

**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, SEPTEMBER 23, 2020 – 11:00 AM – 12:30 PM

MINUTES

Attendees:

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

**Public Members*

| Staff to WDB | Present |
|---------------------|----------------|
| Devra Bell | X |
| Marlena Sessions | X |

OPENING

- 1) **Chair called meeting to order** at 11:01 AM
- 2) **Pledge of Allegiance** – Jonathan Weldy led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- 3) **Introductions** – The Board Secretary took roll call attendance.
- 4) **Adoption of Agenda** – The Chair called for a motion to adopt the agenda. Joseph Williams motioned; Jonathan Weldy 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: Absent
Audrey Mathews: Absent
Fernando Olivarez: Aye
Will Sterling: Aye
Jonathan Weldy: Aye
Joseph Williams: Aye

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

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

- 5) **Approve Minutes from the August 19, 2020 Youth Committee Meeting**

The Chair requested a motion to approve the minutes from the August 19, 2020 Youth Committee Meeting. Lowell King motioned; Jonathan Weldy 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: Absent
Audrey Mathews: Absent
Fernando Olivarez: Aye
Will Sterling: Aye
Jonathan Weldy: Aye
Joseph Williams: Aye

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS

6) Comments from the General Public in Attendance - There were no Public Comment cards presented.

WORKSHOP

7) Youth Provider Updates

The Chair introduced members of Mental Health Systems, Hesperia USD and El Proyecto del Barrio, who each discussed their business approach during the COVID 19 pandemic:

Mental Health Systems: The Chair introduced Stacia Shaver, who provided an overview of Mental Health Systems. She provided information regarding: recruitment and outreach; work experience with employers in their community; the COVID-19 guidelines that have been implemented and their supportive services currently offered. Ms. Shaver also shared a success story for one of their program participants.

Hesperia USD: The Chair introduced Werner von der Heide, who provided an overview of the Hesperia USD program. He reviewed the program statistics and Career Pathways programs. In addition, he discussed COVID-19 changes that were put into place to continue serving the students, as well as the challenges they have encountered during this time. Mr. von der Heide also shared several success stories for some of the participants.

El Proyecto del Barrio: The Chair introduced Haimanot Fekadu, who provided an overview of their program and their stated mission. She discussed the services offered, training provided and educational assistance they provide to their participants. Additional topics included: case management; supportive services; paid internships; and the various certified training opportunities.

8) Next Steps for Youth Committee

The Chair, B.J. Patterson, discussed a recent survey that indicates 73% of the 2020 High graduates are unemployed, due to the industries, such as, hospitality and restaurant businesses being shut down or working in a limited capacity. A discussion ensued about how we can connect Youth to the jobs that are currently available, as well as how we measure success. A discussion ensued about how the committee could focus on individuals with the greatest barriers to employment. The Chair requested that each committee member come up with 1-2 issues that can be focused on at the next meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Meeting adjourned at 12:33 PM

The next WDB Youth Committee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, October 14, 2020 at 11:00 AM to be held via Zoom Conference.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Devra Bell", written over a horizontal line.

Devra Bell – WDB Secretary