

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE SANTA ANA WORKFORCE INVESTMENT BOARD**

March 12, 2010

8:10 A.M.

CALLED TO ORDER

RANCHO SANTIAGO COMMUNITY COLLEGE
DISTRICT BOARD ROOM
2323 N. BROADWAY
SANTA ANA, CA 92706
8:10 A.M.

ROLL CALL

BOARD MEMBERS present:
LEE McMURTRAY (Chair);
BRENT BEASLEY; BEN BLANK;
PATRICIA CARTER; JOHN DIDION;
EDUARDO FIGUEROA; BOB FISCHER;
TEFERE GEBRE; MIKE HOOD;
ANA JIMENEZ-HAMI; MARJORIE KNITTER;
PATRICK KORTHUIS; DONNA LIN;
ERLINDA MARTINEZ; ERNESTO MEDRANO;
MARYAM NAZERI; BUDDY RAY;
STACEY SANCHEZ; DANIEL SU;
and ANDY WADHERA (20)

Absent:
ROB CLAUDIO (E); MARYANN CONWAY (E);
LEE DE LEON (A); GREG LEWIS(E); GEORGINA
MALDONADO (E); MICHAEL METZLER (E);
TERESA SALDIVAR (E); ROBERT RUIZ (A)
DANIEL SOLKAMANS (E); OCTAVIO PINA(A); (10)

STAFF present:
Deborah Sanchez, Sylvia Vazquez,
Jaime Lopez and Maria Leger

SWEAR IN NEW MEMBER

Maria Huizar, Clerk of the Council administered the oath of office to the new Santa Ana Workforce Investment Board Member, Marjorie Knitter. New member then took her seat and participated in the remainder of the meeting.

*****Meeting presentations taken out of order**

PRESENTATIONS

- 1) Max Carter, Director of the Orange County Conservation Corps gave an overview of his organization. Mr. Carter also introduced four participants to the Board Mr. Jessie Olague, Jeanette Delgado, Jacob Gomez and Ruby Salgado.
- 2) Donna Lin, Director of the Asian American Senior Citizens Service Center gave a presentation on her organization. www.aascsc.org
- 3) Eduardo Figueroa, Owner of Hispanic Business Consultants gave an overview of his background and his organization.

Lee McMurtray welcomed Ms. Marjorie Knitter to the Santa Ana Workforce Investment Board.

Roll Call was taken

CONSENT CALENDAR

Motion: Approve the following Consent Calendar Items.

MOTION:	Sanchez	SECOND	Beasley
VOTE:	AYES	McMurtray (Chair); Blank; Beasley; Carter; Didion; Figueroa; Fischer; Gebre; Hood; Jimenez-Hami; Knitter; Korthuis; Lin; Medrano; Nazeri; Ray; Sanchez; Su; and Wadhera(19)	
	NOES	None	
	ABSTAIN:	Martinez (1)	
	ABSENT:	Claudio; Conway; De Leon; Lewis; Maldonado; Metzler; Pina; Ruiz; Saldivar; and Solkamans (10)	

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

1. MINUTES

Motion: Accept Minutes

Regular Meeting of January 15, 2010

2. APPOINTMENT TO THE YOUTH COUNCIL COMMITTEE

Motion: Approve and recommend appointment of Mr. Loy Nashua as an Education Representative and Mr. Leo Reyes as an In-School youth Representative to the Santa Ana Workforce Investment Board Youth Council.

3. EMPLOYMENT DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT-LABOR MARKET INFORMATION

Motion: Receive and file.

MISCELLANEOUS ADMINISTRATION

4. EXCUSED ABSENCES

Motion: The following Board members were excused from this meeting: Claudio, Conway, De Leon, Lewis, Maldonado, Metzler, Pina, Ruiz, Saldivar, and Solkamans (10)

*** END OF CONSENT CALENDAR ***

BUSINESS CALENDAR

5. REVISED BY-LAWS

Motion: Approve the revised Article IV Section 2 of the by-laws increasing representation by local labor organizations on the Santa Ana Workforce Investment Board.

Deborah Sanchez explained that this was put into place to meet the requirements of SB-293.

MOTION:	Ray	SECOND	Didion
VOTE:	AYES		McMurtray (Chair); Blank; Beasley; Carter; Didion; Figueroa; Fischer; Gebre; Hood; Jimenez-Hami; Knitter; Korthuis; Lin; Martinez; Medrano; Nazeri; Ray; Sanchez; Su; and Wadhera(20)
	NOES		None
	ABSTAIN:		None
	ABSENT:		Claudio; Conway; De Leon; Lewis; Maldonado; Metzler; Pina; Ruiz; Saldivar; and Solkamans (10)

6. APPOINTMENT OF LABOR REPRESENTATIVE TO THE SANTA ANA WORKFORCE INVESTMENT BOARD

Motion: Recommend that the City Council appoint Mr. Bob Tucker, labor Relations Representative for the California School Employees Association as a labor representative on the Santa Ana Workforce Investment Board.

MOTION:	Didion	SECOND	Sanchez
VOTE:	AYES	McMurtray (Chair); Blank; Beasley; Carter; Didion; Figueroa; Fischer; Gebre; Hood; Jimenez-Hami; Knitter; Korthuis; Lin; Martinez; Medrano; Nazeri; Ray; Sanchez; Su; and Wadhera (20)	
	NOES	None	
	ABSTAIN:	None	
	ABSENT:	Claudio; Conway; De Leon; Lewis; Maldonado; Metzler; Pina; Ruiz; Saldivar; and Solkamans (10)	

7. YOUTH SERVICE NAVIGATOR BUDGET ADJUSTMENT

Motion: 1. Recommend increased funding for the Youth Service Navigator Program by \$40,000.00 utilizing unobligated youth funds from Program Year 2009-2010.

2. Recommend that the City Council amend the Memorandum of Understanding between the Santa Ana Workforce Investment Board/Youth Council and the Santa Ana WORK Center/Youth Service Provider Navigator.

- Deborah Sanchez explained that the duties of the Youth Service Navigator have increased. If this is approved then the MOU will need to be updated as well (part 2).
- Buddy Ray inquired about a Summer Youth Program this year. He explained that there is an allowance in the President's budget to use TANF funds for a Summer Youth Program. Ben Blank explained that they are looking at opening up that opportunity.

MOTION:	Beasley	SECOND	Sanchez
VOTE:	AYES	McMurtray (Chair); Blank; Beasley; Carter; Didion; Figueroa; Fischer;	

Gebre; Hood; Jimenez-Hami; Knitter; Korthuis; Lin; Martinez; Medrano; Nazeri; Ray; Sanchez; Su; and Wadhera (20)

NOES None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Claudio; Conway; De Leon; Lewis; Maldonado; Metzler; Pina; Ruiz; Saldivar; and Solkamans (10)

8. INDIVIDUAL TRAINING ACCOUNT PAYMENT POLICY WAIVER-AMERICAN RECOVERY AND REINVESTMENT ACT FUND

Motion: Approve a waiver to the Individual Training Account Payment Policy to allow full tuition payment upon enrollment to institutions of higher education and post secondary vocational training providers when using American Recovery and Reinvestment Act funds for payment through June 30, 2011.

MOTION: Hood **SECOND** Sanchez

VOTE: **AYES**

NOES None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT:

- Mike Hood is concerned that we are spending federal money to train people instead of stimulating jobs. He is concerned that with paying the training all up front there is nothing to prevent the student from leaving the training and getting a job without any repercussions.
- John Didion asked for clarification on who would be enrolled and where. The problem with any public agency is that the fee is a tax. The school needs to levy the tax. There is no way that anyone placed in the program without having that payment up front. John Didion does not think a private institution should get the entire tuition up front. The State pays for the difference in tuition.
- Tefere Gebre asked what kind of impact this has on students and classes. He would like to learn more about this.
- Bob Fischer proposed amending the motion to ask that the student pay for 10% of the tuition and the WIB pay for 90% of the tuition.
- Stacey Sanchez has an issue with saying that the school has a financial obligation for placing people in employment. Stacey Sanchez wants to know if

there are any financial obligations that can be placed on the client. Also, she would like to know what kind of information the student gets before being placed in certain training.

****Nazeri, Gebre, Su and Beasley left meeting at 9:10 A.M.**

- Mike Hood is having trouble understanding paying money to keep training clients instead of stimulating job growth.
- Lee McMurtray asked about what kind of screening process takes place before the client is sent to training.
- Buddy Ray asked to add a clause that based upon individual circumstances let higher staff make the decision.
- John Didion explained that if you want to place students in a public institution the fees have to be paid up front. There is no one that can waive those fees.
- Andy Wadhera would like to see this be put into effect for public institutions not private post secondary education.

Amended Motion: Approve a waiver to the Individual Training Account Payment Policy to allow full tuition payment upon enrollment to public institutions of higher education providers when using American Recovery and Reinvestment Act and WIA formula funds for payment through June 30, 2011

- Dr. Erlinda Martinez shared that many of the certificate programs that are offered at the College, students are getting jobs and the College cannot pump them out fast enough. There are lots of jobs other than nursing that students are getting jobs in a two semester program.

MOTION:	Hood	SECOND	Sanchez
VOTE:	AYES	McMurtray (Chair); Blank; Carter; Figueroa; Fischer; Hood; Jimenez-Hami; Knitter; Korthuis; Lin; Medrano; Ray; Sanchez; and Wadhera (14)	
	NOES	None	
	ABSTAIN:	Didion; Martinez; (2)	
	ABSENT:	Beasley; Claudio; Conway; De Leon; Gebre; Lewis; Maldonado; Metzler; Nazeri; Pina; Ruiz; Saldivar; Solkamans and Su; (14)	

***** END OF BUSINESS CALENDAR ****

9. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Oversight and Data – dark.

B. Youth Council – released an RFP and it is due back Tuesday, March 17th.

COMMENTS

10. PUBLIC COMMENTS – None.

11. STAFF MEMBER COMMENTS – Deborah Sanchez reminded everyone that form 700 is due. Sylvia Vazquez shared that there has been Entrepreneurial Training and Small Business Consulting contracts issued with the ARRA monies.

12. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS – Stacey Sanchez asked about how many programs are offered with ARRA monies. Bob Fischer would like to see in the agenda at a future meeting what is happening with ARRA funds much earlier than the end of the meeting. Deborah Sanchez agreed to bring something to the May meeting. Ernesto Medrano would like to see the kind of jobs that are being created with these funds if they are self sufficient or are they low wage jobs. Lee McMurtray suggested that the Oversight and Data Committee should look over this data and share news soon.

Buddy Ray is currently hiring skilled personnel. He is looking for referrals. His website is capoc.org

Lee McMurtray reminded everyone that we are currently looking for more private sector members. Andy Wadhera suggested we get more bank (financial institutions) personnel in here.

Lee McMurtray adjourned the meeting in memory of Benjamin Kaufman, City of Santa Ana Attorney that passed away suddenly last week.

ADJOURNMENT - 9:50 a.m.

Maria Leger

Recording Secretary

Next Meeting: May 21, 2010 at 8:00 a.m.