

**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, MARCH 10, 2021 – 9:30 AM – 10:30 AM

MINUTES

Attendance:

Members	Present
Jonathan Weldy (Chair)	X
Cinnamon Alvarez	X
*Stephani Congdon	X
Russell Degnan	X
*Tamica Fouts- Rachal	
Lowell King	X
Scott Kuethen	
*Yukiko Long	X
Louie Lopez	X
*Deborah Napier	X
*Pauline Pina	X
*Jessica Rodriguez	X

Staff to WDB	Present
Devra Bell	X
Marlena Sessions	X

**Public Members*

OPENING

- 1) **Chair called meeting to order** at 9:32 AM
- 2) **Pledge of Allegiance** – Russell Degnan led the Pledge of Allegiance
- 3) **Introductions** – The Board Secretary took roll call attendance.

The Chair introduced new members of the Special Populations Committee: Deborah Napier from the Employment Development Department and Louie Lopez from the Ironworkers 433 Union. They both provided their backgrounds to the committee members.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- 4) **Comments from the General Public in Attendance** – Channing Hawkins from Supervisor Baca Jr’s office introduced himself to the committee members.

CONSENT AGENDA (Roll Call Vote)

5) Approve Minutes from January 13, 2021 Special Populations Committee Meeting

The Chair called for a motion to approve the consent 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
Russell Degnan: Aye
Tamica Fouts-Rachal: Absent
Lowell King: Aye
Scott Kuethen: Absent
Yukiko Long: Aye
Louie Lopez: Aye
Deborah Napier: Aye
Pauline Pina: Aye
Jessica Rodriguez: Aye

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

PRESENTATION

6) San Bernardino County Sheriff Program

Brad Gates introduced Lt. James Porter, who also introduced Chris Martin and Evan Thomas, who provided their background. Lt. Porter reviewed a PowerPoint presentation and discussed the collaboration between the Inmate Service Unit (ISU) and the Workforce Development Department (WDD). He noted they currently have two Workforce Development Specialists on staff, who work with the Prison to Employment staff. The purpose of the program is to develop employer relationships and connect justice involved individuals to jobs in the County. Chris Martin discussed additional programs available at the Glen Helen Rehabilitation Center.

DISCUSSION

7) Approve 2021 Goals for the Special Populations Committee

Brad Gates provided an overview of the item. The Chair noted the last goal regarding AJCC access, is being supported through the AJCC Ad Hoc Committee. A discussion ensued about how to best determine the success of that goal. The Chair suggested reviewing the dashboard and numbers to determine that success. A modification to the wording was requested and with that update, the Chair requested a motion to approve the goals. Lowell King motioned; Stephani Congdon 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
Russell Degnan: Aye
Tamica Fouts-Rachal: Absent
Lowell King: Aye
Scott Kuethen: Absent
Yukiko Long: Aye
Louie Lopez: Aye
Deborah Napier: Aye
Pauline Pina: Aye
Jessica Rodriguez: Aye

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

REPORTS AND INFORMATION

8) Prison to Employment (P2E) Update

Brad Gates provided an update regarding our long standing relationship with the Sheriff's Department and how the community can help rehabilitate justice involved individuals. WDD is proud to be partnered with Riverside County on the P2E grant, as well as our three providers: Operation New Hope, Goodwill Industries and San Bernardino College. Mr. Gates reviewed the current statics regarding the participants in the program and their successes.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair called for a motion to adjourn. Russell Degnan motioned; Cinnamon Alvarez seconded the motion. None opposed; Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 10:23 AM

The next WDB Special Populations meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 12, 2021 at 9:30 AM and will be held via Zoom Conference.



Devra Bell, WDB Secretary