

**ADOPTED**

**Minutes of the Monterey County Workforce Investment Board**

Wednesday, October 5, 2011 – 8:30am  
Department of Social and Employment Services  
1000 S. Main Street, Room 110, Salinas, CA

WIB members were encouraged to attend the Community Alliance for Safety and Peace (CASP) meeting from 7-8:15 am at the Salinas City Elementary School District Offices, 840 South Main Street, Salinas. Mr Cushman shared information about the WIB and workforce development initiatives that align with the efforts of CASP.

**Members present:** Erik Cushman (Chair), Mary Ann Leffel, Cesar Lara, Scott Grover, Neal Heckman, Mark Verbonich, Andrea Zeller-Nield, Phoebe Helm, Rick Deraiche, David Dwyer, Teresa Sullivan, Steve MacArthur, Ralph Rubio, Wendy Brickman, Diana Carrillo, Maria Castillo, Dr. Douglas Garrison, Salvador Munoz, Brian Turlington, Loyanne Flinn (Acting WIB Executive Director, Ex-Officio Member),

**Members Absent:** Elliott Robinson, Robert Weakley, Al Davis, Hunter Harvath, Maggie Melone-Echiburu, Dave Potter, Judith Profeta, Anthony Aniello, Joanne Webster, Larry Silva, David Bernahl

**Others Present:** Mark Gonzalez (WIB Youth Council), Jayne Mohammadi (Aide to Supervisor Dave Potter), Rosie Chavez (Turning Point), Wil Moore (Shoreline), Rod Powell, Bertha Gonzalez (OET) and Jim Cook (Economic Development Department)

**Staff Present:** Manley Bush, Marleen Esquerria, Flor Galvan, Stephanie Shonley

**CALL TO ORDER/INTRODUCTIONS:** Mr. Cushman called the meeting to order at 8:40am. He welcomed those in attendance and called for introductions. A quorum was established.

**CHANGES TO THE AGENDA:** Prior to the Director's Report, Antonia Herrera from CASP will provide the committee with a brief summary of CASP.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Mr. Gonzalez discussed relocation of a Healing Pole that was created by Monterey County youths. He will provide the Executive Committee with a proposal of costs for relocation and cost of maintenance.

**1. Action: Approve the minutes of the August 3, 2011 Workforce Investment Board meeting.**

Mr. Turlington suggested that we amend the minutes to state "recent changes occurred wherein the WIB is now a part of the new Economic Development Department with Housing and Redevelopment and Economic Development."

**Motion:** Ms. Helm motioned to accept the minutes as amended.

**Second:** Mr. Lara

**Motion passed unanimously**

**Actions 2-4**

**Motion:** Mr. Rubio motioned to accept the action as stated.

**Second:** Mr. Munoz

**Motion passed unanimously**

**2. Action: Accept the resignation of Richard Gillis, representing Business (Alternative Energy) from the Monterey County Workforce Investment board (MCWIB) and Planning Committee.**

**3. Action: Accept the resignation of Lupe Palacio, representing Community Base Organizations (CBO) from the MCWIB and Oversight Committee.**

**4. Action: Approve the reappointment of Elliott Robinson, representing Welfare to Work, Community Service Block Grant Employment & Training programs on the MCWIB for a period of three years or October 2014.**

**Ms. Herrera from Community Alliance for Safety and Peace (CASP)** stated that CASP is a group of Salinas and Monterey County government, education and non-profit leaders who have teamed up to reduce gang violence and improve safety. Their focus is developing a strategic work plan aimed at reducing gang and youth violence and building a "City of Peace." They are currently collaborating with different agencies to obtain grants.

**Director's Report:** Ms. Flinn stated that WIB staff is working to bring in additional funds to support operations. She updated the status of the contract with Workforce 2.0; it has been put on hold for further consideration in January 2012 to allow time for reorganization efforts and outcomes in the Department of Social and Employment Services.

**5. Action: Approve the amended Monterey County Workforce Investment Board (MCWIB) Bylaws.**

**Motion:** Ms. Leffel motioned to accept the action as stated.

**Second:** Ms. Carrillo

**Motion passed unanimously**

6. **Information: Discussion and update of the Economic Development Opportunity Department Stanford Research Institute (SRI) Report.** Mr. Cook stated that SRI International conducted 90 interviews with stakeholders representing a range of industries and interest groups around the county. The information was then compiled to provide the report listing Monterey County's strengths and weaknesses. A county-wide economic strategic plan will be held to discuss the report further.
7. **Information: Discuss the President's Jobs Bill:** Ms. Flinn stated that the President announced plans to fund his \$47 billion jobs bill. \$2 billion for subsidized employment, \$1.5 billion for summer and year round youth activities and a \$1.5 billion competitive grant program to assist low income adults and youths.
8. **Information: Discuss and update of the EDD audit response.** Mr. Cushman stated that the EDD audit found six areas that were problematic. A response was forwarded to EDD September 22, 2011. The process could take another year before a resolution is made. Any money that needs to be repaid will be paid through county funds.
9. **Information: Discussion and update on California Workforce Association (CWA) Meeting of the Minds Conference in Monterey, September 6-8, 2011.** Ms. Leffel stated the main focus at the Meeting of the Minds was the blending of economic development and workforce.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Mr. Cushman announced upcoming meetings.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

**Motion:** Ms. Leffel moved to adjourn the meeting.

**Second:** Ms. Carrillo

**Motion Passed Unanimously**

**Mr. Cushman adjourned the meeting at 9:52am**