

**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, NOVEMBER 18, 2020 – 9:30 AM – 11:00 AM

MINUTES

Attendance:

Members	Present	WDB Staff	Present
Jonathan Weldy (Chair)	X	Devra Bell	X
Cinnamon Alvarez	X	Brad Gates	X
*Stephani Congdon	X	Marlena Sessions	X
Phil Cothran	X		
Russell Degnan	X		
*Tamica Fouts-Rachal	X		
Cherilyn Greenlee	X		
Lowell King	X		
Scott Kuethen			
*Yukiko Long			
*Audrey Mathews			
*Pauline Pina			
*Jessica Rodriguez	X		
Anita Tuckerman	X		

**Public Members*

OPENING

- 1) **Chair called meeting to order** at 9:32 AM
- 2) **Pledge of Allegiance** – Lowell King led the Pledge of Allegiance
- 3) **Introductions** – The Board Secretary took roll call attendance.
- 4) **Adoption of Agenda (Roll Call Vote)** - Chair called for a motion to adopt the agenda. Lowell King motioned; Russell Degnan seconded the motion.

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

Jonathan Weldy, Chair: Aye
 Cinnamon Alvarez: Aye
 Stephani Congdon: Aye
 Phil Cothran: Aye
 Russell Degnan: Aye
 Tamica Fouts-Rachal: Aye
 Cherilyn Greenlee: Aye
 Lowell King: Aye
 Scott Kuethen: Absent
 Yukiko Long: Absent
 Audrey Mathews: Absent
 Pauline Pina: Absent
 Jessica Rodriguez: Aye
 Anita Tuckerman: Aye

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

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

5) Approval of Minutes from October 14, 2020 Special Populations Committee Meeting (Roll Call Vote)

The Chair called for a motion to approve the minutes. Russell Degnan motioned; Lowell King seconded the motion.

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

Jonathan Weldy, Chair: Aye
Cinnamon Alvarez: Aye
Stephani Congdon: Aye
Phil Cothran: Aye
Russell Degnan: Aye
Tamica Footh-Rachal: Aye
Cherilyn Greenlee: Aye
Lowell King: Aye
Scott Kuethen: Absent
Yukiko Long: Absent
Audrey Mathews: Absent
Pauline Pina: Absent
Jessica Rodriguez: Aye
Anita Tuckerman: Aye

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

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

WORKSHOP

7) Regional Operations/State Plan

The Chair introduced Tamica Footh-Rachal, who provided the background of the State Council and noted that it is a State and Federal funded council and there is one in each State. Based on census data in 2016, only 40,000 individuals in the Inland Empire are served by the Inland Regional Center. Regional Centers serve individuals with disabilities that are under the age of 18, where the State Council serves individuals with disabilities, who are over the age of 18. Ms. Footh-Rachal introduced Tania Morawiec, Deputy Director of the California State Council on Developmental Disabilities. Ms. Morawiec provided an overview of the Council, as well as their primary objectives; how to improve the system; working with businesses to assist in hiring individuals; funding and their various federal partners and future goals/plans. A discussion ensued about connecting these resources with the AJCC offices and Business Services, to help educate staff, while working with businesses and customers.

8) Autism Partnership and Collaboration

The Chair wants to discuss how our partners access the AJCC offices, so we can work to involve individuals to participate in this collaboration. Mariann Johnson updated the committee on Uniquely Abled. Goodwill partnered with community colleges and they worked together with individuals with autism, but with Covid, this was put on hold. Meetings are beginning again and the members would like to assist these efforts with OJT dollars.

9) Special Populations Committee – Member Goals

The Chair reviewed the goals that were discussed at a prior meeting and requested that each member think about these and provide input at the next meeting. These goals included getting businesses involved in trainings to assist them with hiring those in that represent the special population community.

REPORTS AND INFORMATION

13) Special Populations Future Calendar Dates

The Chair reviewed the meeting schedule for Special Populations for 2021. These meetings will be shortened to one hour. The last meeting of 2020 will be held on December 16, beginning at 9:30 AM.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair called for a motion to adjourn. Tamica Fouts-Rachal motioned. Russell Degnan seconded the motion. None opposed; Motion carried.

Meeting ended at 10:58 AM

The next meeting of the Special Populations Committee is scheduled for Wednesday, December 16, 2020 at 9:30 AM and will be held via Zoom Conference.



Devra Bell, WDB Secretary