

CALIFORNIA WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD FULL BOARD MEETING NOTICE

**Wednesday, September 2nd, 2026
10:00 a.m.**

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**CALIFORNIA WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD
MEETING AGENDA**

**Wednesday, September 2nd, 2026
10:00 a.m.**

1. Welcome & Opening Remarks
 - a. Roll Call
 - b. Call to Order
2. Action Items
 - a. Approve July 8, 2026 Meeting Summary
 - b. Approve Establishment of Special Committee on Youth
3. Briefing & Discussion
 - a. Central Coast Region Update
 - i. Overview of Tour from CWDB Executive Director
 - ii. CWDB Staff Report
 - iii. Regional Leader Report
 - iv. Board Discussion
 - b. Employment for People with Disabilities
 - c. Ad Hoc Committee Meeting Survey
4. Updates & Discussion
 - a. Labor & Workforce Development Agency Report
 - b. Budget Report
 - c. Eligible Training Provider List Update
 - d. State Rehabilitation Council Report
 - e. California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office Update
 - f. California Department of Education Update
5. General Public Comments
6. Adjournment

CALIFORNIA WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD FULL BOARD MEETING SUMMARY

July 8, 2026

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Members Present in Sacramento:

- Chairperson Joanna Rees
- Alysia Bell
- Chancellor Sonya Christian, represented by designee Vice Chancellor Anthony Cordova
- Director Nancy Farias
- Jennifer Haley
- Secretary Stewart Knox, represented by designee Kevin Matulich
- Magda Menendez
- Janus Norman
- Director Kimberly Rutledge
- Angel Sanchez
- Fabrizio Sasso
- Anette Smith
- Superintendent Tony Thurmond, represented by designee Mindi Parsons

Members Present in San Francisco:

- Dr. Angelo Farooq
- Hala Hijazi

Members Present in Southern California:

- Laurence Frank
- Jason Haider

- Hilary Lentini
- Stephen Monteros
- Robert Redlo
- Mayor Rex Richardson
- Avin Sharma
- Senator Lola Smallwood-Cuevas

CWDB Staff:

- Kaina Pereira, Executive Director
- Michael Wiafe, Assistant Deputy Director, Workforce Policy and External Affairs
- Adriana Cruz, Regional Industry Engagement Specialist
- Emily Sunahara, Deputy Director of Operations
- Ben McDonald, Deputy Counsel & Board Meeting Clerk

Regional and State Partner Presenters:

- Erick Serrato, Executive Director, Prospero Workforce Development Board & Executive Director, North Valley THRIVE
- Doris Foster, Director, Stanislaus County Workforce Development Board
- Patty Virgen, Executive Director, San Joaquin County Workforce Development Board
- Dr. Thomas Pogue, Executive Director, Center for Business and Policy Research at the University of the Pacific & Associate Director, North Valley THRIVE
- McKenna Salazar, Executive Director, WE Will! K-16 Educational Collaborative
- Jennie Campos Bautista, Executive Director, Workforce Investment Board of Tulare County
- John Gonzalez, Deputy Director of Operations, Workforce Investment Board of Tulare County
- Julieta Martinez, Economic and Workforce Development Director, Kings County Job Training Office
- Laura Magaña, Program Manager, Kings County Job Training Office
- Blake Konczal, Executive Director, Fresno Regional Workforce Development Board
- Martha Espinosa, Deputy Director, Fresno Regional Workforce Development Board
- Maiknue Vang, Executive Director, Workforce Development Board of Madera County

Agenda:

- A. Welcome & Opening Remarks
 - a. Roll Call
 - b. Call to Order
- B. Action Items
 - a. Approve April 8, 2026 Meeting Summary
 - b. Approve residual Subsequent Designation and Recertification of Local Boards
 - i. Verdugo Workforce Development Board
- C. Briefing & Discussion

- a. Northern San Joaquin Region Update
 - i. Overview of Tour from CWDB Executive Director
 - ii. CWDB Staff Report
 - iii. Regional Leader Report
 - iv. Board Discussion
- b. Central San Joaquin Region Update
 - i. Overview of Tour from CWDB Executive Director
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 - iv. Board Discussion
- c. Dialogue in Email Communication with the Board

D. Updates & Discussion

- a. Labor & Workforce Development Agency Report
- b. Budget Report
- c. Eligible Training Provider List Update
- d. State Rehabilitation Council Report
- e. California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office Update
- f. California Department of Education Update

E. General Public Comments

F. Adjournment

1. Welcome & Opening Remarks:

A. Roll Call & Call to Order

- a. Board Chair Joanna Rees and CWDB Executive Director Kaina Pereira called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m. CWDB Deputy Counsel Ben McDonald conducted the roll call. At the time of roll call, 18 members were present, which did not yet constitute a quorum. CWDB Executive Director advised that action items would be held until a quorum was reached and directed that the meeting proceed with the briefing and discussion items in the interim.
- b. CWDB Executive Director introduced Senator Lola Smallwood-Cuevas, who reported that California closed an initial \$18B projected budget shortfall and adopted a balanced \$351B budget with no deficit, while preserving and expanding workforce development investments. She highlighted funding for workforce outreach, immigration legal services, jails-to-jobs, homelessness prevention, and public hospital workforce needs, along with continued support for Cal Competes, California Jobs First, and reduced annual taxes for LLCs and LLPs. She also highlighted SB 1012, creating fire camp-to-career apprenticeship

pathways for incarcerated firefighters, and SB 247, which would reserve 10% of infrastructure investments for disadvantaged communities.

- c. During the Senator's remarks, additional members joined and established a quorum.
- d. No public comment.

2. Action Items:

A. Approve April 8, 2026 Meeting Summary

- a. CWDB Executive Director opened the item for questions and comments. Robert Redlo noted that a presentation at the April meeting referenced co-enrollment rates of about 10 to 15% using 2022–2023 data, which he said may not fully reflect the strong co-enrollment efforts of several workforce boards. Hilary Lentini requested two corrections: the spelling of her name and inclusion of her State Rehabilitation Council reports in full in the meeting summary, with a link provided only as an alternative. CWDB Executive Director confirmed that SRC reports would be included in full going forward.
- b. The Chair moved to approve April 8, 2026 Meeting Summary prepared by CWDB staff, and it was seconded.
- c. Vote Taken: Approve April 8, 2026 Meeting Summary
 - i. Yes: Alysia Bell, Chancellor Sonya Christian represented by designee Vice Chancellor Anthony Cordova, Director Nancy Farias, Dr. Angelo Farooq, Laurence Frank, Jason Haider, Hala Hijazi, Secretary Stewart Knox represented by designee Kevin Matulich, Hilary Lentini, Magda Menendez, Stephen Monteros, Janus Norman, Chairperson Joanna Rees, Mayor Rex Richardson, Angel Sanchez, Fabrizio Sasso, Senator Lola Smallwood-Cuevas, Anette Smith, and Superintendent Tony Thurmond represented by designee Mindi Parsons.
 - ii. No: None
 - iii. Abstentions: Jennifer Haley, and Director Kimberly Rutledge
- d. Motion to approve April 8, 2026 Meeting Summary passed.
- e. No public comment.

B. Approve residual Subsequent Designation and Recertification of Local Boards - Verdugo Workforce Development Board

- a. The Chair opened the item to questions and comments. Hearing none, the Chair moved to approve residual Subsequent Designation and Recertification of Local Boards - Verdugo Workforce Development Board, and it was seconded.
- b. Vote Taken: Approve residual Subsequent Designation and Recertification of Local Boards - Verdugo Workforce Development Board
 - i. Yes: Alysia Bell, Chancellor Sonya Christian represented by designee Vice Chancellor Anthony Cordova, Director Nancy Farias, Dr. Angelo Farooq, Laurence Frank, Jason Haider, Jennifer Haley, Hala Hijazi, Secretary Stewart Knox represented by designee Kevin Matulich, Hilary Lentini, Magda Menendez, Stephen Monteros, Janus Norman, Chairperson Joanna Rees, Mayor Rex Richardson, Director Kimberly Rutledge, Angel Sanchez, Fabrizio Sasso, Senator Lola Smallwood-Cuevas, Anette Smith, and Superintendent Tony Thurmond represented by designee Mindi Parsons.
 - ii. No: None
 - iii. Abstentions: None.
- c. Motion to approve residual Subsequent Designation and Recertification of Local Boards - Verdugo Workforce Development Board passed.
- d. No public comment.

3. Briefing & Discussion:

A. Northern San Joaquin Region Update

- a. CWDB Executive Director praised the hospitality during the regional tour, calling it one of the best he had experienced. Adriana Cruz, CWDB Regional Industry Engagement Specialist, reported that the San Joaquin Valley and Associated Counties Regional Planning Unit unites 10 workforce boards through the Central California Workforce Collaborative. She highlighted the region's size, demographics, industry diversity, job growth, and the shift in agricultural employment toward support services, creating opportunities for training in precision agriculture and climate-smart farming.
- b. Doris Foster, Director of the Stanislaus County Workforce Development Board, and Erick Serrato, Executive Director of Prospero Workforce Development Board and North Valley THRIVE, presented the Northern San Joaquin sub-region report for Merced, San Joaquin, and Stanislaus counties. They highlighted strong collaboration among the three workforce boards through

regular leadership meetings and joint workgroups focused on business engagement, policy, and fiscal operations. Serrato emphasized the region's strategic location, diverse industry base, and high education assets. Dr. Thomas Pogue, Associate Director of North Valley THRIVE, shared data showing increased intra-regional commuting and noted that many of the region's top occupations have relatively low AI exposure because they require in-person, physical work.

- c. Patty Virgen, Executive Director of the San Joaquin County Workforce Development Board, Doris Foster, Director of the Stanislaus County Workforce Development Board, and Erick Serrato, Executive Director of Prospero Workforce Development Board and North Valley THRIVE, shared local board highlights for their counties. Virgen highlighted construction training in the county jail, a digital literacy program, and a new EMT training cohort. Foster described the STANdOUT Youth Conference, a new re-entry hub that placed 40 individuals into long-term employment in its first six months, and sector partnerships in health, construction, manufacturing, and agriculture. Serrato highlighted Merced County's new workforce center co-working model, the Breaking Barriers re-entry partnership, and a grassroots youth framework that connects WIOA services with trusted community organizations. McKenna Salazar, Executive Director of WE Will! K-16 Educational Collaborative, also described joint efforts to align education and workforce systems around shared sector priorities.
 - d. The Chair offered to connect the Northern San Joaquin region with Endeavor.org to support international business attraction and venture capital engagement, and suggested a presentation at the California Venture Capital Association's annual meeting. Hilary Lentini commended the region's focus on small businesses and asked how they are ensuring those businesses are included in regional transformation efforts. In response, the three directors described strategies including coordination with Small Business Development Centers, revolving loan funds, CDFIs, procurement matching systems, and a virtual business one-stop planned for fall 2026. Lentini also encouraged the region to create disability-inclusive pathways into emerging careers. Anthony Cordova urged the boards to engage their regional community college consortium and identified Boys and Girls Clubs as a potential youth partner.
 - e. No public comment.
- B. Northern San Joaquin Region Update
- a. Adriana Cruz introduced the Central San Joaquin panel, noting that the region's California Jobs First initiative is called Sierra San Joaquin Jobs (S2J2) and is convened by the Central Valley Community Foundation, with all four local workforce boards actively engaged.

- b. Jennie Campos Bautista, Executive Director of the Workforce Investment Board of Tulare County, summarized regional barriers identified through the S2J2 planning process, highlighted California Jobs First catalyst projects and a new manufacturing sector partnership initiative, and reported on incentives distributed to job seekers and youth through regional partnerships. John Gonzalez, Deputy Director of Operations at the Workforce Investment Board of Tulare County, presented labor market data showing government as the largest employing industry, healthcare and social assistance as the fastest-growing sector, and agriculture as highly concentrated in the region.
- c. Local board highlights followed. Bautista described Tulare County's theory of change and service model, including nearly \$1.7M in training scholarships, nine pop-up service sites within community-based organizations, partnerships with Kings County in the healthcare, industrial, and agricultural sectors, and nearly 13,000 adult and dislocated worker enrollments. Julieta Martinez and Laura Magaña of the Kings County Job Training Office described the county's service structure, identified healthcare and transportation as the top training sectors, and highlighted incumbent worker training with Adventist Health. They also emphasized reentry services due to the county's high concentration of correctional facilities, noting that helping clients restore identification documents is often an essential first step. Martinez also described the board's response to the loss of about 750 jobs after two large employers closed within ten months, focusing on both economic development and workforce preparedness.
- d. Blake Konczal and Martha Espinosa of the Fresno Regional Workforce Development Board described a program year 2025 budget of \$58M, broad marketing and business services operations, the Valley Build construction pre-apprenticeship program spanning 14 counties with partnerships across four building trades councils, and Valley Build NOW — a non-traditional occupations for women initiative that recently graduated its fifth all-women cohort in coordination with Fresno City College and the local Building Trades Council, supported by an ERiCA grant that provided childcare stipends for pre-apprentices and apprentices. Konczal described the origins and growth of the Greater Sierra Forestry Corps, which has completed 22 regional cohorts and is grounded in the need to expand the supply of trained workers for forest fuel management. Espinosa described the newly launched EMS Corps, a 20-week EMT training program using a flipped classroom model that achieved an 82% training completion rate and an 83% first-time National Registry pass rate in its first cohort.
- e. Maiknue Vang, Executive Director of the Workforce Development Board of Madera County, described a rural county of about 160,000 residents with workforce opportunities in healthcare, renewable energy, logistics, and water resource management. She highlighted four programs: the Madera County

Justice Center mini America's Job Center of California, now funded through the probation department's Community Corrections Partnership; a school bus driver training program that completed five cohorts, enrolled 55 participants, achieved 93% training-related employment, and helped the district become fully staffed with bus drivers for the first time in more than 25 years; the WOW mobile, or Workforce on Wheels, launched in May 2026 to bring services into underserved rural communities; and a planned childcare entrepreneurship pathway project with SCORE and the Small Business Development Center.

- f. In board discussion, Hilary Lentini praised Valley Build NOW, highlighting childcare and elder caregiving as major barriers for women entering construction and suggesting future grants address both. She also commended the school bus driver training initiative and the WOW mobile as strong examples of innovation. Anthony Cordova praised the Central San Joaquin team and encouraged stronger ties with community college consortia, especially through credit for prior learning and dual enrollment to build stackable degree pathways. Martha Espinosa noted Valley Build already uses this model, allowing participants to earn 13 to 17 college units through instruction and work experience.
- g. Jennifer Haley echoed support for women in non-traditional careers and praised the collaboration across regions. Blake Konczal previewed the next ad hoc presentation from the Kern, Inyo, and Mono Workforce Board and highlighted new Valley Build certifications in Kern tied to oil well capping and disaster cleanup opportunities under AB 138. Anthony Cordova asked about the K-16 partnership supporting manufacturing work. Campos Bautista explained that, after a larger grant was denied, a committed K-16 partner used K-12 Strong Partnership funds and brought in Formation to coach and support regional collaboration. CWDB Executive Director praised Madera County's shift from a Workforce Accelerator Fund pilot to a lasting probation-funded partnership as a strong model of sustainability.
- h. No public comment.

C. Dialogue in Email Communication with the Board

- a. CWDB Executive Director led a brief discussion regarding the use of official CWDB email addresses versus personal email accounts for board-related communications.
- b. CWDB Executive Director then invited board members to share suggestions for future ad hoc or full board discussion topics. CWDB Executive Director noted that board member Angel Sanchez had previously requested a focused discussion on workforce strategies for hiring individuals with disabilities, and that the board intended to address that topic at an upcoming meeting. The Chair suggested that given the rapid pace of development in artificial intelligence, the board should receive an AI workforce update on a recurring

basis approximately every six months, and offered to assist in identifying appropriate speakers for those sessions.

c. No public comment.

4. Updates & Discussion:

A. Labor & Workforce Development Agency Report

a. This update was skipped.

B. Budget Report

a. CWDB Executive Director summarized CWDB's approved state budget and noted pending legislation may increase funding. Key allocations include: \$20M for the Goods Movement Training Campus at the San Pedro Port Complex; \$5 million for port workforce training grants; \$3M for the United Food and Commercial Workers Western States Council; \$5M for Ready for Life; \$10.8M for the Social Entrepreneurs for Economic Development program; \$5M for the hospitality training academy; \$19M for High Road Construction Careers; \$3M for a Workforce Accelerator Fund round focused on fusion and quantum computing pathways; and the regular allocation for high-performing local boards.

b. Mayor Rex Richardson expressed particular interest in the port workforce training grant and requested timely information regarding the application timeline and process. He also requested the annotated schedule for the upcoming Southern California regional visit once it is finalized.

c. No public comment.

C. Eligible Training Provider List Update

a. This update was skipped.

D. State Rehabilitation Council Report

a. Hilary Lentini, board member and State Rehabilitation Council (SRC) representative, attending from the Southern California location, provided the following report:

b. "The SRC has remained actively engaged with DOR as the department prepares to enter into an Order of Selection (OOS). An OOS is a federally required process that prioritizes services for individuals with the most significant disabilities when DOR's resources, both financial and staffing, are insufficient to serve all eligible applicants. The SRC receives regular updates during quarterly meetings and policy committee meetings, and the Council has provided formal recommendations to guide the OOS process. The next SRC quarterly meeting is scheduled for July 2026 and will include presentations on the results

of DOR's 2025 consumer satisfaction survey, updates on the state plan, and several agenda items related to the Order of Selection."

c. No public comment.

E. California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office Update

a. Anthony Cordova, representing Chancellor Sonya Christian, updated the Board on the California Community Colleges budget and priorities. He said Proposition 98 for 2026–27 totals \$128B, with 11% for community colleges, and reported unofficial enrollment above 2.3M students. Major budget items included repayment of the \$48M deferral, \$290M ongoing for COLA, \$153.1M for enrollment growth, \$120M for deferred maintenance, and funding for credit for prior learning, the Common Cloud data platform, dual enrollment expansion, California Indian Nations College, student support grants, LGBTQ+ campus centers, apprenticeship-related instruction, adult learners, creative industry workforce training, and the Healthy School program.

b. CWDB Executive Director noted he will join a Comic-Con panel on AI and the creative economy and is interested in discussing the Future of Creative Industry pilot with Cordova.

c. No public comment.

F. California Department of Education (CDE) Update

a. Mindi Parsons, representing Superintendent Tony Thurmond, shared updates on two California Department of Education priorities. She highlighted a summer work experience initiative, developed with the South Bay and Foothill workforce boards, that will provide more than 100 high school students with work-based learning opportunities. She also noted that the CDE is updating its career technical education model curriculum standards with input from employers, industry, and labor partners, and thanked CWDB staff for supporting those efforts. She said she would report back on both initiatives at the next meeting.

b. No public comment.

5. General Public Comments:

A. 3:09:40 – [Sacramento Public Comment](#)

B. 3:13:34 – [Sacramento Public Comment](#)

6. Adjournment:

A. All CWDB business having concluded, Board Chair Rees thanked all board members for their participation and adjourned the meeting at 1:15 p.m.

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California Workforce Development Board of Directors Briefing

September 2, 2026

Under Agenda Item 2.b. (Approve Establishment of Special Committee on Youth), the Board of Directors will be voting to approve one item:

Establishment of the CWDB Special Committee on Youth

Background

The California Workforce Development Board (CWDB) has identified a significant workforce policy gap affecting youth populations, particularly opportunity youth, young people aged 16 to 24 who are neither enrolled in school nor participating in the labor market. Addressing the unique barriers and needs of this population is essential to advancing the state's broader workforce development goals and ensuring equitable access to career pathways. CWDB Bylaws authorize three types of committees: (1) standing committees, which require an amendment to the bylaws; (2) special committees, which are assigned specific tasks and assignments by the Chair and are subject to ratification by the Board; and (3) ad hoc committees, which are time-limited and task-oriented informal workgroups.

Given the desire for ongoing youth-focused policy work, staff recommends designating a special committee for 2027 with the goal of laying groundwork for a future standing committee. Under this framework, the Chair can assign tasks and designate a committee chair and vice chair to run proceedings.

Committee Composition

The special committee is planned to be a nimble body of 10 to 12 members. A single member may satisfy multiple criteria. Proposed membership should include a diverse range of stakeholders, ideally including:

- Multiple employer representatives, including an employer focused on opportunity youth and a representative of an entity that acts as employer of record for minors

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- At least one person aged 16 to 24 who may be in an opportunity youth classification, with an emphasis on representation from diverse subgroups
- A representative from the disability community
- A representative from a non-profit, community-based organization, or specialist who advocates for opportunity youth
- A local board director known for effectively engaging youth
- Education representatives from CDE, California Community Colleges, and CSU/UC
- A Department of Social Services representative (e.g., from CalFresh or CalWORKs)

Membership will be open to board members in good standing first, with additional nominations vetted by CWDB staff. Executive Director Kaina Pereira and CWDB Chair Joanna Rees solicit volunteers from among the Board of Directors and broader stakeholder community to serve on the special committee.

Scope of Work & Deliverables

The special committee will operate on a six-month term, meeting at least three times between January 1, 2027 and June 30, 2027, tentatively in January, March, and May. Meetings will be scheduled prior to full board meetings to allow the committee to report out to the full Board.

The primary deliverable of the special committee is to provide a formal recommendation to the Board at the July 2027 meeting regarding the proposed standing committee's:

- Membership composition
- Aims and scope of work
- Expected deliverables

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These recommendations will be submitted for consideration by the Governor's Office and the Labor Secretary. Policy topics identified via recent public comments on [Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 16 \(2023-2024\)](#), such as enhanced data collaboration, cradle-to-career inclusion, and dual/co-enrollment, should inform the standing committee's proposed scope of work.

Long-Term Vision

The special committee is designed to transition into a standing Youth Committee in the next CWDB bylaws revision, contingent on the support of the Governor's Office and the Labor Secretary. The establishment of the special committee and its foundational work can be referenced in the 2028 State Plan modification, and a standing committee can be formalized by early 2028 so that its ongoing policy recommendations are incorporated into subsequent State Plan cycles. Over the long term, the standing Youth Committee would engage in active policy generation and technical assistance on implementing best practices with a regional focus, in concert with educational partners. This work would be tied to relevant statewide initiatives such as California Jobs First, the Master Plan for Career Education, and any successor or complementary programs.

Current Status

Initial setup and recruitment activities are underway for the special committee. Staff have developed a clear vision and scope, and Policy and Legal staff will provide initial direction and ongoing oversight. The special committee is now put before the Board of Directors for formal approval and ratification.

Recommended Action: Approve the establishment of the CWDB Special Committee on Youth as described herein.