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WDB Executive Director



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WDB Vice Chairperson

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Workforce Development Board: MINUTES December 21, 2016

Chairperson Jamil Dada called the meeting to order at 11:10 a.m.

Members in Attendance

Jamil Dada	Francisca Hernandez	Juan De Lara	Morris Myers
Layne Arthur	Diane Strand	Sonia Nunez	Chuck McDaniel
Sharon Duffy	Cheryl Peabody	Jennifer Marquez	Darlene Wetton
Ken Orr	Michael Burke	Cheri Greenlee	Jeffery Van Wagenen
Mary Jo Ramirez	Ron Vito		

Members Absent

Peter Hubbard	Tina Sewell	Robert Loeun	Duane Friel
Barbara Howison	Lea Petersen	Laurie Stalnaker	

Guests

Grant Gautsche	Thomas Flournoy	Carolyn Reyna	Daniel Rounds
Vincent Battaglia	Bernie Gilbert	Jesse Vela	

Staff

Heidi Marshall	Carrie Harmon	Loren Sims	Neal Kipnis
Thi Pham	Lisa Allen	Louise Kafoa	Sharell Malveaux
Rilla Jacobs	David Cline		

Administrative Item: III.A Approve Workforce Development Board August 17, 2016, Meeting Minutes

Motion: That the Board approves the August 17, 2016, meeting minutes.

Moved by	Morris Myers	Second by	Juan De Lara	Abstain	None	
Vote	Aye	13	No	0	Abstain	0
Status	Approved					

Administrative Item: III.B Approve Workforce Development Board 2017 Calendar Dates

Motion: That the Board approve the dates for the 2017 meeting calendar.

Moved by	Sharon Duffy	Second by	Jeffrey Van Wagenen	Abstain	None	
Vote	Aye	13	No	0	Abstain	0
Status	Approved					

Administrative Item: III.C Workforce Development Board Chair and Vice Chairperson Election

Motion: That the Board elect the Chairperson and Vice Chairperson for 2017.

Election	Thi Pham read the duties required of the Chairperson and Vice Chairperson. Nominations for Chairperson were Jamil Dada and Juan De Lara. Members were given the opportunity to nominate someone from the floor. No nominations came from the floor. Juan De Lara declined the nomination for Chairperson for 2017. Jamil Dada was the remaining nominee. Members cast their votes and Jamil Dada was elected Chairperson by 13 votes.
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	Nominations for Vice Chairperson were Francisca Hernandez and Juan De Lara. Members were given the opportunity to nominate someone from the floor. No nominations came from the floor. Francisca Hernandez declined the nomination for Vice Chairperson for 2017. Juan De Lara was the remaining nominee. Members cast their votes and Juan De Lara was elected Vice Chairperson by 13 votes.
Status	Jamil Dada elected Chairperson for 2017, and Juan De Lara elected Vice Chairperson for 2017.

Federal/State Report	
Jamil Dada	Tabled
Chair Report	
Jamil Dada	Tabled
Director's Report	
Heidi Marshall	<p>Informed attendees on what happened workforce development in 2016, and what to expect in 2017. The reports coming from workforce entities on the hill indicate that there will be little change in regards to workforce. The Senate Chair for the Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pension will continue to be Lamar Alexander. Senator Bill Perkins is posed to remain Senate Subcommittee Chair of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA). Few changes are expected from the House in regards to workforce policy and funding. It is expected that Virginia Foxx will be elected the new Chair for the Education and Workforce Committee. The Appropriations Committee Chair will be Rodney Frelinghuysen.</p> <p>The short-term continuing resolution funding that was agreed upon will remain in place until March of 2017. It is expected that there will be a small reduction in WIOA funding of roughly 5 to 7 percent after March. We are watching these developments closely in order to make any needed adjustments. There is likely to be a large funding increase for infrastructure projects under the new presidency. We plan to be in position to secure any of this funding we are able to qualify for.</p> <p>The transition to WIOA is moving smoothly. Now that our strategic plan meetings are complete we are on schedule to submit our regional and local plans by March of 2017.</p> <p>To update you on our financial reductions, we spent a large portion of 2016 reviewing our financial reports. In response to the findings we: downsized staff by 18 team members; closed the Southwest Workforce Center; consolidated operations at the Hemet Workforce Center. This should result in a \$1.2 million saving in 2017, and \$1.8 million in 2018. We will continue to monitor and review our expenses.</p> <p>Riverside's unemployment rate is at 5.5 percent. And while we are seeing fewer clients come through the doors, the ones who do are mostly those who need more of our resources and training to become employable. We are working to close the education gap in our area and career pathways are a means to reach this goal.</p>
Public Comments	
	No Public Comments

Adjourned: 11:44 a.m.