

**WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD
SPECIAL POPULATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING**

WEDNESDAY, July 12, 2023 – 11:30 AM – 12:30 PM

MINUTES

Attendance:

Members	Present
Jonathan Weldy (Chair)	X
Cinnamon Alvarez	X
*Stephani Congdon	
*Russell Degnan	X
*Dan Flores	X
Lowell King	X
Scott Kuethen	
*Yukiko Long	
Louie Lopez	X
*Clint Miller	X
*Deborah Napier	X
*Pauline Pina	
*Jessica Rodriguez	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 11:32 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 12, 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) Disability Navigator Grant

Mariann Johnson provided an overview of the grant. She introduced Michi Story, who now serves as the new Disability Navigator Workforce Development Specialist. Michi provided her background and education and shared her story of changing careers to give back to the community to help those with challenges and disabilities. She will work on a referral process with other departments. Members of the committee offered to connect Michi with other organizations in the county.

PRESENTATION

7) Approve Goals for the Special Populations Committee for the Period July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024

The Chair, Jonathan Weldy, requested each member provide input from their own perspective to help develop the goals for this committee. Mariann Johnson discussed the proposed goals, which included: 1) Increasing the number of customers in the Uniquely Abled Program; 2) Engage in the Prison to Employment (P2E) program to help justice involved individuals; 3) Provide employer education about benefits to hiring individuals with disabilities; and 4) Increasing the number of disabled customers served.

During the discussion, the following changes were requested to the wording of the goals:

- Goal #3: include all populations, not just disabilities
- Goal #4: replace “disabled customers served” with “Customers with disabilities:
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- Goal #4: ... served, add “and employed”

The Chair requested a motion to approve, with the above amendments. Cinnamon Alvarez motioned; Russell Degnan seconded the motion. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

REPORTS AND INFORMATION

7) Director Report

Bradley Gates reported on the County receiving 160 NACo Awards, 8 of which were from Workforce Development.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Meeting adjourned at 12:38 PM

The next WDB Special Populations meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, October 11, 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