



WORKFORCE INVESTMENT BOARD OF TULARE COUNTY

MEETING

February 16, 2022 Minutes

WIB Directors Present Virtually: Kerry Hydash – Chair, Colby Wells – Vice Chair, Joe Hallmeyer-Treasurer/Secretary, Amy Shuklian, Brandon Lovenburg, Brent Calvin, David Pena, Robert Kleyn, Ronny Jungk, Gil Aguilar, Randy Baerg, Tricia Stever Blattler, Yolanda Valdez

1. **Call to Order:** Kerry Hydash – Chair called the meeting to order at 7:33 a.m.
2. **Public Comment:** Kerry Hydash – Chair called for public comments; there were no public comments.
3. **Consent Items:**
 - a. Workforce Investment Board Meeting Minutes
Approve December 8, 2021 Board Meeting Minutes.
 - b. Resolution for Remote Attendance at WIB and Committee Meetings Pursuant to AB 361
Approve a resolution to provide for remote attendance at WIB and WIB Committee Meetings pursuant to the teleconferencing provisions of AB 361.
 - c. Appointment to the Workforce Investment Board of Tulare County Board of Directors
Recommend one appointment to the Workforce Investment Board of Tulare County Board of Directors in noted category, contingent upon Tulare County Board of Supervisors approval.
 - Christina Garza, Employment Development Department (EDD), Employment Program Manager III for the Workforce Service Branch Central Valley Region’s Bakersfield Cluster, ARU 135 – Wagner-Peyser (term expiration date June 30, 2024)
 - d. Employment Development Department Designee (EDD) Nomination to the Employment Connection Committee
Approve the nomination of Christina Garza as the EDD Designee (PSW) to the Employment Connection Committee.
 - e. America’s Job Center of California (AJCC) Certification Continuous Improvement Plan for the Comprehensive and Affiliate Employment Connection Centers in Tulare County
Accept the Continuous Improvement Plan for the Employment Connection Centers in Tulare County.
 - i. Employment Connection in Dinuba (Affiliate)
 - ii. Employment Connection in Tulare (Affiliate)
 - iii. Employment Connection in Porterville (Comprehensive)
 - iv. Employment Connection in Visalia (Comprehensive)

Motion was made by Joe Hallmeyer, second by Gil Aguilar to approve the consent items; carried by unanimous vote.

4. Regular Items:

a. Microbusiness COVID-19 Relief Grant Program

Accept funds from the County of Tulare to administer the California Microbusiness COVID-19 Relief Grant Program and enter agreements with Middlestate and Valley Small Business Development Center to assist with the implementation of the grant program.

- i. WIB staff recommend that the Board accept grants funds from the County of Tulare in the amount of \$607,249 to administer the California Microbusiness COVID-19 Relief Grant program (MBCRG).
- ii. WIB staff recommend entering into an agreement with Middlestate to assist with developing and administering the MBCRG program.
- iii. WIB staff recommend entering into an agreement with Valley Small Business Development Center to assist with outreach and technical assistance for the MBCRG program.

Motion was made by Joe Hallmeyer, second by Yolanda Valdez for microbusiness COVID-19 relief grant program, carried by unanimous vote.

5. Information/Discussion Items:

• Essential Skills Discussion

The WIB, in partnership with Tulare-Kings College and Career Collaborative, is developing a Tulare-Kings Career Readiness Certification that will help the region build on pathway success by expanding industry engagement and establishing a common framework for student readiness in the workplace. Randy Wallace will facilitate a discussion around Essential Skills for that framework.

• Good Jobs Challenge Grant

EDA's American Rescue Plan Good Jobs Challenge aims to get Americans back to work by building and strengthening systems and partnerships that bring together employers who have hiring needs with other key entities to train workers with in-demand skills that lead to good paying jobs. The WIB is a partner in two Good Jobs Challenge Grant applications. In the Built 4 Scale application, the WIB is working with the Fresno Economic Development Corporation to address critical work force needs within four strategic industry sectors: Business Services, Construction, Manufacturing, and Transportation. In the Central Valley California Regional Partnership for Health Career Partnership application, the WIB is collaborating with Workforce Development Boards throughout the Central Valley to establish and strengthen workforce training systems to train workers within in-demand skills and health care through sectoral partnerships.

• Dislocated Worker 25 Percent Additional Assistance

• Workforce Data Newsletter – Volume 6, Issue 12 – December 2021

• Tulare County Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) – December 2021

6. WIB Committee Reports

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7. **Good of the Order/Adjourn:** There being no further business; the meeting was adjourned by Kerry Hydash – Chair at 8:34 a.m.

Minutes submitted for approval by Joe Hallmeyer, Secretary.



Joe Hallmeyer, Secretary

3/9/22

Date

APPROVED BY
WORKFORCE INVESTMENT BOARD
MINUTES OF 03-09-2022