Workforce Development Board (WDB) Agenda

Date: Thursday, October 20, 2022
Time: 8—9:30 a.m.
Place: In person & via Zoom
9246 Lightwave Ave, Suite 100, San Diego, CA 92123
https://workforce-org.zoom.us/j/81040649018

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- Members of the public – on Zoom please use the “raise hand” feature to speak, or you can chat your questions/comments to be read aloud. If in person, please complete a “Request to Speak” form
- Board members - participate by un-muting yourself, or submit questions/comments in chat box

Welcome and Introductions
- Chair calls the meeting to order
- Non-agenda public comment

Agenda Items
Action Items:
- Item 1: Virtual Meeting Resolution
- Item 2: Minutes of the August 18, 2022 Meeting

Information Items:
- Item 3: Faces of Workforce
- Item 4: CEO Report
- Item 5: Behavioral Health WF Update
- Item 6: Subrecipient Performance Report
- Item 7: Customer Experience Update

Next Meeting: December 1st, 8am – 9:30am

PUBLIC COMMENT: Members of the public may address the Board on issues on this agenda (three minutes per subject) and/or other items within the Board’s scope. To speak, please use the “raise hand” function at the time of public comment. SDWP will provide accommodations to persons who require assistance. Questions: (619) 228-2900.
Item 1: Virtual Meeting Resolution

ACTION ITEM – VOTE REQUIRED:

Resolution recognizing a state of emergency and authorizing teleconferenced meetings pursuant to AB 361

WHEREAS, in response to the novel coronavirus (“COVID-19”) pandemic, Governor Newsom adopted a series of Executive Orders allowing the legislative bodies of local governments to meet remotely via teleconference so long as other provisions of the Ralph M. Brown Act (“Brown Act”) were followed; and

WHEREAS, on March 4, 2020, Governor Newsom declared a statewide emergency arising from COVID-19 pursuant to Government Code section 8625; and

WHEREAS, on Sept. 16, 2021, Governor Newsom signed AB 361, which immediately amended the Brown Act allowing governing boards to continue holding virtual meetings outside the teleconferencing requirements of Government Code section 54953(b), if the board makes a finding that there is a proclaimed State of Emergency, and either (1) state or local officials have imposed or recommended social distancing measures, or (2) meeting in person would present imminent risks to the health or safety of attendees due to the emergency; and

WHEREAS, social distancing measures have been imposed and implemented by the County and City of San Diego to mitigate the spread of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, the San Diego SDWP (Workforce Development Board - WDB) believes the spread of COVID-19 poses an imminent risk to the health and safety of in person meeting attendees; and

WHEREAS, the WDB is committed to open and transparent governance in compliance with the Brown Act; and

WHEREAS, the WDB is conducting virtual meetings by way of telephonic and/or internet-based services as to allow members of the public to fully participate in meetings and offer public comment.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the recitals set forth above are true and correct and fully incorporated into this Resolution by reference.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the WDB recognizes that a State of Emergency in the State of California continues to exist due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the WDB recognizes that social distancing measures remain recommended by state and local officials.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the WDB authorizes the use of teleconferencing for all meetings in accordance with Government Code section 54953(e) and all other applicable provisions of the Brown Act, for a period of thirty (30) days from the adoption of this resolution, or such a time that the Governing Board adopts a subsequent resolution in accordance with Government Code section 54953(e)(3).
Item 2: Minutes of the August 18, 2022 Meeting

Members Present
Sammy Totah, Chair  Kevin Johnson  Mimi Rosado
Andy Berg  Brisa Johnson  Althea Salas
Christina Bibler  Connie Lundgren  Annie Taamilo
Phil Blair  Matt Martin  Rick Vaccari
Danene Brown  Jeff Noyes  Jeremy Vellón
Veronica Delarosa  Kurling Robinson  Mike Zucchet
Matt Doyle  Aida Rosa

Members Absent
Risa Baron  Brisa Johnson  Mark Sutton
Bridgette Browning  Carol Kim  Carmen Summers
Shandon Harbour  Ricky Shabazz  Rick Vaccari
Ed Hidalgo  Nancy Smith-Taylor

Staff Members Present
Peter Callstrom, President & CEO
Tim Ducker, Chief Services Officer
Parina Parikh, VP of Sector Initiatives
Nick DeVico, Director of Strategic Youth Initiatives

Per Executive Order N-25-20, the requirement to which members of the public shall have the right to observe & offer public comment at the public meeting, consistent with the Brown Act, has been suspended. All reports, memoranda and letters contained in the agenda or distributed at the meeting shall by this reference become part of the original minutes.

Call to Order
The meeting was called to order by Sammy Totah, at 8:01 a.m. with a quorum.

Non-Agenda Public Comment
None

Action Items

Item 1 Virtual Meeting Resolution

Motion: WDB approves the resolution.

Moved (P. Blair), Seconded (R. Vaccari), Carried unanimously
Item 2 Minutes of the June 16, 2022 Meeting

Motion: WDB approves the meeting minutes.

Moved (D. Brown) Seconded (C. Lundgren), J. Noyes and A. Salas abstained

Item 3 WDB Officers Vote

Peter thanked Sammy for his contributions and leadership. Council President Elo-Rivera presented Sammy with a proclamation on behalf of the Mayor of San Diego and City Council. August 18, 2022 was proclaimed Dr. Sammy Totah Day in the City of San Diego.

Rick Vaccari and Carmen Summers were nominated by the Executive Committee for the WDB Chair and Secretary/Treasurer roles, respectively. Althea Salas continues as Vice Chair.

Motion: WDB approves the officer nominees.

Moved (P. Blair) Seconded (D. Brown), Carried unanimously

Information Items

Item 4 Faces of Workforce

Deona Dorsey, Program Lead at SDWP, introduced the Prison to Employment (P2E) program and discussed the pivoting in services COVID required. She also introduced Windy Ortiz, a program participant and her employer, Dr. Judy Muller. Windy discussed her journey and the support she received from her employer and Second Chance.

Item 5 CEO Report

Peter announced $290k in new grants awarded to SDWP’s Research team and $95k in grants awarded to the Sector Initiatives team.

Assemblymember Brian Maienschein has also secured $10M over the next 3 years for SDWP’s work in public administration and healthcare career pathways.

Dennis Kingery, SDWP’s new VP of Finance, introduced himself and overviewed his background.

Action Items
Item 6 Foster Youth Subrecipient Approval

Nick overviewed the proposed $450k contract for Access Inc to provide WIOA youth services, including program enrollment, assessment, work-readiness training, job and internship placement, enrollment in education and training, career coaching and exploration, supportive services, mentorship, and financial literacy. The recommended contractor scored highest within the competitive procurement process.

Moved (M. Rosado) Seconded (V. Dela Rosa), Carried unanimously

Items 7—8 Membership Nominations

WDB nominees Efrem Bycer and Jamie Gardner introduced themselves, overviewed their backgrounds and experience in workforce development.

Moved (J. Vellón) Seconded (D. Brown), Carried unanimously

Information Items

Item 9 Career Center Transition Update

Tim provided an update on SDWP’s Career Centers: hiring and customer service training are complete, branding updates and space upgrades are current priorities.

Item 10 Google Certificates Update

Parina updated the board on SDWP’s partnership with Google to advance the Renewable Learning Fund. The partnership provides better financing and student protections than an ISA. The first of 3 annual cohorts will begin September 2, with a large national launch in January 2023.

Adjournment

Sammy Totah adjourned the meeting at 9:16 am.
Item 3:  Faces of Workforce

INFORMATION ITEM – NO VOTE REQUIRED:

SDWP will feature a panel on the CyberHire program. Raven Antiquera (participant), Aaron Wyant (employer partner) and Michele Gray (training partner) will share their experiences.
Item 4:  CEO Report

REPORT ITEM – NO VOTE REQUIRED:

An overview of SDWP activities.
Item 5: Behavioral Health WF Update

INFORMATION ITEM – NO VOTE REQUIRED:

Parina Parikh, VP of Sector Initiatives, to give an update on the Behavioral Health Workforce Development implementation efforts.
Item 6: Subrecipient Performance Report

INFORMATION ITEM – NO VOTE REQUIRED:

Shaina Gross, VP of Client Services, to give an update on current subrecipient performance.
Item 7: Customer Experience Update

INFORMATION ITEM – NO VOTE REQUIRED:

Stephen Colón, Director of Customer Experience, to give an update on the Customer Experience team and activities.