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CALIFORNIA WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD FULL BOARD MEETING NOTICE

**Wednesday, March 27, 2024
10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.**

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MEETING AGENDA**

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10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.**

1. Welcome and Opening Remarks

2. Action Items

- a. Roll Call
- b. Approve October 25, 2023, meeting summary
- c. Approve Recommendations for Local Area Plan (Humboldt County) and Regional Plan (Los Angeles Basin)
- d. Approve Recommendations for Local Area Subsequent Designation and Local Board Recertification (Kings County, Orange County, Santa Ana, and Yolo County)

PUBLIC COMMENT

3. Updates and Discussion

- a. Labor Agency Update
- b. Budget Update
- c. State Plan Update

PUBLIC COMMENT

4. SB 150 Presentation

PUBLIC COMMENT

5. Other Business

6. General Public Comments

7. Final Roll Call

Adjourn

CALIFORNIA WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD

FULL BOARD MEETING SUMMARY

October 25, 2023

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

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FwvHOx21Rug>

Members Present:

- Chairman, Dr. Angelo Farooq
- Honorable Sen. Dave Cortese
- Secretary of Labor Stewart Knox
- Honorable Assemblymember Pilar Schiavo
- Honorable Sen. Anna Caballero
- Honorable Sen. Damon Connolly
- Kamar Amiri Davini
- Jamil Dada
- Lee Ann Eager
- Diane Factor
- Nancy Farias
- Dean Fealk
- Laurence Frank
- Michael Gallo
- Jim Suennen
- Leonard Gonzales
- Jason Haider
- Hilary Lentini
- Stephen Levy
- Laura Long
- James Mangia
- Rebecca Miller
- Stephen Monteros
- LaCandice Ochoa
- Bob Redlo
- Nicole Rice
- Charles Riojas
- Fabrizio Ssso
- Avin Sharma
- Jeremy Smith
- Annette Smith
- Bruce Stenslie
- Superintendent Tony Thurmond
- Floyd Trammel
- Joe Xavier
- Gloria Young
- Carol Zabin

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

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 June 21, 2023, Meeting Summary

Jamil Dada motioned to approve, seconded by Joe Xavier. The motion carried unanimously.

b. Approve Recommendations for Local & Regional Plans

Ashley Anglesey presented to Approve Recommendations for Local and Regional Plans. The CWDB published a directive in October 2022 that guided the field on federal and state requirements for Regional and Local plans. The guidance is intended to assist in developing a seamless blueprint for operationalizing and implementing all the required plan content. Local and regional plans have to reflect the state plan. CWDB received three public comments on the draft directive, and the public comments were addressed in the final published directive on October 27, 2022. Upon board approval, Local and Regional planning modifications will be effective from July 1, 2023, to June 30, 2025.

The Local Planning Modification Approvals in the Board Meeting packets have been evaluated and met the requirements as identified, and they were presented to the Board for final approval. A few local boards are missing, but CWDB is working with those local boards directly and their regional advisers to help them meet the requirements so they can be recommended to the Board for approval at a subsequent meeting. Local plans are evaluated against criteria specified in the directive, which include WIOA core required partner coordination, strategic planning, state strategic partner coordination, and WIOA Title 1 coordination. Local Plans also had to specify stakeholder and community engagement activities and public comments.

Jamil Dada motioned to approve the Local Boards Approval; seconded by Assemblymember Pilar Schiavo, the motion was carried unanimously.

Anglesey also provided background information on the Regional Planning Modifications. In the Board's packets, the following Regional Planning Modifications have been evaluated and met the requirements identified in the directive and were presented to the Board for final approval. A few Regional Planning Units (RPU) are missing from the list, and the CWDB is working with those RPU and the regional advisers directly to help them meet the requirements so that they can be recommended to the Board for approval at

subsequent meetings. RPUs were evaluated against criteria specified in the directive, including an analytical overview of the region and how the RPUs foster demand-driven skills attainment, enabling upward mobility for all Californians and aligning and coordinating integrating programs and services. RPUs also had to specify stakeholder and community engagement activities.

Joe Xavier motioned to approve the Regional Planning Modifications, seconded by Jamil Dada, and the motion was carried unanimously.

c. Approve Recommendations for Local Area Subsequent Designation & Local Board Recertification

Ashley Anglesey presented to Approve Recommendations for Local Area Subsequent Designation and Local Board Recertification. The CWDB and The Employment Development Department (EDD) published a Workforce Services Directive, 22-14, on May 2, 2023, which contained the required criteria, associated definitions, and the application to request subsequent designation as a Local Area and Recertification as a Local Board. This directive received five public comments during the draft, and the public comments were then 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, through June 30, 2025.

There are five criteria that local boards must meet to be recertified: local board membership, successful performance, sustainable fiscal integrity, engagement in regional planning, and local area assurances. In the meeting summary packet, the following boards were evaluated and met the requirements as identified, and they were presented to the board for final approval. Several local boards are missing from the list. The CWDB is working directly with those Local Boards and their regional advisers to help them meet the requirements to be recommended to the Board for approval at a subsequent meeting.

Assemblymember Pilar Schiavo motioned to approve the Recommendations for Local Area Subsequent Designation & Local Board Recertification; seconded by Joe Xavier, the motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Grace Liki of Capitol Morning Report submitted a question via comment: Is the city of Orange or Orange County being placed on conditional approval as a Local Workforce Development area?

Anglesey answered that they are currently not listed as a fully approved board.

3. UPDATES AND DISCUSSIONS

a. Secretary of Labor, Stewart Knox reported updates for the Labor Agency. There is \$853 million of funding from four labor agencies; Knox reported that much of the money is from the California Workforce Development Board.

Knox also provided an update on California Jobs First, which was announced two weeks ago and is the umbrella rebrand of what used to be called the Community Economic Resilience Fund (CERF). The governor wanted to brand the name so that the general population would understand the intent of CERF, which is California Jobs First. There are four workforce development programs under the Labor Agency, and they are also working in coordination with the Chancellor's Office.

The Executive Order, Freedom to Succeed, was signed approximately six weeks ago. Knox met with the governor to discuss career pathways and better alignment with work with community colleges, the K-12 system, and the UCs and State universities. The deadline for pro legislation to look at for the governor will be December 1. Knox reported that the budget will be tight this year and is looking at how the Labor Agency will align funds under the Career Pathways Initiative. More information will be available about the work as the projects move forward. For the next year, the Labor Agency will look at ways to build out the career pathways work by looking at other states and countries to see what opportunities they can implement.

Knox reported the Governor had set a goal of 500,000 apprentices for 2029. Labor Agency has 157,000 apprentices and, in the past, has hovered at 93,000 to 95,000 apprentices per year in training. They are projected to hit the target of 500,000 apprentices by 2029, minus any significant recessions. Generally, funding has been deployed to the CWDB primarily around healthcare initiatives. \$43 million of funding is available now, and next year, there will be an additional \$42-\$43 million in healthcare funding.

b. Emily Sunahara, the Operation and Policy Implementation Director of CWDB, reported budget updates for CWDB. The state budget for the 2023-2024 fiscal year was enacted on July 1, 2023. For the CWDB, there is \$130.4 million in local assistance grants, and of this amount, \$45 million for High Road Training Partnerships (HRTPs) Health and Human Services, \$5 million for Breaking Barriers Prison to Employment program, and \$5 million to a new program called Healthy Economies Adapting to Last or HEAL. HEAL tackles the closure of ICE detention centers and retraining workers in that area.

A new allocation of \$15 million from the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund will go towards the CWDB's HRTP Low Carbon Economy grant program. The CWDB also received an allocation via legislation, Senate Bill 150, which allocates \$50 million from the Department of Transportation or CalTrans for the High Road Construction Careers (HRCC) program. CWDB is working with CalTrans to build

out the scope of work for an interagency agreement to receive the funds, and once the funds are received, they will be distributed to the HRCC regions.

Sunahara reported that CWDB has received federal grant awards, including work around reentry programs called Partners in Reentry for Workforce Development or PROWD. PROWD is part of the first step initiative grant from the federal government and is a partnership between the Bureau of Prisons and the Department of Labor. The first round of funding included \$5.3 million until 2026 to scale a reentry program for MC3 training at Terminal Island in Los Angeles. CWDB was also awarded an expansion grant of \$4 million in September to expand the programming that is piloted at Terminal Island to Northern California prisons. CWDB is working to identify one or two prisons to possibly scale, possibly a woman's prison.

The third federal grant is the Building Pathways to Infrastructure grant of \$5 million to expand HRTPs and transportation in California. CWDB is working with The Amalgamated Transit Union, which will be the primary recipient of the subgrant and run this program until 2028.

c. 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. Two bills have been signed: the first is AB3 by Assembly Member Rick Chavez Zbur, and the second is AB1373 by E Garcia. Both bills only require CWDB to have a consultative role.

d. Anglesey also provided an update on the State Plan. The CWDB Policy Unit organized and facilitated a series of 20 individual meetings, including those of WIOA Title Partners and other state planning partners. These meetings included reviewing timelines, the criteria, and the current plan. CWDB is finalizing the draft of their plan sections, which will be sent to the CWDB Executive Team for review. The entire State Plan with the title partner sections will be posted to the CWDB website for 30 days for a public comment period no later than January 5, 2024. CWDB will informally announce the public comment period through formal information notices, email blasts, and social media posts. CWDB is the official submitter of the unified plan, and the projected submission date is March 8, 2024.

e. Brooke Barnum-Roberts, Attorney for CWDB, shared an update about Open Meetings Act Law changes that apply to the Board starting in January 2024. The Governor signed SB-544 in September, and 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:

- Suppose most members attend at the specific teleconference location (a noticed location open to the public). In that case, 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 most members are not at the same notice 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 to establish 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) Remote board member attendees must 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) A number of 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.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

4. LOCAL WORKFORCE BOARD UPDATE

Jan Vogel and Michael Trogan from the South Bay Workforce Investment Board presented an update for the Board. The South Bay Workforce is one of the seven boards in the Los Angeles region, and they currently operate over 60 grant programs, including WIOA. [See the full presentation.](#)

5. OTHER BUSINESS

a. Chairman Farooq shared that Joseph Williams has decided to step down from the Board. Farooq wanted to acknowledge his long-time service of 11 years and how Williams has always been a great advocate for the youth. Williams is currently working for the Rialto School District.

b. The next full board meeting will be held on December 13, 2024, at 10:00 a.m. Jamil Dada motioned to adjourn, seconded by Joe Xavier. The meeting adjourned at 11:08 a.m.

6. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENTS

Public comment by Victor Malin with Reaching Back to Our Youth: Malin works with youth in Juvenile Halls in Sacramento and Yuba County by using his story to address the issue of reducing violence and trying to change the kids' mindsets. Malin hopes to connect with the Board to find ways to connect with the kids and

share opportunities with them. He also thanked the Board for all the work they are doing.

Zoom Comments:

10:05:58 From CWDB To Everyone:

Hello all, if you are attending as a Designee, please let us know in the chat.

10:10:17 From CWDB To Everyone:

We have reached a quorum. If you have joined the Zoom meeting recently, please put your name in the chat so we can count your attendance. Thank you

10:24:23 From Jeremy Smith To Everyone:

Jeremy Smith

10:36:38 From Sen. Dave Cortese To Everyone:

Sen Dave Cortese. I've been on since approx 10:08

10:58:25 From Hilary Lentini - Lentini Design & Marketing, Inc. To Everyone:

Excellent work, Jan! So many strong Best Practices!

10:59:20 From Gloria Young To Everyone:

Agree excellent work

11:00:48 From Floyd Trammell To Everyone:

Floyd Trammell

11:07:37 From Sen. Dave Cortese To Everyone:

This was my first meeting. I enjoyed the discussion.

Sen Cortese