

**WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD
SPECIAL POPULATIONS 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, JUNE 17, 2020 - 9:00 a.m.

MINUTES

Attendance:

Members	Present
Jonathan Weldy (Chair)	X
*Stephani Congdon	X
Phil Cothran	X
*Tamica Foots- Rachal	
Cherilyn Greenlee	X
*Yukiko Long	X
*Audrey Mathews	
B.J. Patterson	X
*Pauline Pina	
*Jessica Rodriguez	X
William Sterling	X
Anita Tuckerman	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) **Chair called meeting to order** at 9:07 a.m.
- 2) **Introductions** – The Board Secretary took roll call attendance.
- 3) **Adoption of Agenda (Roll Call Vote)** - Chair called for a motion to adopt the agenda. Will Sterling motioned; Jessica Rodriguez seconded the motion.

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

Jonathan Weldy, Chair: Aye
 Stephani Congdon: Aye
 Phil Cothran: Aye
 Tamica Foots-Rachal: Absent
 Cherilyn Greenlee: Aye
 Yukiko Long: Absent
 Audrey Mathews: Absent
 B.J. Patterson: Aye
 Pauline Pina: Absent
 Jessica Rodriguez: Aye
 William Sterling: Aye
 Anita Tuckerman: Aye

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

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

- 4) Approval of Minutes from May 13, 2020 Special Populations Committee Meeting (Roll Call Vote)**
The Chair called for a motion to approve the minutes. Jessica Rodriguez motioned; Anita Tuckerman seconded the motion.

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

Jonathan Weldy, Chair: Aye
Stephani Congdon: Aye
Phil Cothran: Aye
Tamica Fouts-Rachal: Absent
Cherilyn Greenlee: Aye
Yukiko Long: Absent
Audrey Mathews: Absent
B.J. Patterson: Aye
Pauline Pina: Absent
Jessica Rodriguez: Aye
William Sterling: Aye
Anita Tuckerman: Aye

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

- 5) Comments from the General Public in Attendance**
No public comments were submitted.

WORKSHOP

6) Operation New Hope

The Chair introduced Russell Degnon from Operation New Hope, who provided an overview of their program study, holistic model, services and support provided, case management data and their "road map to success" process. A discussion ensued regarding their general services and how the Workforce Development Board can assist them in the future.

7) Defy Ventures

The Chair introduced Andrew Glazer from Defy Ventures, who provided information regarding their program, which is to cut recidivism in half, by providing services to those with a criminal background to help give them opportunities to learn new skills both inside and outside of prison. A discussion ensued about how to get employers engaged in this process and the need to raise money and partner with organizations in the community, who may be able to provide training classes and support to the program.

8) Prison to Employment (P2E)

Fred Burks provided an update on the Prison to Employment initiative and noted the following items: All P2E providers were trained on entering data into our Case Management system; technical assistance is being provided to providers on a bi-weekly basis; and as of June 1, 2020, P2E providers were allowed to start enrolling participants. Workforce Development Department staff is in the process of being trained and will be ready to start seeing participants by appointment only, beginning the week of June 29, 2020.

9) Public Relations Discussion

The Chair reiterated the need for success stories and asked that they be submitted to the Board Secretary for review and compilation.

10) Social Enterprise Business & Employment

The Chair followed up on the workshop dates and information regarding social enterprise, which was circulated to the committee members. He requested that everyone review the dates and sign up for these workshops. Through social enterprising, we may be able to obtain additional funding for our programs.

REPORTS AND INFORMATION

11) County Report

Sandy Harmsen provided staffing updates and information regarding the AJCC offices, indicating that the State doesn't plan to return to the offices until approximately August 1, 2020. Staff is currently assisting customers by appointment only. The open Director position is going through the County process and we hope to have an announcement in the near future.

12) Special Populations Future Calendar Dates

The Chair noted that the next three meetings of the Special Populations Committee will be July 15th, August 12th and September 23rd. At a future meeting, the Chair hopes to schedule some offsite meetings and perhaps visit one of the AJCC offices.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair called for a motion to adjourn. Yukiko Long motioned. Anita Tuckerman seconded the motion. None opposed; Motion carried.

Meeting ended at 10:21 a.m.

The next meeting of the Special Populations Committee is scheduled for Wednesday, July 15, 2020 at 9:30 a.m. and will be held via Zoom Conference.



Devra Bell, WDB Secretary