



Los Angeles County Workforce Development Board (WDB)

QUARTERLY MEETING

DRAFT MINUTES

July 16, 2021

10:00 AM -12:00 PM

Virtual Meeting:

CALL-IN INFORMATION (323) 776-6996 Conference ID: 984 635 21#

A. CALL TO ORDER

Holly Schroeder, *Chair*, L.A. County Workforce Development Board (WDB), called the 7/16/2021 Quarterly Board Meeting of the L.A. County WDB to order at **10:00 AM**.

B. ROLL CALL

Conflict of Interest: Members shall abide by conflict-of-interest requirements outlined in WIOA Section 107(h) which states a member of a local board, or a member of a standing committee, may not vote on a matter under consideration by the local board (1) regarding the provision of services by such member represents; or (2) that would provide a direct financial benefit to such member of the immediate family of such member.

A quorum was established with **12** Members of the L.A. County WDB in attendance during roll call.

Present (13): Shalonda Baldwin, Russell Barnard, Wan-Chun Chang, Jesse Cuevas, Lola Smallwood Cuevas (arrived at 10:11 a.m. after the roll call), Jamarah Hayner, Mary Hewitt, Jessica Ku Kim, Dr. Enrique Medina, Antonio Sanchez, Corrine Sanchez, Darrell Saucedo, and Holly Schroeder.

Absent (8): Gustavo Camacho, Berenice Nunez Constant, Jeremy Diaz, Keith Harkey, Anne McMonigle, Michelle Roth, Karla Sayles, and Erick Verduzco Vega.

C. CHAIR REMARKS

Holly Schroeder, *Chair*, L.A. County WDB welcomed everyone and thanked the workgroups for their efforts to support and improve the workforce modernization system. The Board of Supervisors is aware of such efforts. Martha Molina-Aviles, Executive Director, L.A. County WDB, shared that the Local & Regional plan was submitted in April, Angela Gardner's assistance with recertifying AJCCs, the efforts that have been made to create the new Economic and Workforce Development department and introduced Supervisory Administrator, Epifanio Peinado.

D. ACTION ITEMS

1. CONSENT AGENDA

All items are approved by one motion unless held.

Items pulled during meeting: Item CA-3.

It was moved by Commissioner Hewitt and seconded by Commissioner Medina to approve the Consent Agenda Items. Please note that Commissioner Kim recused herself from item CA-2.

The motion carried by majority of the members present.

In Favor (12): Shalonda Baldwin, Russell Barnard, Wan-Chun Chang, Jesse Cuevas, Lola Smallwood Cuevas, Jamarah Hayner, Mary Hewitt, Dr. Enrique Medina, Antonio Sanchez, Corrine Sanchez, Darrell Saucedo, Holly Schroeder.

Recused (1): Jessica Ku Kim for item CA-2.

Opposed (0):

Absent (8): Gustavo Camacho, Berenice Nunez Constant, Jeremy Diaz, Keith Harkey, Anne McMonigle, Michelle Roth, Karla Sayles, Erick Verduzco Vega.

CA-3 FY 2020/21 L.A. COUNTY WORKFORCE PROGRAMS PAYMENT STATUS REPORT (THROUGH MARCH 31, 2021)

Presenter: Alfred Beyruti, Finance Manager, WDACS

Summary: This item presents for review and approval, and any other action deemed necessary, the FY 2020/21 L.A. County Workforce Programs Payment Status Report through March 31, 2021.

Discussion:

- Monitoring is done by auditor controller (AC), and expenses don't hit the books until next fiscal year. Final invoices are submitted at the end of the monitoring period. Invoice is reflective of what has been paid so far. Leftover funds will be set aside as an expenditure for the AC.
- Is there a plan for utilization of carry-over funds? They will be reallocated close to the end of the fiscal year once we know final amounts. We can propose a plan and send to the board for review and discussion before September 2021.
- Are other workforce boards in California experiencing a decreased spending in training services? Have we seen an uptick in spending as the economy opens? We do see an increase in the last 2-3 months.
- Consider spending on childcare support, spending on employer engagement strategies, target communities with high unemployment rates, focus on high road careers, consider merging with Innovation Fund, ensure spending procedure supports the board's values and guiding principles.

It was moved by Commissioner Corinne Sanchez and seconded by Commissioner Medina to assign the WIOA Funding Workgroup to create guidance and communicate legal parameters of funds to staff.

The motion carried by majority of the members present.

In Favor (12): Shalonda Baldwin, Russell Barnard, Wan-Chun Chang, Jesse Cuevas, Lola Smallwood Cuevas, Jamarah Hayner, Mary Hewitt, Dr. Enrique Medina, Antonio Sanchez, Corrine Sanchez, Darrell Saucedo, Holly Schroeder.

Recused (1): Jessica Ku Kim.

Opposed (0):

Absent (8): Gustavo Camacho, Berenice Nunez Constant, Jeremy Diaz, Keith Harkey, Anne McMonigle, Michelle Roth, Karla Sayles, Erick Verduzco Vega.

2. FY 2021/22 L.A. COUNTY WORKFORCE PROGRAMS PROPOSED TRANSFER OF FUNDS

Presenter: Alfred Beyruti, Finance Manager, WDACS

Summary: This item presents for review and approval, and any other action deemed necessary, the proposed transfer of funds which includes a transfer of funds.

It was moved by Commissioner Corrine Sanchez and seconded by Commissioner Baldwin to approve proposed transfer of funds.

The motion carried unanimously.

In Favor (13): Shalonda Baldwin, Russell Barnard, Wan-Chun Chang, Jesse Cuevas, Lola Smallwood Cuevas, Jamarah Hayner, Mary Hewitt, Jessica Ku Kim, Dr. Enrique Medina, Antonio Sanchez, Corrine Sanchez, Darrell Saucedo, Holly Schroeder.

Recused (0):

Opposed (0):

Absent (8): Gustavo Camacho, Berenice Nunez Constant, Jeremy Diaz, Keith Harkey, Anne McMonigle, Michelle Roth, Karla Sayles, Erick Verduzco Vega.

3. ALLOCATE FUNDS FOR SECTOR INTERMEDIARY IN SUPPORT OF DEVELOPING HIGH ROAD TRAINING PARTNERSHIPS

Presenter: Jose R. Perez, Assistant Director, WDACS

Summary: This item presents for approval and any other action deemed necessary, the allocation of funds for sector intermediary in support of developing High Road Training Partnerships. It is recommended that this board approve allocation of \$200,000 from the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) funds to secure a sector intermediary to develop and implement the Countywide Apprenticeship Plan (Plan) in Advanced Manufacturing, for up to two (2) years starting FY 2021-22.

Discussion:

- Is there data for availability of green jobs? Is this county-wide? This is county-wide. Data on availability of jobs is currently underway.
- What is your definition of green jobs/what is the focus? HRTPs are focused around climate resiliency. Manufacturing is separate from green jobs.
- Address challenges in hardest hit Black/Brown communities. Bring expertise from unions, think about past policy failures, look at what the federal government is doing around green jobs so we can better position ourselves.
- Goal is to tie together with WIOA funding that can support the apprenticeships programs.

It was moved by Commissioner Baldwin and seconded by Commissioner Medina to approve the funding allocation, having staff provide recurring reports to the board, and the submission of feedback to the forthcoming solicitation process.

The motion carried by majority of the members present.

In Favor (11): Shalonda Baldwin, Russell Barnard, Wan-Chun Chang, Jesse Cuevas, Lola Smallwood Cuevas, Jamarah Hayner, Mary Hewitt, Enrique Medina, Antonio Sanchez, Darrell Saucedo, Holly Schroeder.

Recused (1): Jessica Ku Kim

Abstain (1): Corrine Sanchez

Opposed (0):

Absent (8): Gustavo Camacho, Berenice Nunez Constant, Jeremy Diaz, Keith Harkey, Anne McMonigle, Michelle Roth, Karla Sayles, Erick Verduzco Vega.

4. APPROVE CAREER PATHWAYS & EDUCATION STANDING COMMITTEE'S ADDITIONAL OUTSIDE EXPERTS

Presenter: Commissioner Dr. Enrique Medina, Chair, WDB's Career Pathways & Education Standing Committee

Summary: This item presents for review and approval, and any other action deemed necessary, additional Outside Experts for the Career Pathways & Education Standing Committee.

It was moved by Commissioner Medina and seconded by Commissioner Corrine Sanchez to approve the additional outside experts.

The motion carried unanimously.

In Favor (13): Shalonda Baldwin, Russell Barnard, Wan-Chun Chang, Jesse Cuevas, Lola Smallwood Cuevas, Jamarah Hayner, Mary Hewitt, Dr. Enrique Medina, Antonio Sanchez, Darrell Saucedo, Holly Schroeder.

Recused (0):

Opposed (0):

Absent (8): Gustavo Camacho, Berenice Nunez Constant, Jeremy Diaz, Keith Harkey, Anne McMonigle, Michelle Roth, Karla Sayles, Erick Verduzco Vega.

5. WORKFORCE SYSTEM MODERNIZATION POLICY RECOMMENDATIONS

Tabled to be presented during a Special Meeting.

6. AJCC RECERTIFICATION PROCESS

Tabled to be presented during a Special Meeting.

E. INFORMATION ITEMS

1. NEW ECONOMIC WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT (EWDD) UPDATES

Presenter: Epifanio Peinado, Supervising Administrator, WDACS

Summary: This item is an informational item to provide updates on the progress of establishing a new Economic Workforce Development Department.

2. WIOA 2020 ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNER (ELL) INITIATIVE AND WIOA 2020 SEPTEMBER WILDFIRES NATIONAL DISLOCATED WORKER GRANT (NDWG)

Presenter: Jose R. Perez, Assistant Director, Workforce Development Branch, WDACS

Summary: This item presents for information and discussion the objective to launch two (2) new WIOA programs: The 2020 English Language Learner (ELL) Initiative and the 2020 September Wildfires National Dislocated Worker Grant (NDWG). The County was awarded \$320,000 for the ELL project and \$1,200,000 for the September Wildfires NDWG. The ELL project is currently expected to run through March 31, 2023, and the September Wildfires NDWG through December 31, 2023.

3. STATUS UPDATE ON INNOVATION FUND WORKGROUP

Presenter: Martha Molina-Aviles, Executive Director, L.A. County WDB

Summary: This item provides an update on the status of the Innovation Fund Workgroup, on approved projects in FY 2020/21 and FY 2021/22 and sunsetting the workgroup on June 30, 2021 and transferred monitoring the Innovation Fund to the newly established Funding Workgroup.

4. UPCOMING WDB MEETINGS

Please see the agenda.

F. PUBLIC COMMENTS

No Public Comments.

G. ADJOURNMENT

The July 16, 2021 Quarterly Board Meeting of the L.A. County WDB was adjourned at **12:53PM.**