



MEETING MINUTES

Mother Lode Workforce Development Board

Thursday, August 16, 2018 12:00 pm
 Mother Lode Job Training Career Center
 197 Mono Way, Suite B, Sonora, CA 95370

1. CALL TO ORDER

1.1. Roll call / Establish quorum

Members	Present	Absent
Mike Lemke	X	
Michelle Watkins	X	
Tim Hildabrand	X	
Frank Leschinsky	X	
Tyler Newton		X
Debra Rockwood	X	
Bill Petrone		X
James Wood	X	
Margie Bulkin		X
Alt. Brandon Price for Klaus Tenbergen	X	
Larry Cope	X	
Lorraine Perry	X	
Mahalia Gotico	X	
Crystal Jack	X	
Mark Luster	X	
Guests		
Diana Hartford	X	
Gabriel Garcia	X	
Lachelle Adams	X	
Laurie Darby	X	
Meg Newen	X	
Paul De Baldo	X	
Santanu Bandyopadhyay	X	
Scott Nanik	X	
Steve Woodward	X	
Tara Schiff	X	
Vinz Koller, <i>Speaker</i>	X	

1.2. Introduction of guests

- Vinz Koller, Senior Strategist of Social Policy Research Associates (SPRA)*
- Diana Hartford, Tuolumne County Superintendent of Schools*
- Gabriel Garcia, EDD*
- LaChelle Adams, EDD*
- Laurie Darby, Tuolumne County Social Services*
- Meg Newen, Amador College Connect*
- Paul De Baldo, Calaveras Workforce Development*
- Santanu Bandyopadhyay, President of Columbia College*
- Scott Nanik, Calaveras County Office of Education*
- Steve Woodward, MMI Sonora*
- Tara Schiff, Economic Development Specialist for Mariposa County*

1.3. Approval of Agenda

Agenda Approved (M) M. Watkins (S) L. Perry ayes carried 3 absent

2. CONSENT CALENDAR

2.1. Any Consent Calendar items need to move to Action Items?

No items moved

2.2. Accept the May 17, 2018 meeting minutes

Minutes accepted (M) L. Cope (S) M. Watkins ayes carried 3 absent

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

3.1. *Lorraine Perry from EDD informed the board that the Economic Development Department is a proud sponsor of the Greater Stockton Employer Advisory Council. The Greater Stockton EAC is doing a series of workshops to assist employers and business owners. L. Perry announced that there will be an "Understanding UI Benefits" workshop on Friday, August 17 and an "HR Bootcamp" workshop on September 21. Both workshops will be located at the Stockton Golf and Country Club in Stockton, California.*

For more information, visit: <https://www.ceac.org/region-3/greater-stockton-eac/meetings/>

4. ACTION ITEMS

4.1. None

5. INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

5.1. Executive Committee report

a. 6/26/18 – Approve Hallmarks of Excellence

D. Thoeny addressed the board on this matter. He informed the board that an Executive Committee meeting was held to sign and approve MLJT's Hallmarks of Excellence report by the deadline on June 29. He explained that the Hallmark of Excellence is a report on specific criteria that MLJT must adhere to. MLJT has received a score of 29.5/40.

5.2. Board Membership

a. Introduce new member Crystal Jack (Jackson Rancheria)

Crystal Jack is the HR Manager from Jackson Rancheria. She is actively involved with MLJT and has been a key component in creating new and lasting partnerships. Amador County's Chamber of Commerce, MLJT, Adult-Ed, and College Connect will soon be co-located in a building owned by Jackson Rancheria. This co-location will be called the Amador Prosperity Center.

b. Introduce new member Mark Luster (Sierra Pacific Industries)

Mark Luster is the Community Relations Manager for Sierra Pacific Industries. Sierra Pacific Industries is one of the largest employers in this region, operating in nineteen counties across California. As a representative of SPI, Mark will be able give MLJT an idea of the business needs in both the Natural Resource and Manufacturing industry sectors.

c. Announce Margie Bulkin resignation (through end of 2018)

D. Thoeny shared that MLJT is now accepting applications to fill the vacant K-12 Education slot. Applicants will be reviewed at the Board of Directors Meeting in October 2018.

d. Discuss two remaining business openings

Dave explained that there are two current openings on the Mother Lode Workforce Investment Board for business. He notified the board that we are looking for a Healthcare business to represent Mariposa County and an Advanced Manufacturing business to represent Tuolumne County.

5.3. Presentation: "Using Sector Strategies and Apprenticeship 2.0 to Link Education and Employment in Local Communities"

Presenter: Vinz Koller with Social Policy Research Associates

Summary: This presentation describes how sector strategies and a modernized youth apprenticeship approach can help the Mother Lode region connect education and the workplace in ways that eliminates the skills gap and reduces educational debt at the same time. We will cover key elements of building sector strategies, youth apprenticeships, and how both are instrumental in developing career pathways for young and adult job seekers. CA Dual Education graphic attached.

5.4. Board members' reports

None

6. NEXT MEETING

6.1. Future Agenda Items

6.2. Thursday, December 19, 2018 at 12:00 pm

Location: Adventist Health, Sonora

7. ADJOURNMENT