

**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, JANUARY 12, 2022 – 10:30 AM – 12:00 PM

MINUTES

Attendance:

Members	Present
Jonathan Weldy (Chair)	X
Cinnamon Alvarez	X
*Stephani Congdon	X
*Russell Degnan	X
*Dan Flores	
Lowell King	X
Scott Kuethen	X
*Yukiko Long	X
Louie Lopez	X
*Clint Miller	X
*Deborah Napier	
*Pauline Pina	X
*Jessica Rodriguez	X
*Terrance Stone	X
*Linda Titus	X

Staff to WDB	Present
Devra Bell	X
Brad Gates	X

**Public Members*

OPENING

- 1) **Chair called meeting to order** at 10:32 AM
- 2) **Pledge of Allegiance** – Jonathan Weldy led the Pledge of Allegiance
- 3) **Introductions** – The Board Secretary took roll call attendance.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- 4) **Comments from the General Public in Attendance** – No Public Comments

CONSENT AGENDA (Roll Call Vote)

5) Approve Minutes from October 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
- Dan Flores: Absent
- Lowell King: Aye
- Scott Kuethen: Aye

Yukiko Long: Aye
Louie Lopez: Aye
Clint Miller: Aye
Deborah Napier: Absent
Pauline Pina: Aye
Jessica Rodriguez: Aye
Terrance Stone: Aye
Linda Titus: Aye

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

DISCUSSION

6) Approve Special Populations Committee Goals for 2022

Mariann Johnson reviewed the goals with the committee members:

- 1. Identify and apply for collaborative funding opportunities.** Ms. Johnson noted this goal was measured the prior year based on letters of support. Several members requested to obtain and track the numbers, which will be included in the subsequent workplan that will be developed. Also discussed was the collaboration with other entities to help obtain additional grant funding.
- 2. Identify priorities that impact special populations and employment; develop strategy for pursuing change as needed.** Ms. Johnson noted that transportation is the #1 barrier for individuals to participate in training. Discussions have occurred between colleges, partners and the County's Fleet Department to work together to help fix vehicles, so these individuals have transportation to get to their training and jobs. Also discussed was the need to identify legislature that might impact funding for the special populations.
- 3. Develop Business Services model that encourages and supports employers in the hiring of special populations.** Recently, there has been several convenings with Business Services and strong participation at joint hiring events (such as Uniquely Abled). Expansion to other populations is needed and possibly introducing training in welding and HVAC would be good trades to offer. The members discussed training employers to work with the senior population, perhaps through a collaboration with the Department of Aging and Adult Services (DAAS) and the County's training center. Success stories were also mentioned and how important it is to get these out into the media, to highlight our services and successes.

The Chair called for a motion to approve the consent agenda. Stephani Congdon motioned; Cinnamon Alvarez 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
Dan Flores: Absent
Lowell King: Aye
Scott Kuethen: Aye
Yukiko Long: Aye
Louie Lopez: Aye

Clint Miller: Aye

Deborah Napier: Absent
Pauline Pina: Aye
Jessica Rodriguez: Aye
Terrance Stone: Aye
Linda Titus: Aye

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

REPORTS AND INFORMATION

7) Prison to Employment Update

Mariann Johnson provided the updates and noted the Prison to Employment (P2E) funding will end on March 31, 2022. Funding made it back into P2E at the State, but it has not been passed down to the local level yet. Ms. Johnson also reported on the enrollment numbers for the past quarter and they are on the rise and this population will continue to be served, even with the temporary gap in funding.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Meeting adjourned at 11:59 AM

The next WDB Special Populations meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 20, 2022 at 10:30 AM and will be held at the WDD Administration Office, 290 North D Street, 6th Floor, San Bernardino, CA 92415.



Devra Bell, WDB Secretary