya Christian. Chancellor Christian was selected by the California Community College's Board of Governors in February.

b. Stewart Knox provided updates for the Labor Agency. Knox reported that worker outreach has been a major priority for the Labor Agency. The agency will be working with the Employment Development Department on a \$1.3 billion project for the modernization of EDD and taking a customer-centered approach to delivering benefit packages to individuals in California.

The Labor Agency has been working with the four workforce development entities and has been focused on working towards the same end goals. The agency is developing a dashboard that shows outcomes such as performance and how many numbers have been served.

The agency is also looking forward to working with Chancellor Christian and the community college system to have a broader scope of understanding to help leverage resources throughout the community college system and the adult schools.

Knox also provided an update on the Community Economic Resilience funds. Under EDD, the agency has been working with office supplanted research, the Governor's Office of Business and Economic Development (GO-Biz), and the Labor Agency as the leadership team. \$5 million per region has been funded. \$40 million has also been invested in early projects within the 13 regions in California. The bulk of the funding will go out in the next six months through The Catalyst Project.

c. Tim Rainey reported on the evolution and growth of the California Workforce Development Board's (CWDB) highlights with programs such as Slingshot, The Accelerator Fund, High Road Training Partnerships (HRTTP), Breaking Barriers (BB), Prison to Employment (P2E), and High Road Construction Careers

(HRCC). Rainey explained that these programs helped shift policy orientation regarding HRTPs and HRCCs and helped tackle challenges by investing in industry-based coalitions, which also helped scale up these programs. Over the last three years, there has been growth in all the workforce programs. For instance, the funding for HRTP and HRCC grew to \$300 million, and the CWDB has gone from 8 HRTPs to over 50 HRTPs. The CWDB has helped fund sectors such as hospitality, healthcare, cannabis, janitorial, grocery, warehousing, transit, electric bus manufacturing, broadband, and more. The goal moving forward for CWDB is to smartly use the remaining funds, and CWDB has been working with colleges and local workforce boards to co-invest in HRCCs. CWDB has also been invited into conversations about climate change and the infrastructure needed to help design solicitations.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

4. INITIATIVE UPDATES

i. High Road Field Updates

No update for this meeting.

ii. Program Implementation Team

Joelle Hurst reported for the Program Implementation Team. In the 2021-2022 and 2022-2023 budget, \$202 million was allocated for High Road Training Partnerships (HRTP). CWDB has awarded \$143 million to 64 projects with a \$62.8 million balance left over. \$22.7 million is recommended to be awarded to the General Fund, and \$30.9 million is recommended to be awarded to the winter cycle towards healthcare.

\$49.8 million has been awarded from the 2021-2022 General Fund, with a balance of \$35 million left. For the 2022-2023 Healthcare Fund, all \$42.75 million of the fund has been awarded, with the \$30.9 million being recommended to come from the 2023-2024 fund.

For High Road Construction Careers (HRCC), years 1-5 of Senate Bill 1 (SB1) dollars and 2021-2022 allocation funding have all been awarded. In years 1-3, \$14 million was awarded. In years 3-5, \$10 million was awarded, \$15 million in the General Fund, \$10 million in the General Fund with community colleges, and \$10 million in the General Fund with housing. There is a balance of less than \$500,000 remaining for the HRCC fund. The HRTP funding will also be depleted due to the winter and spring awards cycles.

For Breaking Barriers, \$25 million was allocated during 2021-2022, and 42 projects have been funded. During the process of funding various projects, the

team has been able to apply what they have learned to the new program: Helping Justice-Involved Reenter Employment (HIRE). One of the innovations they were able to implement from Breaking Barriers to HIRE was the stakeholder engagement to intentionally apply equitable access to the funds to smaller Community-Based Organizations (CBOs). Another innovation Breaking Barriers created was small upfront payments for HIRE to CBOs to allow funding to get started to reduce the stress on smaller CBOs.

Tim Rainey reported that the majority increase of funding came from the 2021-2022 budget year and is multiyear funding, which allows people to return to apply to help scale up the work.

Myke Griseta reported on the new initiative: Helping Justice-Involved Reenter Employment or HIRE. This initiative was funded through a \$50 million allocation from the 2022-2023 budget, specifically from AB178. Per AB178, the funding is intended for CBOs and other nonprofits to provide direct and supportive services and mutual aided payments to formally incarcerated and other justice-involved individuals. HIRE is a sister program to P2E with a primary distinction that P2E is targeted to Local Workforce Development Boards (LWDBs) and Regional Planning Units, whereas HIRE is targeted to CBOs. All HIRE grantees are required to partner with a local government entity and LWDBs with the hope that it will integrate grassroots CBOs into the statewide network of workforce service providers. The team implemented a "Hub and Spoke model," which entails a single lead applicant, generally a larger CBO with experience managing state grants, and work with up to 9 partner organizations. The team has developed a database of interested applicants designed to facilitate ongoing partnership building, developed an application guide and video tutorial to assist applicants with the application process, and the team continues to post a weekly Q&A document to the CWDB website. The application for HIRE is open through July 10th. The review and scoring will take place shortly after. Award announcements will be made this fall, and program activity will begin next year.

Griseta also provided an overview of the grant process; the current timelines for grant contract processing are six months. The process starts with final award determinations following approval from the Labor Agency. Griseta's team handles the compilation of contract packages; the Program Unit works directly with grantees to complete application exhibits such as budgets, work plans, etc.; this process roughly takes a month. Once the application is complete, the grant contract package is sent to partners at the Employment Development Department (EDD) and Business Operations Planning and Support Division (BOPSD) for processing. The current timeline for EDD processing is 4-6 months and entails analyst, legal, and fiscal review. CWDB has processed 120 contracts totaling over \$400 million. After EDD has received all approvals, the final contract packages are sent to the grantees and CWDB for final signatures. Once all signatures are

received, the contract is executed.

iii. Policy, Legislation, & Research

No update for this meeting

iv. State Partnership Teams

No update for this meeting

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

5. LOCAL WORKFORCE BOARD UPDATE

a. No update for this meeting

6. OTHER BUSINESS

a. Jeremy Smith from the State Building and Construction Trades Council reported that the council recently hosted a Women's Conference on June 3-4. Smith reported that around 450 women construction workers from unions attended the conference at the Sheraton in Sacramento.

b. The next full Board Meeting will be on June 21st. Nancy Farias motioned to adjourn; Jeremy Smith seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 10:48 a.m.

7. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

Zoom Comments:

10:11:21 From CWDB to Everyone:

Can Executive Committee members please list your name in the chat for roll call records?

Thank you

10:11:42 From Angelo Farooq to Everyone:

Angelo Farooq

10:12:07 From Bob Redlo, (he,him) to Everyone:

Bob Redlo

10:12:24 From carol zabin to Everyone:

Carol Zabin, uc Berkeley labor center

10:17:11 From Bruce Stenslie | Economic Dev Collaborative to Everyone:
Bruce Stenslie

10:17:28 From Bruce Stenslie | Economic Dev Collaborative to Everyone:
Stenslie, Economic Development Collaborative

10:17:35 From Jeremy Smith to Everyone:
Jeremy Smith

10:17:59 From nancy farias to Everyone:
Nancy Farias

10:24:06 From Angelo Farooq to Everyone:
Joseph Williams is trying to get into the zoom

10:26:53 From Joseph Williams - Rialto USD to Everyone:
Good morning all, Joseph Williams here

10:35:09 From steve to Everyone:
Steve Levy here

Actions:

See recommendations below

Background

The Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) Sections 106 and 107 provide criteria for subsequent designation of Local Workforce Development Areas (Local Area) and recertification of Local Workforce Development Boards (Local Boards). Specifically, WIOA Section 106 requires the Governor to designate Local Areas within the state and WIOA Section 107 requires the Governor to certify one Local Board for each Local Area.

According to WIOA Section 106, a Local Area must have performed successfully, sustained fiscal integrity, and engaged in the regional planning process in order to receive subsequent designation. According to WIOA Section 107, a Local Board must have performed successfully, sustained fiscal integrity, and met membership requirements in order to receive recertification.

The California Workforce Development Board (CWDB) and the Employment Development Department (EDD) published [Workforce Services Directive 22-14](#), dated May 2, 2023 which contained the required criteria, associated definitions, and an application to request subsequent designation as a Local Area and recertification as a Local Board.

Upon approval, Local Area subsequent designation and Local Board recertification will be effective July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2025.

Review Items

Subsequent Designation and Local Board Recertification

Directive Number: WSD22-14

Approved

Alameda
Anaheim
Contra Costa
Foothill
Fresno
Golden Sierra
Humboldt
Imperial
KIM

LA County
Long Beach/Pacific Gateway
Madera
Merced
Monterey
Mother Lode
NCCC
NoRTEC
NOVAWorks
Oakland
Richmond
Riverside
San Benito
San Bernardino
San Diego
San Francisco
San Joaquin
San Luis Obispo
Santa Barbara
Santa Cruz
SELACO
SETA
Silicon Valley/San Jose
Solano
Sonoma
South Bay
Stanislaus
Tulare
Ventura
Verdugo
Workforce Alliance of North Bay

Conditional Approval

Orange
Yolo
City of LA

Regional and Local Planning Guidance (Two Year Modification) PY 2023-24
Directive Number: WSD22-05

Local Board	Approve	Conditionally Approve
Alameda	Y	
Anaheim	Y	
Contra Costa	Y	
Foothill	Y	
Fresno	Y	
Golden Sierra	Y	
Humboldt		Y
Imperial	Y	
KIM	Y	
Kings	Y	
Los Angeles City		Y
Los Angeles County	Y	
Madera	Y	
Merced	Y	
Monterey	Y	
Mother Lode	Y	
NoRTEC	Y	
North Central Consortium	Y	
NOVA	Y	
Oakland	Y	
Orange County	Y	
Pacific Gateway	Y	
Richmond	Y	
Riverside County	Y	
San Benito	Y	
San Bernardino	Y	
San Diego	Y	
San Francisco	Y	
San Joaquin County	Y	
San Jose Silicon Valley	Y	
San Luis Obispo	Y	
Santa Ana	Y	
Santa Barbara	Y	
Santa Cruz	Y	
SELACO	Y	
SETA	Y	
Solano	Y	

Sonoma	Y	
South Bay	Y	
Stanislaus	Y	
Tulare	Y	
Ventura	Y	
Verdugo	Y	
Workforce Alliance of North Bay	Y	
Yolo	Y	

Regional Board	Approve	Conditionally Approve
Bay Peninsula	Y	
Capital	Y	
Coastal - North	Y	
Coastal - South	Y	
East Bay	Y	
Inland Empire	Y	
Los Angeles Basin		Y
Middle Sierra	Y	
North Bay Employment Connection (NBEC)	Y	
North Coast/Humboldt		Y
North State	Y	
Orange	Y	
San Joaquin Valley and Associated Counties	Y	
Southern Border	Y	
Ventura	Y	