

**WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD
SPECIAL POPULATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING**

WEDNESDAY, April 12, 2023 – 10:00 AM – 11:00 PM

MINUTES

Attendance:

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

**Public Members*

Staff to WDB	Present
Devra Bell	X
Brad Gates	X
Mariann Johnson	X

OPENING

- 1) **Chair called meeting to order** at 10:05 AM
- 2) **Pledge of Allegiance** – Louie Lopez 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 January 11, 2023, Special Populations Committee Meeting

The Chair called for a motion to approve the consent agenda. Louie Lopez motioned; Cinnamon Alvarez seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion passed.

PRESENTATION

6) Expungement Services

Thomas Sone, Public Defender, led the presentation and provided information on Criminal Record Clearing. He discussed the number of individuals they have helped and the events that take place to provide services. Also reviewed were the types of relief that can be offered to justice involved individuals who are looking to clear their record, which include Dismissals and Certificates of Rehabilitation. Mr. Sone went into further detail regarding eligibility for obtaining the Certificates of Rehabilitation, which included: applying in county of residence; must be free from custody for at least 7 years; must have been a CA resident for 5 consecutive years before filing the petition; must not be on probation or parole; and must pass a background check. Lastly, Mr. Sone discussed PC1203.4, which is the penal code that covers criminal record expungement, which if granted, the post-conviction relief allows individuals to be released from all disabilities stemming from the conviction. The Public Defenders office will be taking their record clearing efforts on the road, to increase accessibility and service to the community.

REPORTS AND INFORMATION

7) Special Populations Goals

Mariann Johnson provided updates of the current goals of the Special Populations Committee and noted that goals for next fiscal year will be discussed during the retreat in May. She also reported on the letters of support that have been sent during this period; business grant workshop that was put together with the head of the Department of Rehabilitation; SBC PathBuilder program; expansion of the Uniquely Abled program; community funding requests; employer toolkit and Prison 2 Employment contract. The members discussed the need for various worksites to assist individuals with obtaining work experience.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Meeting adjourned at 10:59 AM

The next WDB Special Populations meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, July 12, 2023 at 11:30 AM and will be held at the WDD Administration Office, 290 North D Street, 6th Floor, San Bernardino, CA 92415.



Devra Bell, WDB Secretary