

CALIFORNIA WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD FULL BOARD MEETING SUMMARY

March 26, 2025

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Members Present in Sacramento:

- Chairperson Dr. Angelo Farooq
- Jamil Dada
- Secretary Stewart Knox, represented by Designee
- Chancellor Sonya Christian, represented by Designee
- Honorable Assemblymember Damon Connolly, represented by Designee
- Director Nancy Farias
- Jennifer Haley
- Hala Hijazi
- Secretary Kim Johnson, represented by Designee
- Stephen Monteros
- Janus Norman
- Nicole Rice
- Director Kimberly Rutledge, represented by Designee
- Fabrizio Sasso
- Honorable Assemblymember Pilar Schiavo, represented by Designee
- Honorable Senator Lola Smallwood-Cuevas, represented by Designee
- Jeremy Smith
- Anette Smith
- Superintendent Tony Thurmond, represented by Designee
- Amelia Tyagi



Angelo Farooq, Chair

Kaina Pereira, Executive Director

Gavin Newsom, Governor

Members Present in San Francisco:

- Leonard Gonzales
- Floyd Trammel
- Gloria Young

Members Present in Los Angeles:

- Kamyar Amiri-Davani
- Diane Factor
- Laurence Frank
- Jason Haider
- Hilary Lentini

CWDB Staff Present in Sacramento:

- Kaina Pereira, Executive Director
- Emily Sunahara, Deputy Director of Operations
- Ashley Anglesey, Legislation, State Plan, and Policy Manager
- Myranda Love, Executive Analyst
- Ross Villegas, Communications Analyst
- Brooke Barnum-Roberts, Chief Counsel
- Ben McDonald, Deputy Counsel & Board Meeting Clerk

AGENDA

A. Welcome and Opening Remarks

- A. Roll Call
- B. Call to Order
- C. Introduction of New Board Members
- D. Meeting Dates for 2025

B. Action Items

- A. Approve October 23, 2024, Meeting Summary
- B. Regional and Local Plans Modifications: Recommend Approval of North Coast/Humboldt's Regional Plan
- C. Local Area Subsequent Designation and Local Board Recertification: Recommend Approval of the City of Los Angeles

C. Updates and Discussion

- A. Updates and Discussion

- a. Response to LA Fires: LA Rises
- b. Survey Results and CWDB 2025
- c. California Jobs First
- d. Advisory Groups
 - i. Eligible Training Provider List
 - ii. Youth Workforce
 - iii. Sectors aligned with California Jobs First
 - iv. Structure of the Executive Committee
- e. State Rehabilitation Council Report
- f. Revised Draft Resolution: Standards for Infrastructure-related Funds

D. Other Business

E. General Public Comment

F. Adjournment

1. Opening Remarks

A. Roll Call & Call to Order

- a. Board Chair called the meeting to order at approximately 10:08 am.
- b. CWDB Deputy Counsel conducted a roll call and found 28 members present and advised the Chair that a quorum was present.

B. Introduction of New Board Members

- a. Executive Director, Kaina Pereira, introduced four new Board Members appointed by the Governor: Jennifer Haley, Hala Hijazi, Amelia Tyagi, and Janus Norman.

C. Meeting Dates for 2025

- a. Board Chair announced that the Executive Committee will meet on May 14, 2025, and August 13, 2025. The Full Board meetings will follow on June 25, 2025, and September 24, 2025.

D. No public comment.

2. Action Items

A. Approve October 23, 2024, Meeting Summary

- a. The Board motioned to approve the October 23, 2024, Meeting Summary prepared by CWDB staff, and it was seconded.
- b. Vote Taken: Approve October 23, 2024, Meeting Summary

- i. Yes: Honorable Assemblymember Damon Connolly represented by Designee, Jamil Dada, Kamyar Amiri-Davani, Diane Factor, Dir. Nancy Farias, Chairperson Farooq, Laurence Frank, Leonard Gonzales, Jason Haider, Secretary Stewart Knox represented by Designee, Hilary Lentini, Stephen Monteros, Dir. Kimberly Rutledge represented by Designee, Fabrizio Sasso,

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Honorable Assemblymember Pilar Schiavo represented by Designee, Honorable Senator Lola Smallwood-Cuevas represented by Designee, Jeremy Smith, Superintendent Tony Thurmond represented by Designee, Floyd Trammel, and Gloria Young.

ii. No: None

iii. Abstentions: Chancellor Sonya Christian represented by Designee, Jennifer Haley, Hala Hijazi, Secretary Kim Johnson represented by Designee, Janus Norman, Nicole Rice, Anette Smith, and Amelia Tyagi.

c. Motion to approve October 23, 2024, Meeting Summary passed.

d. No public comment.

B. Regional and Local Plans Modifications: Recommend Approval of North Coast/Humboldt's Regional Plan

a. CWDB Legislation, State Plan, and Policy Manager, Ashley Anglesey, provided background information on the Regional and Local Plans Modification for Approval of North Coast/Humboldt's Regional Plan.

b. Vote taken: Approve North Coast/Humboldt's Regional Plan

i. Yes: Chancellor Sonya Christian represented by Designee, Honorable Assemblymember Damon Connolly represented by Designee, Jamil Dada, Dir. Nancy Farias, Chairperson Farooq, Laurence Frank, Leonard Gonzales, Jason Haider, Jennifer Haley, Hala Hijazi, Secretary Stewart Knox represented by Designee, Hilary Lentini, Stephen Monteros, Nicole Rice, Dir. Kimberly Rutledge represented by Designee, Fabrizio Sasso, Honorable Assemblymember Pilar Schiavo represented by Designee, Honorable Senator Lola Smallwood-Cuevas represented by Designee, Jeremy Smith, Anette Smith, Superintendent Tony Thurmond represented by Designee, Floyd Trammel, Amelia Tyagi, and Gloria Young.

ii. No: None

iii. Abstentions: Kamyar Amiri-Davani, Diane Factor, Secretary Kim Johnson represented by Designee, Janus Norman.

c. Motion to approve Regional and Local Plans Modifications: Recommend Approval of North Coast/Humboldt's Regional Plan passed.

d. No public comment.

C. Local Area Subsequent Designation and Local Board Recertification: Recommend Approval of the City of Los Angeles

- a. CWDB Legislation, State Plan, and Policy Manager, Ashley Anglesey provided background information on the Local Area Subsequent Designation and Local Board Recertification: Recommend Approval of the City of Los Angeles.
- b. Vote taken: Approve City of Los Angeles Local Area Subsequent Designation and Local Board Recertification
 - i. Yes: Chancellor Sonya Christian represented by Designee, Honorable Assemblymember Damon Connolly represented by Designee, Jamil Dada, Dir. Nancy Farias, Chairperson Farooq, Laurence Frank, Leonard Gonzales, Jason Haider, Jennifer Haley, Hala Hijazi, Secretary Stewart Knox represented by Designee, Hilary Lentini, Stephen Monteros, Nicole Rice, Dir. Kimberly Rutledge represented by Designee, Fabrizio Sasso, Kaymar Amiri Davani, Honorable Assemblymember Pilar Schiavo represented by Designee, Diane Factor, Honorable Senator Lola Smallwood-Cuevas represented by Designee, Jeremy Smith, Anette Smith, Superintendent Tony Thurmond represented by Designee, Floyd Trammel, Amelia Tyagi, and Gloria Young.
 - ii. No: None
 - iii. Abstentions: Secretary Kim Johnson represented by Designee, and Janus Norman.
- c. Motion to approve Local Area Subsequent Designation and Local Board Recertification: Recommend Approval of the City of Los Angeles passed.
- d. No public comment.

3. Updates and Discussion

A. Response to LA Fires: LA Rises

- a. Executive Director provided an update on the Palisades and Eaton fires. CWDB has identified 47 grantees within the LA area who have been affected by cohort management or their ability to execute their current agreements, and they are working through the process of potentially extending some of the agreements to ensure that they can facilitate the work. The Labor Workforce Development Agency deployed \$10 million for LA Rises, and there is interest in gathering supplemental funds. Discussion followed between the Board Members regarding more solutions to help rebuild and create jobs after the fires.
- b. No public comment.

B. Survey Results and CWDB 2025

- a. Chief Counsel summarized the results from a survey done with Board Members on December 22, 2024, and shared that an orientation guide will be available to all Board Members soon.
 - b. No public comment.
- C. California Jobs First
- a. Executive Director introduced the California Jobs First initiative and presented an update regarding the identified 13 regions that were designated by a public comment process which was incorporated both on the uniqueness of the territories and what assets they have. There are 13 regional plans that have been developed by over 10,000 participants at the local level with each plan offering unique ways for economic opportunity and growth within those territories. California Jobs First consists of California's Strategic Sectors which are Strengthen, Accelerate, Bet, and Anchor. Discussion followed between the Board Members regarding further innovation of California Jobs First in the future. [See the full presentation here.](#)
 - b. No public comment.
- D. Advisory Groups
- a. Board Chair explained the concept of establishing advisory groups taken from the survey results via Chief Counsel. The subject matter of the current advisory groups considered are: Eligible Training Provider List (ETPL), Youth Workforce, and Sectors aligned with California Jobs First. Chief Counsel explained that the vision of the working groups will be that board members who lead the working groups will then be seated on the Executive Committee to make reporting efficient and effective. The Executive Committee meetings will be held roughly six weeks before the full Board Meetings so that CWDB is able to incorporate the Executive Committee's feedback into the agenda for the next full board meeting.
 - b. No public comment.
- E. State Rehabilitation Council Report
- a. Hilary Lentini provided a report on the State Rehabilitation Council (SRC).
 - b. No public comment.
- F. Revised Draft Resolution for Infrastructure—related Funds
- a. Board Member Jeremy Smith shared that the draft resolution has been edited to reflect recent changes. Members discussed elements of the draft resolution. Executive Director encouraged members to review the draft and reach out to the CWDB with any questions or comments to be discussed at the next Executive Committee Meeting for finalization of the draft.
 - b. No public comment.

4. Other Business

- A. No updates.

5. General Public Comments

- A. 2:05:43 – [Sacramento Public Comment](#)

6. Adjournment

- A. All CWDB business having concluded, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 12:08 pm.