Minutes of the August 18, 2022 WDB 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
Ed Hidalgo  Nancy Smith-Taylor

Staff Members Present
Peter Callstrom, President & CEO
Tim Ducker, Chief Programs 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.

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.