

**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, AUGUST 11, 2021 – 10:30 AM – 11:30 AM**

**MINUTES**

**Attendees:**

<b>Members</b>	<b>Present</b>
B.J. Patterson (Chair)	
Ken Boshart	X
*Andre Bossieux	X
Phil Cothran	X
Lowell King	X
Dale Marsden	X
Tremaine Mitchell	X
Sandra Sisco	X
Jonathan Weldy	X

*\*Public Members*

<b>Staff to WDB</b>	<b>Present</b>
Devra Bell	X
Marlena Sessions	X
Brad Gates	X

**OPENING**

- 1) **Acting Chair called meeting to order** at 10:31 AM
- 2) **Pledge of Allegiance** – Ken Boshart led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- 3) **Introductions** – The Board Secretary took roll call attendance.  
The Chair introduced new member Tremaine Mitchell, Executive Director, Youth Action Project.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

- 4) **Approve Minutes from May 12, 2021 Youth Committee Meeting**  
The Chair requested a motion to approve the consent agenda. Dale Marsden motioned; Lowell King 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: Aye
- Tremaine Mitchell: Aye
- Sandra Sisco: Aye
- Jonathan Weldy: Aye

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

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

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

## **WORKSHOP**

### **6) Youth Refresh**

Mariann Johnson introduced Robert Sainz, who was hired as a consultant to assist with the Youth Refresh project. Mr. Sainz discussed why this work is of critical importance; what the process looks like; preliminary data points for youth ages 16-24, including education and employment status; data points for those that are homeless; probation youth; adults and unaccompanied youth and foster care youth. A discussion ensued about interviews that occurred with various youth, youth providers and members of our workforce board and the need to redesign our current system.

## **REPORTS AND INFORMATION**

### **7) Youth Committee Goals Work Plan Review**

Mariann Johnson provided an update of the work plan for the Youth Committee. These goals included: Increasing Foster Youth engagement by 25%; decreasing high graduate unemployment by 20% and increase opportunities for Justice Involved Youth. As part of the Youth Refresh project, our consultant, Robert Sainz, is assisting with many of these activities.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

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

Meeting adjourned at 11:19 AM

The next WDB Youth Committee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, October 13, 2021 at 10:30 AM to be held via Zoom Conference.



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Devra Bell – WDB Secretary