

**WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD
SPECIAL POPULATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING**

WEDNESDAY, JULY 13, 2022 – 10:30 AM – 12:00 PM

MINUTES

Attendance:

Members	Present	Staff to WDB	Present
Jonathan Weldy (Chair)	X	Devra Bell	
Cinnamon Alvarez	X	Andrew Escobedo	X
*Stephani Congdon	X	Brad Gates	X
*Russell Degnan	X	Mariann Johnson	X
*Dan Flores	X		
Lowell King	X		
Scott Kuethen	X		
*Yukiko Long			
Louie Lopez	X		
*Clint Miller	X		
*Deborah Napier	X		
*Pauline Pina			
*Jessica Rodriguez	X		
*Terrance Stone			
*Linda Titus	X		

**Public Members*

OPENING

- 1) **Chair called meeting to order** at 10:30 AM
- 2) **Pledge of Allegiance** – Lowell King led the Pledge of Allegiance
- 3) **Introductions** – The Chair led the introductions.

PUBLIC COMMENT

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

CONSENT AGENDA

5) Approve Minutes from April 20, 2022 Special Populations Committee Meeting

The Chair called for a motion to approve the consent agenda. Lowell King motioned; Dan Flores seconded the motion.

PRESENTATION

6) State of California Sub Minimum Wage Law

Robert Louen, who was to lead the presentation, had an emergency and was not able to attend to present on the matter.

7) Transportation Assistance Program (TAP) MOU

Mariann Johnson led the presentation and noted since transportation is the biggest barrier for special populations, the Workforce Development Department is partnering with auto mechanic training programs. Customers will be referred through a Youth program or an AJCC office, if the customer needs auto repair. The training programs cannot buy parts, so we will order the parts through Fleet Management and pay for them through the WIOA budget. This helps our training partners and our customers in need of transportation repair.

DISCUSSION

8) County Legislative Platform

Mariann Johnson led the discussion. She went over the County Legislative Platform and discussed the priorities they have, to help get bills passed or give letters of supports towards the bills. The State wishes to improve broadband capabilities, improve pandemic response and recovery, increase access to housing near the resident's workplace, reducing homelessness through essential services and housing, and address behavioral and mental health issues among the homeless. The position's policy statements which shows their focus is support for workforce development, economic development, equity, governance and finance operations, and local control. The question was put to the Board if they want us to champion an addition to assist special populations.

REPORTS AND INFORMATION

9) Workplan for Special Populations

A brief recap of the meeting was provided, due to time constraints.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Meeting adjourned at 11:53 AM

The next WDB Special Populations meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, October 12, 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