

**WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD
YOUTH COMMITTEE MEETING**

“Pursuant to the Governor’s Executive Order N-29-20, the Committee meeting was held via teleconference and a publicly noticed location was provided for public observation and comment.”

WEDNESDAY, MAY 13, 2020 - 12:30 p.m.

MINUTES

Attendees:

Members	Present
B.J. Patterson (Chair)	X
Ken Boshart	X
*Andre Bossieux	X
Phil Cothran	X
*Lowell King	X
Dale Marsden	X
*Audrey Mathews	
*Fernando Olivarez	X
William Sterling	X
Jonathan Weldy	X

**Public Members*

Staff to WDB	Present
Devra Bell	X
Sandy Harmsen	X
WDD Staff	Present
Monique Amis	X
Fred Burks	X
Curtis Compton	X
Darren Cook	X

OPENING

- 1) **Acting Chair called meeting to order** at 12:31 p.m.
- 2) **Introductions** – The Board Secretary took roll call attendance.
- 3) **Adoption of Agenda** – The Chair called for a motion to adopt the agenda. Will Sterling; Audrey Mathews seconded.

Pursuant to Government Code section 54953 (b)(2), a roll call vote was called as follows:

B.J. Patterson, Chair: Aye
Ken Boshart: Aye
Andre Bossieux: Aye
Phil Cothran: Aye
Lowell King: Aye
Dale Marsden: Aye
Audrey Mathews: Absent
Fernando Olivarez: Aye
Will Sterling: Aye
Jonathan Weldy: Aye

Without further comment or objection, motion carried by unanimous vote.

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

4) Approve Minutes from the January 8, 2020 Youth Committee Meeting

The Chair requested a motion to approve the minutes from the January 8, 2020 Youth Committee Meeting. Will Sterling motioned; Dale Marsden seconded the motion.

Pursuant to Government Code section 54953 (b)(2), a roll call vote was called as follows:

B.J. Patterson, Chair: Aye
Ken Boshart: Aye
Andre Bossieux: Aye
Phil Cothran: Aye
Lowell King: Aye
Dale Marsden: Aye
Audrey Mathews: Absent
Fernando Olivarez: Aye
Will Sterling: Aye
Jonathan Weldy: Aye

Without further comment or objection, motion carried by unanimous vote.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

5) Comments from the General Public in Attendance

There were no Public Comment cards presented.

DISCUSSION

6) Changes to GenerationGo! Updates

B.J. Patterson, Chair, reported on changes to the GenerationGo! program, which has currently been placed on hold. He reported on the importance of obtaining additional non-WIOA funding and the need for additional staff to help support this program.

7) Linking Foster Programs

The Chair informed the committee members that we need to find ways to track the foster children's progress with various organizations in the County and this will be a top priority for the committee going forward. Future discussions will occur on this topic.

8) Manufacturing Businesses Involvement with Internship Programs

The Chair requested that the committee identify past challenges in connecting manufacturing businesses with our internship programs, so we can connect youth to those opportunities. Some of the current challenges include requirements by OSHA and the legalities of having those younger than 18 years old work with machinery at the businesses. In addition, due to the current increase in unemployment due to the COVID-19, there will be additional challenges in getting the youth into internships, as the adult population may also be unemployed and will require assistance with employment.

WORKSHOP

9) Youth Programs Post-COVID

The Chair started the workshop discussing how we will assist youths post COVID. Many are challenged with the technology that may be required, as they do not all have computers or access to Zoom meetings. A discussion ensued regarding how to provide support to those youth that are unable to connect to businesses via technology. Mr. Patterson requested feedback from the various youth providers that attended the call, to provide options they have made available for the youth in their respective programs. Many providers have devices available for use by the youth, as well as providing information to them via You Tube, to assist with various training needs. The committee next discussed the challenges that may be encountered when the offices and schools reopen in the near future. They discussed possibly enrolling the youth as early as possible, while trying to identify those youth that are also part of the foster system. Due to challenges with confidentiality from the school districts, these youth are not always identified as part of that system.

The committee next discussed the importance of combining the efforts of Child and Family Services (CFS) with those students that are part of the Independent Living Program (ILP), but there have been challenges with getting CFS to respond to requests for support. A suggestion was made to potentially have attendees from both the Special Populations Committee join the Youth Committee meetings, to join their efforts to assist some of the youth that may have barriers that overlap. The Chair requested that the next Youth Committee meeting be conducted following the Special Populations Committee meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair called for a motion to adjourn. Lowell King motioned; Andre Bossieux seconded the motion. None opposed; motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 1:37 p.m.

The next meeting of the Youth Committee is scheduled for Wednesday, June 17, 2020 at 10:30 a.m. and will be held via Zoom Conference.



Devra Bell – WDB Secretary