

**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, JULY 15, 2020 - 9:00 a.m.

MINUTES

Attendance:

Members	Present
Jonathan Weldy (Chair)	X
*Stephani Congdon	X
Phil Cothran	X
*Tamica Fouts- Rachal	
Cherilyn Greenlee	
Scott Kuethen	X
*Yukiko Long	X
*Audrey Mathews	X
B.J. Patterson	X
*Pauline Pina	
*Jessica Rodriguez	X
William Sterling	X
Anita Tuckerman	X

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** **Public Members* **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 Fouts-Rachal: Absent
- Cherilyn Greenlee: Absent
- Scott Kuethen: Aye
- Yukiko Long: Aye
- Audrey Mathews: Aye
- 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 July 15, 2020 Special Populations Committee Meeting (Roll Call Vote)

The Chair called for a motion to approve the minutes. Anita Tuckerman 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 Fouts-Rachal: Absent
Cherilyn Greenlee: Absent
Scott Kuethen: Aye
Yukiko Long: Aye
Audrey Mathews: Aye
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) Prison to Employment (P2E)

The Chair introduced Fred Burks, who provided updates on P2E, which included the recent completion of staff training to input P2E data into the CalJOBS system. A discussion ensued about future training cohorts and training dollars available. Funding for the P2E program is shared with Riverside County and further review of those funding dollars and budgets were requested by the committee members. The presentation by Operation New Hope was postponed to a future meeting. Jessica Rodriguez from Goodwill Industries discussed how they can utilize the P2E grant funds for justice involved and/or formerly incarcerated individuals that come into their office. Goodwill's services include traditional employment placement, direct unsubsidized employment placement and soft skills training, which includes job readiness activities, technical skills, supportive services and case management. Individuals that go to Goodwill Industries will receive an orientation & assessment, training, job preparation, interview matching and graduation/potential employment opportunities.

7) Goodwill Industries

Jessica Rodriguez provided an overview of Goodwill Industries and shared a recent success story of a justice involved individual, who successfully completed their program and was subsequently introduced to Goodwill Industries. The individual started the Prison to Employment program and was successful in obtaining employment. The committee members discussed the need for additional success stories that can be shared.

8) Hope Through Housing Foundation

The Chair introduced Gregory Bradford, who provided an overview of the goals for the Hope Through Housing Foundation (HTHF), which include providing affordable and stable housing to individuals with
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lower income or additional barriers. Mr. Bradford discussed resident profiles and challenges, their mission and their services to children/teens, families and seniors. A discussion ensued about how the WDB could best support and partner with HTHF. Additional meetings will be set up with the AJCC Managers to discuss how these offices can best support these efforts.

9) Department of Rehabilitation

This workshop was postponed until a future meeting.

10) Social Enterprise Business & Employment

The Chair led the discussion and reported on the webinars that were offered to the committee members on Social Enterprising. The goal is to expand these webinars and tie this effort to San Bernardino County.

REPORTS AND INFORMATION

11) County Report

Sandy Harmsen provided staffing updates and information regarding the AJCC offices. Staff is currently assisting customers by appointment only. The open Director position is going through the County process and is in the final background stage. Also discussed was the Asset Mapping project. Training is being conducted and this topic will be brought back to the General Board at a future meeting for next steps.

12) Special Populations Future Calendar Dates

The Chair noted that the next meeting of the Special Populations Committee has been postponed until August 19th at 9:30 am. A change to the calendar will be circulated by the Board Secretary.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Meeting ended at 10:28 a.m.

The next meeting of the Special Populations Committee is scheduled for Wednesday, August 19, 2020 at 9:30 a.m. and will be held via Zoom Conference.



Devra Bell, WDB Secretary