

ITEM I.B. – ACTION

**ALAMEDA COUNTY
WORKFORCE INVESTMENT BOARD**

MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Burton, Winston
Cota, Susan
Gardner, Matt
Hebenstreit, Karl
Hodge, Jason
Johnson, David
Keating, Jerry
Kelly, Jim
Kidwell, Corey
Lee, Steve

Padilla, Jose
Paxson, James
Raty, Scott
Sparks, Glen
Sutton, Chad
Vance, Octobere
White, Mike
Woo, Theresa
Woytak, Felicia

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Baker, Ken
Brewer, Bob
Cornu, Sharon
Croswell, Ken
Devlin, Doug
Fogelquist, Jim
Giggleman, Martha

Hewitt, Chet
Jones, Marie
Jordan, Sheila
Kern, Bruce
Meyer, Helen
Sims, Luke
Verzantvoort, Andrea

Acting Chairperson, Mike White (on behalf of Ken Baker) called the meeting of the Alameda County Workforce Investment Board to order at 9:17 AM on Thursday, March 9, 2006. A quorum was present.

ITEM I.B. – MINUTES OF ALAMEDA COUNTY WIB FOR THURSDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2005. A motion to approve the minutes of December 8, 2005 was made by **Johnson/Keating/**
carried.

ITEM I.C. – CHAIRPERSON’S REPORT. Mike White stated three private sector WIB members were leaving at the end of this term (3-31-06) – Marie Jones, Andrea Verzantvoort and Felicia Woytak. Three local educational agencies’ WIB members will be rotated – Jim Kelly, Susan Cota and Glen Sparks. Labor WIB member Sharon Cornu will be replaced. WIB Committee Chairs will remain the same for the next two year term – Ken Baker (WIB Chair and Executive Committee), Brenda Johnson (Youth Policy Council), Bruce Kern (Economic Development & Employer Services Committee), Helen Meyer (Workforce Systems Committee). There currently is a WIB Vice-Chair vacancy, and anyone interested can contact Dorothy Chen.

New WIB member, Guy Bryant, was introduced and will be seated at the next WIB meeting on May 11, 2006.

ITEM I.D. – COMMITTEE CHAIRS’ REPORTS.

Brenda Johnson, YPC Chair, stated the YPC met on February 6, 2006. She briefly reported on the Common Measures presentation that Vinz Koller presented to the YPC, and that under Common Measures, the youth programs performance measurements will be impacted more dramatically than the Adult & Dislocated Worker programs. She also spoke briefly about the Youth Funding Allocation that was approved by the YPC and is an Action Item on today’s WIB agenda.

Jane Myers, on behalf of Bruce Kern, EDES Committee Chair and Helen Myer, Workforce Systems Committee Chair, stated that the EDES Committee met on February 9, 2006 and there was discussion on Employer Service Refunding Criteria for the one-stop career centers (referred to this Committee by the WIB at their December 8, 2005 meeting. Two refunding criteria were passed – 1) employer services portion of one-stop career center certificate, and 2) employer services monitoring by March 31, 2006. The second phase of this will be to continue the conversation in April 2006 in reference to refunding criteria, performance measures and report development. A Joint EDES/Workforce Systems Committee Meeting was suggested for August 2006.

In reference to the Workforce Systems Committee meeting on February 15, 2006, the Committee reviewed and approved the Adult & Dislocated Worker PY 2006/2007 allocation. They had the opportunity to talk to the staff of one-stop career centers. The Employer Services Refunding Criteria discussed at the EDES Committee was reviewed. The Workforce Systems Committee is interested in having a Joint EDES/Workforce Systems Committee Meeting in August 2006.

No **Executive Committee** meeting was held due to lack of action items.

ITEM I.E. – DIRECTOR’S REPORT. Dorothy Chen stated an e-mail was sent out to WIB members announcing that the Alameda County and San Mateo Workforce Investment Boards have jointly received the **Theodore E. Small Workforce Partnership Award** by the National Association of Workforce Boards (NAWB) on February 26, 2006 in Washington DC. The award represents the highest recognition of workforce investment boards around the nation that advance innovative partnerships with their business communities. Patti Castro, Assistant WIB Director, will be giving a presentation later and will cover background on this Award.

The John H. Chafee Foster Care Independence Program from the Department of Labor has recognized our Project HOPE program that serves foster care youth as a national model. During the past year, staff has been requested to provide numerous presentations at State hearings and conferences on this successful program.

Workforce Investment Act Re-Authorization Status: The Re-Authorization is in Conference Committee and has reached a stalemate in Washington DC. The two points of contention between the Democrats and Republicans have been regarding 1) issues around inclusion of faith based organizations into workforce arena, and 2) consolidation of Wagner Peyser and WIA funds. Octobere Vance from EDD (receives the Wagner Peyser funds) made a comment in reference to supporting whatever is decided.

For **the Program Year 07/08, there is a projected 15% cut.** The President has proposed cuts in social services and domestic programs to divert funds to the Iraq War and to pay for Katrina. A cut of this magnitude will decimate our system. Letters have been sent to Congressmen Pombo and Pete Stark. If needed, staff will prepare a sample support letter for the private sector WIB members to put on their letterhead requesting for more funding.

Dave Johnson asked if there is any sense if folks out in the field can address this issue, and if staff is part of this discussion. Dorothy responded that it is really a Congressional decision right now.

Seats to the **Manufacturing Matters conference** are being offered to WIB members (7 seats left) on Wednesday, April 5, 2006 from 7:30 am to 2:00 pm in Concord. If anyone is interested in attending, please contact staff for a complimentary ticket.

Personnel changes: Rob Gamble, Business Services Manager, has accepted a new position as the Executive Director for Bay Bio Institute. The Business Services Manager position will be backfilled. Sandra Oubre has decided to move on to a different position within the Social Services Agency, and Jan Pinney will be taking her place.

WIB members need to fill out, sign, and return the **Form 700** to Flo Fox, WIB secretary, by April 3, 2006. This is the annual Conflict of Interest form that must be filled out by every WIB member per the Brown Act. Signed forms will be submitted to the Alameda County Board of Supervisors.

ITEM II – PUBLIC FORUM. No public input.

ITEM III.A. – PRESENTATION. Michael Longeuay, Regional Director, Department of Labor, Apprenticeship Training, Employer and Labor Services (ATELS) gave a detailed presentation on the President's High Growth Job Training Initiative. He outlined various training programs they have or are working on.

ITEM III.B. – PRESENTATION. Patti Castro, Assistant WIB Director, gave an update on the second award we have received for our Biotech Initiative that is funded by the President's High Growth Job Training Initiative. We were recognized this year by the National Association of Workforce Boards that meets annual in Washington D.C.

P. Castro and Rob Gamble were in Washington D.C. with two of the partners and were also invited to present their model of our Demand Driven Initiative in Bio-technology for the Industry. They also presented our linkages with economic development. She explained in detail about the award and their strong partnership with Genentech and Bayer. A flyer on Biotech Workforce Network was presented as a handout.

P. Castro and R. Gamble gave an abbreviated version of the Workshop they presented in Washington D.C. in a powerpoint presentation.

ITEM V.A. – PY 2006/2007 WIA YOUTH FUNDING ALLOCATION. Cotrell Ward presented the item. Background was given. Staff is asking for approval on percentages today. The enhancement of youth presence in the one-stops has been discussed. Partnerships have been developed with the adult and dislocated program and one-stop managers to bring youth advocates to the one-stops throughout the County. An Information Item – Youth Systems Building, Page 71 of the Board packet discusses this endeavor. This is a routine item every year for the YPC and WIB. The YPC approved this item on February 6, 2006.

Acting Chairperson, Mike White, opened the public hearing, and with no input, closed the public hearing.

A motion to approve the percentage share of each category for PY 2006/07 Workforce Investment Act (WIA) Youth Services as proposed in Attachment V.A.1. was made by **Burton/Lee/carried.**

ITEM V.B. – WIA FORMULA FUNDS FOR PY 2006/2007 WIA ADULT AND DISLOCATED WORKER PROGRAM ALLOCATIONS. Jane Myers presented the item. Background was given. This item also is asking for approval on percentages today. Recommendation of changes, i.e. business services which had been in program funds be moved up to the internal allocation (because they are WIB staff), which frees up some money to go into the external allocation, so more money is going to services to participants. The Workforce Systems Committee met and approved this item on February 15, 2006.

Acting Chairperson, Mike White, opened the public hearing, and with no input, closed the public hearing.

A motion to 1) approve the percentage share of each category of the funding allocation chart (Attachment V.B.1.) for the Workforce Investment Act (WIA) Adult and Dislocated Worker formula funds for PY 2006/2007 and 2) authorize the Director to transfer funds between the ITA and customized training pools based upon her discretion was made by **Keating/Lee/carried (Vance recused).**

ITEM VIII. – ANNOUNCEMENTS. D. Chen stated the next WIB meeting is May 11, 2006. WIB members who resigned at the end of the term (3-31-06) will be honored with a plaque at the WIB meeting in May. She thanked the WIB members for all their involvement and commitment and for being able to attend these meetings.

M. White stated the Northern California Carpenter's Training Committee is involved with and supportive with a program called Helmets to Hardhats (program dealing with veterans returning or coming into the service). There is a website www.helmetstohardhats.org that can be accessed for building trades information. As an added note, Michael Longeuay stated that when a veteran comes out of the military and goes into a registered apprenticeship program, they are also eligible to collect their VA benefits. The Carpenter's organization is also in Northern California purging their lists on April 1, 2006 (they do it every other year). Their website is www.ctcnc.org.

Jose Padilla stated the Bay Area Counties Roofing/Waterproofing Industry Apprenticeship Training will be presenting an apprenticeship expo in San Francisco on May 9, 2006, and the Carpenter's organization will be presenting an expo in Fairfield on May 20, 2006.

The meeting adjourned at 10:42 AM.