

**CALIFORNIA WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD
MEETING NOTICE**

**Wednesday, October 25, 2023
10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.**

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California Department of Rehabilitation
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Sacramento, CA 95814

Room #242

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MEETING AGENDA**

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1. Welcome and Opening Remarks

2. Action Items

- a. Approve June 21, 2023, meeting summary
- b. Approve Recommendations for Local & Regional Plans
- c. Approve Recommendations for Local Area Subsequent Designation & Local Board Recertification

PUBLIC COMMENT

3. Updates and Discussion

- a. Labor Agency Update
- b. Budget Update
- c. Legislative Update
- d. State Plan Update
- e. Open Meetings Update

PUBLIC COMMENT

4. Local Workforce Board Update

5. Other Business

6. General Public Comments

Adjourn

CALIFORNIA WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD
FULL BOARD MEETING SUMMARY

June 21, 2023

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

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Hp3WKGLJoa4>

Members Present:

- Chairman Angelo Farooq
- Hon. Pilar Schiavo
- Hon. Damon Connolly
- Kamyar Amiri-Davini
- Jamil Dada
- Lee Ann Eager
- Jason Haider
- Hilary Lentini
- Laura Long
- Robert Redlo
- Annette Smith
- Gloria Young
- Diane Factor
- Rebecca Miller
- Chuck Riojas
- Jeremy Smith
- Leonard Gonzales
- Rev. Floyd Trammell
- Larry Frank
- Jim Suennen for Sec. Mark Ghaly
- Nancy Farias
- LaCandice Ochoa for Sonya Christian
- Abby Snay for Sec. Stewart Knox
- Victor Duron

1. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Chairman Farooq called the meeting to order 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 March 22, 2023 Meeting Summary

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

3. UPDATES AND DISCUSSIONS

a. Jeffrey Jacobstein, the Human Resources and Communications Manager at CWDB, reminded Board Members to sign Form 700 via NetFile.

b. 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.

Senator Dave Cortese from District 15 has been appointed and has joined the Board, replacing the outgoing Senator Connie Leyva.

Two new assembly members have also been appointed and joined the Board, replacing the 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.

c. Abby Snay reported on Labor Agency updates for Secretary Stewart Knox on various topics such as Federal Infrastructure Dollars, The California Economic Resilience Fund (CERF), and the Healthcare Initiative. California is estimated to receive \$42 billion of formula funds and has received about \$20 billion; 60% of these funds will go directly to metropolitan planning organizations and regional transportation planning agencies. The state also has competitive funding available and has already received \$2 billion, which will help cover 129 projects in California. 2% of the infrastructure dollars have been awarded, and over 80% are not in the pipeline yet.

Snay reported that the Governor established an Infrastructure Strike Team through an Executive Order comprised of cabinet-level officials, including Secretary Knox. There are seven working groups under the strike team, each

working on a different infrastructure element such as broadband, transportation, manufacturing, water, energy, hydrogen, environmental remediation, etc. The working groups will establish dashboards to track progress, coordinate among agencies to facilitate fast and effective project delivery, identify potential statutory and regulatory changes to facilitate and streamline project approval and identify opportunities to leverage state and federal funding to address workforce needs. This applies to the Board because it will help leverage state and federal funding to address workforce needs and accelerate the training, re-training, and upskilling of workers at risk of job displacement.

The California Economic Resilience Fund (CERF) is a \$600 million state effort from the 2021-2022 budget negotiations to invest in and create 13 regional planning units. Each unit develops an equity-driven economic development plan that prepares that region for climate change and climate mitigation. Each region has received \$5 million to create a planning collaborative. The CERF team is a collaboration of the Labor Agency, the Employment Development Department (EDD), the Office of Policy and Research (OPR), and the Governor's Office of Business and Economic Development (GO-Biz). The team has set aside \$25 million for tribal funding and will open a new solicitation soon. There is also a \$345 million Catalyst Fund, which will be intermediate funding for early-stage projects emerging from the planning efforts or in early development. The goal of the Catalyst Fund is to make close connections and strategic partnerships with the K-16 collaboratives, which also use the CERF regional structure.

The Healthcare Workforce Initiative has been renamed to Workforce for a Healthy California. The 2021-2022 budget included a \$1.4 billion investment that supported 12 different projects through the California Health and Human Services Agency (CHHS). Labor Agency has been building a close and evolving working collaboration with CHHS. The philanthropic community, such as The California Healthcare Foundation, has also been very interested in this work and has supported the initiative in its evolution in different ways. The first is to define a governance structure for decision-making and leadership, and the second is to evaluate the initiative and the evaluation of the individual programs. The Healthcare Foundation supports the Health Force at the University of California, San Francisco (UCSF), a policy entity that studies the California Healthcare Workforce. The goal of UCSF is to work with the Labor Agency on developing common metrics that will be shared and measured across all programs, as well as the framework for the evaluation of the initiative. The communications piece of funding has gone to Fenton Communications. The goal is to create common messaging for all programs and solicitations with a shared look and recognizable logo to help provide common branding.

For the Labor Agency, the Employment Training Panel (ETP) received \$25 million from the Healthcare Workforce Initiative for employers and providers who are not eligible for the traditional ETP fund. Over the summer, the Labor Agency

will approve 25 projects with individual employers following multiple employer training projects. The money will be all out within the next couple of months.

\$40 million has been approved from the \$135 million for Healthcare High Road Training Partnerships (H RTP) for both scaling successful projects such as the SEIU Education Fund programs and The Caregiver Advancement Academy. EDD's Workforce Services Branch is administering the Emergency Medical Services Corps funding. It has awarded \$8 million to the Public Works Alliance as the intermediary to replicate Alameda County's successful EMS Core Program, which targets at-risk youth, primarily youth from justice-involved backgrounds, in 10 counties throughout the state.

Another program component of the Healthcare Initiative is \$130 million through Prop 98 for accelerated training for English language learners through the Adult Education Consortia. Labor Agency has been working closely with the adult school leadership and the Chancellor's office leadership with facilitation provided by the National Skills Coalition for this work. There will be an application ready to go out later in the summer to the Adult Education Consortia around the state on a formula basis based on the concentration of English language learners in the region.

Jim Suennen, the Associate Secretary at CHHS, reported for Secretary Dr. Mark Ghaly. Suennen reported that CHHS has been using Healthcare funding to fill in existing gaps in critical areas of the Health and Social Services Delivery Systems as well as training culturally competent workers to meet the full diversity of Californians' needs. There has also been a commitment of around \$5 billion of funding into workforce efforts via many initiatives such as The Health Workforce for All Initiative, which is the primary collaboration of CHHS and Labor Agency, as well as the Children and Youth Behavioral Health Initiatives at CHHS. CHHS continues to create entry-level and advanced training, developing pathways for career advancement and introducing new certifications and professions to include performing jobs to expand the workforce focused on projected labor market demands and workforce shortages.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

4. INITIATIVE UPDATES

a. Tim Rainey reported on the evolution of High Road Training Partnerships. The California Workforce Development Board has gone from 8 H RTPs in healthcare, hospitality, janitorial, water, utilities, goods movement, transit, etc., to 56 H RTPs and is projected to soon be at 80 H RTPs. The 56 H RTP projects around the state have grown into sectors such as EV charging, electric bus manufacturing,

offshore wind, oil, well capping, utility tree trimming, forestry to prevent forest fires, broadband, and others. HRTPs intend to try to shape labor markets to shape our company's whole industries, recruit, hire, train, and retain workers, and scale this work across the state.

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 budget years for the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) fund, there was \$10.5 million that went into 18 projects. Also, in 2021-2022, CWDB received a Federal Department of Education grant of around \$15 million, which went out to five HRTP projects and one High Road Construction Careers (HRCC) project.

For the 2021-2022 General Fund of \$85 million, \$50 million has gone towards 20 projects. There is also General Fund money of \$15 million in partnership with the community colleges, and \$11.5 million has gone out to 3 projects. The Low Carbon Fund of the 2022-2023 budget has a fund of \$15 million, and \$3.5 million has gone out to four projects. There is also an oil well capping allocation of \$19 million, and \$6.4 million has gone out to 1 project. For the Healthcare HRTP fund for 2022-2023, all \$42.75 million has gone out to 12 projects; for the 2023-2024 budget, CWDB expects another \$42.75 million for healthcare.

For HRCC, there have been five years of SB1 funding, which has all gone out to 11 projects. For the 2021-2022 General Fund, CWDB received \$35 million and has used the fund towards the 11 projects as well.

Myke Griseta reported on the current HRTP solicitation, the HRTP Resilient Workforce Program (HRTP RWP), which encompasses all HRTP funding streams. This is a quarterly application process where new applications are accepted for one month per quarter, and the CWDB team has reviewed two cycles of applications this year. CWDB is working with the team at the Labor Agency to finalize award recommendations for the first cycle of applications, named the winter cycle. For the winter cycle, roughly \$40 million in awards will be announced. The May spring cycle applications are under review, and the total request is roughly \$68 million in award determinations, which should be announced later in the summer. The summer cycle of the HRTP solicitation will open on July 3, with the application set to close on August 10.

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iii. Policy, Legislation, & Research

No update for this meeting.

iii. State Partnership Teams

No update for this meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

NONE

5. LOCAL WORKFORCE BOARD UPDATE

Blake Konczal, Executive Director, Fresno Regional Workforce Development Board: Under Construction: Building Equity Into the Construction Sector

[Full Presentation](#)

Beli Archarya, Executive Director, Construction Trades Workforce Initiative: CTWI's Easy Bay Regional Trades Program

Full Presentation

6. OTHER BUSINESS

a. The next full Board Meeting will be on October 25 at 10:00 a.m. Jamil Dada motioned to adjourn; Nancy Farias seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 12:02 p.m.

7. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Zoom Comments

10:05:19 From Hilary Lentini - Lentini Design & Marketing, Inc. to Everyone:

good morning all!

10:05:32 From Alejandro Valenzuela to Everyone:

good morning

10:05:41 From Gloria Young to Everyone:

Good morning

10:06:13 From Lee Ann Eager, CTC Chair to Everyone:

Good morning All

10:07:08 From Rebecca Miller to Everyone:

Rebecca Miller

10:07:12 From Chuck Riojas to Everyone:

Chuck Riojas

10:07:12 From nancy farias to Everyone:

Nancy Farias, EDD

10:07:18 From Floyd Trammell to Everyone:

Good morning! Present

10:07:24 From Victor Duron to Everyone:

Good Morning, Victor Duron for DOR

10:07:25 From LAURENCE FRANK to Everyone:

Larry Frank is present

10:07:32 From Laura Long, Kaiser Permanente to Everyone:

Good morning! Laura Long, Kaiser Permanente

10:07:38 From Hilary Lentini - Lentini Design & Marketing, Inc. to Everyone:

Hilary Lentini present

10:07:41 From Alejandro Valenzuela to Everyone:

Damon Connolly is present

10:07:47 From Lee Ann Eager, CTC Chair to Everyone:

Lee Ann Eager - present

10:07:52 From LaCandice Ochoa to Everyone:

Good Morning. LaCandice Ochoa here on behalf of Sandra Sanchez from the Chancellor's Office.

10:07:53 From Kamyar Amiri-Davani to Everyone:

Kamyar Amiri-Davani present

10:07:56 From Jeremy Smith to Everyone:

Jeremy Smith - State Building and Construction Trades Council of California - is here.

10:08:32 From Rebecca Miller to Everyone:

SPEAK

10:08:50 From Floyd Trammell to Everyone:

Speak

10:09:35 From Bob Redlo, (he,him) to Everyone:

Bob Redlo is in attendance

10:09:43 From JJacobstein to Everyone:

HumanResources@cwdb.ca.gov

10:11:45 From Hilary Lentini - Lentini Design & Marketing, Inc. to Everyone:

Welcome!

10:11:52 From Bob Redlo, (he,him) to CWDB(Direct Message):

I will need to switch to a phone line at 10:30

10:23:42 From CWDB to Bob Redlo, (he,him)(Direct Message):

No worries Bob

10:38:29 From Hilary Lentini - Lentini Design & Marketing, Inc. to Everyone:

Excellent to hear!

10:43:37 From CWDB to Everyone:

From Jim Suennen: In follow up to Tim's comments, please share this UCSF California Statewide Homeless Study link to today's Zoom Chat:

<https://www.ucsf.edu/news/2023/06/425646/california-statewide-study-investigates-causes-and-impacts-homelessness>

10:48:21 From Diane Factor to Everyone:

Thank you - very impressive

10:57:02 From Gloria Young to Everyone:

I support Larry Frank's comments and inquiries?

10:57:40 From Floyd Trammell to Everyone:

Larry, I really connected with your comments. I wonder if we may consider a small subcommittee of our Board to address the issues you addressed

10:58:23 From Gloria Young to Everyone:

I would love to serve on a subcommittee

11:29:25 From ABBY SNAY to Everyone:

I have to join another meeting for the Labor Agency and will sign off now. Thank you, Beli and Blake, for sharing your important and innovative work!

11:29:40 From Hilary Lentini - Lentini Design & Marketing, Inc. to Everyone:

Speak

11:30:13 From Diane Factor to Everyone:

GREAT WORK!!

11:36:49 From Diane Factor to Everyone:

Have you considered training/convening the Mentors in the Apprenticeship program on communication, mentoring, and supporting women integrating into the workforce? We did this when working with women in blue collar jobs - Public Works in particular.

11:37:17 From Hilary Lentini - Lentini Design & Marketing, Inc. to Everyone:

Reacted to "Have you considered it? with heart emoji

11:49:26 From Hilary Lentini - Lentini Design & Marketing, Inc. to Everyone:

Excellent point Leonard

11:52:58 From LAURENCE FRANK to Everyone:

Great reports and excellent presentations and really helpful conversations. I have to run but want to state my appreciation.

11:59:39 From LaCandice Ochoa to Everyone:

Thank you Tim and Jeremy! We're excited for the partnership here at the Chancellor's Office.

12:01:27 From Rebecca Miller to Everyone:

My apologies. I have to jump. Thanks for the great reports.

12:01:46 From Jeremy Smith to Everyone:

Reacted to "Thank you Tim and Je..." with thumbs up emoji

12:02:22 From Beli Acharya CTWI to Everyone:

Thank you for your time. Feel free to reach out with any questions. Beli@ctwi-btca.org
www.ctwi-btca.org

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.

Action 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	