

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

**Wednesday, March 13, 2024
10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.**

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MEETING AGENDA**

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1. Welcome and Opening Remarks

2. Action Items

- a. Roll Call
- b. Approve October 11, 2023, meeting summary

PUBLIC COMMENT

3. Updates and Discussion

- a. Labor Agency Update
- b. Budget Update
- c. Legislative Update
- d. State Plan Update
- e. Full Board Briefing Items
 - Local & Regional Plan (Humboldt County)
 - Local Area Subsequent Designation and Local Board Recertification

PUBLIC COMMENT

4. Other Business

5. General Public Comments

6. Final Roll Call

Adjourn

CALIFORNIA WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD
FULL BOARD MEETING SUMMARY

Wednesday, October 11, 2023

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

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SX--xcn7MOM>

Members Present:

- Chairman, Dr. Angelo Farooq
- Jamil Dada
- Robert Redlo
- Nancy Farias
- Diane Factor
- Carol Zabin
- Mike Gallo
- Steve Levy
- Nancy Farias
- Abby Snay
- Jeremy Smith
- Bruce Stenslie
- Stewart Knox
- LaCandice Ochoa
- Joseph Williams

1. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Chairman Farooq called the meeting to order at 10:07 a.m. and explained how the Zoom meeting worked. To confirm the quorum, a roll call was held.

Only Executive Committee 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 June 7, 2023 Executive Committee Meeting Summary

Jamil Dada motioned to approve meeting summary; Bob Redlo seconded.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

3. UPDATES AND DISCUSSIONS

a. Curtis Notsinneh reported updates for the California Workforce Development Board (CWDB) as the new acting Executive Director. Per the Department of Finance on January 1st, 2023, CWDB received \$130.4 million for local assistance grants in the 2023-2024 budget; \$115 million is General Fund dollars, and \$15 million is for the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Funds. There is also \$5 million to help continue Breaking Barriers and \$5 million towards a new program named Healing Economies and Adapting to Last (HEAL). \$45 million is going towards High Road Training Partnerships (HRTPs) and is targeted towards Health and Human Services programs.

Notsinneh reported that in addition to the budget process, the budget trail bill, SB150, included \$50 million to fund High Road Construction Careers (HRCCs) programs. These funds come directly from CalTrans to the state board and will be used as part of the Federal Infrastructure Investments IJA.

The Breaking Barriers 2.0 solicitation is expected to be released in Fall 2023. The Accelerator 12 program is being evaluated, and the solicitation is expected to be released in Spring 2024. For HRTPs and HRCCs, CWDB is working on enhancements this fall and will be re-releasing solicitations in Spring 2024. Two programs with Labor Agency are in the scoring and awarding process that have not been announced yet. The first is HRTPs for the Summer 2023 re-cycle, and the second is HIRE, a new program targeting re-entry communities.

CWDB also received two federal grants. The first grant is the First Steps Initiative Grant from the U.S. Department of Justice, the U.S. Bureau of Prisons money that the U.S. Department of Labor is working on. There are two parts to the First Steps Initiative Grant: the first is \$5 to \$8 million that CWDB has already received, and the second is an additional \$4 million. This grant allows CWDB to start re-entry work and work with CDCR and Workforce Boards throughout the state to help expand re-entry services in federal prisons. CWDB will pilot a program with Terminal Island in the Port of Los Angeles/Long Beach area. There are tentative plans to expand to a second prison, such as a women's prison in Northern California, with more details to come.

The second grant of \$5 million is Building Pathways to Infrastructure, which will help grow and scale the partnership with Amalgamated Transit Union and California Transit Works. Eight HRTPs have been funded and have worked with transit agencies throughout the state to grow, and the additional \$5 million will help continue the growth.

b. The Policy and Legislative Branch Manager, Ashley Anglesey, reported legislative updates. For Legislation, 56 bills were tracked for this session; nine are now two-year bills and will be revisited in January. Four of the bills will be

enrolled, and as of October 7th, two bills have been signed. The first is AB3 by Assembly Member Rick Chavez Zbur, which requires The State Energy Resources Conservation Development Commission, in consultation with the State Lands Commission and other specified State entities and the California Coastal Commission, to develop a second phase plan and strategy for seaport readiness that builds upon recommendations and alternatives in the strategic plan for offshore wind energy developments. CWDB is a small portion of this bill. It requires the commission to conduct a study in consultation with CWDB on the feasibility of achieving 50% and 65% in State Assembly and manufacturing offshore wind energy projects. The commission will submit the report to the Governor and Legislature Honor before December 30, 2027.

The second bill that was signed is AB 1373 by E Garcia, which amends a section of the public resources code to allow the California Energy Commission to allocate monies for Workforce Development Grants in consultation with the CWDB pursuant to the voluntary Offshore Wind and Coastal Resources Protection Program. The California Energy Commission administers this program and awards monies to public and private entities, including but not limited to state agencies, tribal entities, local government agencies, research institutions, and nonprofit entities.

c. Anglesey also provided updates on the State Plan Development. The CWDB Policy Team organized and facilitated a series of 20 individual meetings, which included reviewing timelines, reviewing criteria, reviewing the current plan, scheduling checkpoints throughout the draft development phase, and setting goals as needed. CWDB met with all their Title Partners, including EDD WSB, EDD Performance and Reporting, the Labor Market Information Department, the Department of Rehabilitation (DOR), and the Department of Education. The team also met with the core partners such as the Department of Social Services, CalFresh ENT and CalWORKs, the Department of Aging, the Department of Child Support Services, Perkins, and DOR. The team also held meetings with stakeholder partners.

The Policy Team is currently finishing the development of the State Plan. In November, the plan draft will go to CWDB's Executive Team and then to the Labor Agency for review. The entire plan will be posted on the CWDB website no later than January 5, 2024, for public comment and will be on the website for 30 days. After the 30 days, the plan will be taken off the website, and any comments received will be sent to the Title Partners regarding their sections. In February, the plan will be finalized and presented to the Board. It will then be uploaded to the Department of Labor in March 2024. The Department of Labor will review the state plan, and they will provide CWDB with any feedback to address. Once the plan is updated with the feedback, the final plan will be submitted back to the Department of Labor for approval by the end of June.

d. Anglesey reported updates on the Full Board Briefing Items, such as the Local and Regional Plans and the Local Area Subsequent Designation and Local Board Recertification. CWDB has concluded the Local and Regional Planning Modification outlined under the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA). Anglesey explained that regional plans must work out on a road map to align resources and investments to meet specific outcomes within their regional planning unit and local plans, which provide an action plan for operationalizing the regional plan road map. CWDB published a directive in October 2022 which provided guidance to the field on federal and state requirements for regional and local plans. This guidance is intended to assist in developing a seamless blueprint for operationalizing and implementing all required plan content the CWDB received. CWDB received three public comments during the draft directive, which have since been addressed in the final directive, published on October 27, 2022. Anglesey reported that local and regional planning modifications will be effective from July 1, 2023, through June 30, 2025, upon board approval. CWDB has a list that includes all the local boards that have met the criteria. Of the 45 local boards, five are missing from the list. CWDB is working directly with the five local boards and their regional advisers to help them meet the requirements to be recommended for approval at a subsequent meeting. Out of the 15 Regional Planning Units (RPU), two RPUs are missing, and the CWDB is working with those RPUs to help them meet the requirements of their regional plans so that they can also be recommended for approval at a subsequent meeting.

Anglesey reported that the CWDB had finished the subsequent designation and recertification of local areas and local boards, which is required under WIOA. Anglesey explained that there are specific criteria that local boards must meet to be recertified as a local board. CWDB published the Workforce Services Directive on May 2, 2023, which contained all the required criteria, associated definitions, and an application to request subsequent designation as a local area and recertification as a local board. The CWDB received five public comments during the draft period, which have since been addressed in the final published directive on May 2, 2023. Upon board approval, Local Area Subsequent Designation and Local Board Recertification will be effective from July 1, 2023, to June 30, 2025. There are five criteria that local boards must meet to be recertified: local board membership, perform successfully, sustained fiscal integrity, engagement in regional planning, and a set of local area assurances.

e. Curtis Notsinneh reported to the Executive Committee Members that Chairman Angelo Farooq has been elected the Chair of the National Association of State Workforce Board Chairs. Notsinneh explained that this would be a great opportunity for California to share the work being done and potentially share the work with other states.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

4. INITIATIVE UPDATES

i. High Road Field Updates

No update for this meeting.

ii. Program Implementation Team

No update for this meeting.

iii. Policy, Legislation, & Research Team

No update for this meeting.

iv. State Partnership Team

No update for this meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

5. OTHER BUSINESS

a. Brooke Barnum-Roberts, Attorney for the CWDB, provided an update on future Executive and Full Board Meetings regarding The Bagley-Keene Act, specifically Open Meeting Rules. The Governor signed SB-544 in September, and it will be effective at the beginning of January. This bill changes the Bagley-Keene Open Meeting Act by allowing state board meetings to be held by teleconference under certain conditions.

The guidelines in the Bagley-Keene Act state:

- If a majority of the members attend at the specific teleconference location (a noticed location open to the public), then the locations of all other remote attendee members do not have to be noticed, nor do those locations need to be open to the public.
- If a majority of members will not be at the same noticed location open to the public, then the other locations need to be noticed and opened to the public.
- Members who have communicated to CWDB a need to attend remotely related to a disability are counted as physically present at the teleconference location for purposes of establishing a majority.

Other changes to this bill also include:

- 1) A requirement that board members have cameras on (if there is a technical difficulty barring this, it must be announced)

- 2) A requirement that remote board member attendees announce whether anyone over 18 is in the room and the nature of their relationship with said individuals.
- 3) A requirement that votes be taken by roll call.
- 4) Several specific requirements about the public's ability to participate in meetings remotely.
- 5) A requirement that the meeting be ended or adjourned if the above requirements are not met.

b. The next Full Board meeting will be held on October 25th at 10:00 a.m. Jamil Dada motioned to adjourn; Nancy Farias seconded. The meeting adjourned at 10:53 a.m.

7. PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comment.