



**MEETING MINUTES**

**Mother Lode Workforce Development Board**

Thursday, November 18, 2021 (12:00pm)

**Via Teleconference:**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/6067573943>

Phone audio: (669) 900-9128

Meeting ID: 606 757 3943

**In Person:**

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**1. CALL TO ORDER**

1.1. Roll call / Establish quorum

<b>Name</b>	<b>Present?</b>	<b>Absent?</b>
Ardria Weston		X
Bill Petrone		X
Cathy Parker	X	
Cory Thomas-Fisk	X	
Debra Rockwood	X	
Frank Leschinsky	X	
Jason Wood	X	
JC Rieger	X	
Nick Chamulak		X
Jonelle Whitehouse		X
Kathryn Gallino	X	
LaChelle Adams	X	
Mark Luster		X
Mike Lemke	X	
Scott Nanik		X
Steve Amador	X	
Steve Woodward		X
Tim Hildabrand (Vice Chair)	X	
Tyler Newton (Chair)	X	
<b>Non-Voting Members</b>		
Joe Bors		X
Rebecca Espino		X
Rebecca Mendibles		X
Velma Whitebear		X

Guests: Brian Sanders (Columbia College), David Baquerizo (PropPath Inc.) Gabriel Garcia (EDD), Justin Henry (EDD), Nati Martinez (EDD)

**2. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

*None*

### 3. CONSENT CALENDAR

#### 3.1. Accept the August 19, 2021 meeting minutes

*Meeting minutes accepted. (M) D. Rockwood, (S) J. Rieger, ayes carried, 2 abstained, 6 absent.*

### 4. ACTION ITEMS

#### 4.1. Consideration of Adopting a Resolution Making Findings in Support of Allowing Remote Meetings Pursuant to AB361 (Modifies Brown Act Procedures During a Declared Emergency) and Direction Regarding Holding MLWDB Meetings in Person or Remotely

*Motion accepted. (M) C. Parker (S) D. Rockwood, ayes carried, 6 absent.*

*WDB members wish to continue to meet in a hybrid fashion.*

#### 4.2. Consideration and Approval of Harshwal & Company LLP as the accountant for the 2021-2022 single audit, with MLJT's option for 2 additional years.

*Consideration of Harshwal & Company LLP as the accountant for the 2021-2022 single audit, with MLJT's option for 2 additional years accepted. (M) D. Rockwood, (S) T. Hildabrand, ayes carried, 6 absent.*

#### 4.3. Consideration and approval of the Plan Year 2021-2022 Final Budget

*Plan Year 2021-2022 Final Budget approved. (M) T. Hildabrand, (S) C. Parker, ayes carried, 6 absent.*

#### 4.4. Review and approval of the AJCC Baseline and Certification Indicator Assessments

*AJCC Baseline and Certification Indicator Assessments approved, (M) C. Parker, (S) D. Rockwood, ayes carried, 6 absent.*

### 5. INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

#### 5.1. Welcome Stephen Kautz from Ironstone Vineyards to the WDB Board, representing Tourism/Hospitality & Manufacturing business sectors

#### 5.2. Funding Summary

*MLJT Deputy Director, Amy Frost, addressed the board on this matter. She highlighted current MLJT funds including Rapid Response funds, Opioid Grant and the Employment Recovery Dislocated Worker Grant. Amy also shared that the Fresno SB1 grant has been used to host Construction Cohorts, in collaboration with the Tuolumne County Collaborative. The next Construction Cohort begins in February. Lastly, she highlighted Amador's Probation contract. A. Frost explained that the contract was delayed due to COVID but is picking back up as more worksites are currently being set up and identified.*

#### 5.3. Director's Report

- **Grants Awarded**

*None since last WDB meeting*

- **Grants Pending**

- 1. *Rural Innovation Stronger Economy (RISE) – USDA **Didn't receive***

- 2. *Comprehensive and Accessible Reemployment through Equitable Recovery (CAREER) – NDWG **Didn't receive***

- **Grants Developing**

- 1. *Forestry Corps - CalFire (With Fresno & Columbia College)*

- **Natural Resources sector**

- *Produce sustainable skilled labor supply for forest health & biomass reclamation projects*

- *Planning meeting with Fresno December 7 at Columbia College*

2. *Good Jobs Challenge - EDA (with Central Valley)*
  - **Healthcare sector**
  - *“Central California Regional Health Career Pathways Coalition”*
  - *Develop new and expand existing health career development projects*
3. *Good Jobs Challenge - EDA (with Fresno)*
  - **Construction sector (Public Infrastructure)**
  - *What are the planned public sector construction projects?*
  - *Add contractor employment commitments in RFP requirements*
4. *Workforce Accelerator Fund (WAF) 10.0*
  - *Target population(s)*
    - *Homeless and Housing Insecure; Justice-Involved*
  - *Which industry sector / occupations?*
    - *Natural Resources or Construction (apprenticeships)*
    - *Other high-road jobs?*
5. *PG&E power line burial project (with Fresno)*
  - *10,000 miles; \$30 billion; announced July 21, 2021*
  - *Dozens of subcontractors; hundreds of workers; multi-years*
  - *Seeking commitment to hire n% local workers*
  - *Advocating with both PG&E and PUC*

**6. 2022 MEETINGS (All on Thursday, 12:00 – 2:00 pm)**

February 17; May 19; August 18; November 17

**7. ADJOURN**