



WORKFORCE INVESTMENT BOARD MEETING AGENDA

Wednesday, February 16, 2022; 7:30 AM – 8:30 AM

Workforce Investment Board of Tulare County meeting scheduled for Wednesday, February 16, 2022, will be held virtually. The public may attend the meeting by the following link:

<https://www.facebook.com/tularewib>

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD CALL-IN: Members of the public that wish to make a public comment during the Board meeting, please call (559) 713-5200.

1. **CALL MEETING TO ORDER**
2. **PUBLIC COMMENTS (Three minutes per individual/organization, fifteen minutes total)** - Any member of the public wishing to address the Workforce Investment Board of Tulare County on a specific matter under its jurisdiction, please notify the Secretary of the Board of your name and provide a brief description on the subject matter prior to the meeting. The Board will not be able to take action on any item not appearing on the agenda.
3. **CONSENT ITEMS** – All items under the Consent Calendar are considered routine and will be approved in one action without discussion. If a Board member requests that an item be removed from the Consent Calendar or a citizen wishes to speak on an item, the item will be considered under Regular 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)

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- 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)

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.

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.

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- 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 COMMITTEES/COUNCIL REPORT**

7. **GOOD OF THE ORDER/ADJOURN**

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if you need special assistance to participate in this meeting, please contact Laura Castanon at 559-713-5200 no later than noon the Tuesday before the meeting.

Documents related to the items on this agenda which are distributed to the board members after the mailing of the agenda packet are available for public inspection in the WIB office, located at 309 W. Main St., Suite 120, Visalia, CA.