



Bay Area Workforce Development Board

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Bay Area Local Elected Officials Board MEETING MINUTES

November 5, 2020

Present: Troy Streckenbach (Chair), Thomas Nelson, Richard Virlee, Cinde Nichols, Marvin Klosterman, Tom Romdenne, Fran Damp

Absent: Elmer Regan, Ben Warrington, Bob Ziegelbauer, John Guarisco

Mr. Streckenbach called the meeting to order at 1 PM. A quorum was present.

The Minutes of the September 3, 2020 LEO Board meeting were unanimously adopted as presented on a motion by Mr. Virlee and a second by Ms. Damp.

Two members of the LEO Board, Ms., Damp and Ms. Nichols, had participated on the Executive Search committee along with Bay area WDB members. After interviewing several candidates, the committee recommended hiring Matt Valiquette, currently Bay Area WDB Program Operations Manager, as the new Bay Area WDB Executive Director effective January 1, 2021. Motion to approve the committee recommendation was made by Ms. Damp with a second from Ms. Nichols. Mr. Streckenbach made a second motion to approve the committee recommendation by unanimous consent with a second from Ms. Damp. The motion was unanimously adopted.

The 2020-2023 Bay Area WIOA Local Plan had been significantly revised and posted again for public comment at the request of the DWD reviewers. LEO members had reviewed the new version. Motion to approve the revised Bay Area WIOA Local Plan was made by Mr. Nelson with a second from Ms. Damp. Motion was unanimously adopted.

LEO members had received a draft Bay Area WDB corporate budget for the second half of the program year (January 1, 2021- June 30, 2021). The LEO Board had previously adopted a budget through December 31, 2020. In the draft budget, salaries had been adjusted due to upcoming staffing changes and to include the hiring of a Fiscal Assistant to take some of the workload off the Controller. Mr. Golembeski noted that the Fiscal Assistant position had been vacant for some time and increasing financial reporting responsibilities required that someone needs to be brought in. Motion to approve the draft corporate budget for the remainder of PY 2020 was made by Mr. Virlee with a second from Ms. Damp. Motion was unanimously adopted.

Mr. Valiquette provided a brief WIOA program update. WIOA Title 1 services are being provided to enrolled dislocated workers, adults, and youth/young adults, mostly through virtual media, but maintaining the focus on attention to individual needs and circumstances. He commended the Career Specialists throughout the region who are working hard in our

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programs. He also brought up the possibility in PY 2021 of Bay Area WDB serving as the One-Stop Operator (OSO). Mr. Golembeski will write an issue paper about that option for the LEO members' benefit. The LEO Board would have to concur with that decision.

Mr. Golembeski reported that most of the Findings in the DWD PY 2019 Monitoring Report have been resolved. Most of the remaining issues involve individual cases, and Mr. Valiquette is attending to those. Mr. Golembeski is encouraged that DWD is taking time to consider the questioned cost involving agency cell phones. He assured the members that the counties would not have any financial obligation as these things are resolved.

The renewal of the Bay Area Counties Consortium Agreement is going well. Only Brown and Marinette have not been received yet. Both counties are in the process of adopting the new five-year agreement.

The PY 2020 Job Center Memoranda of Understanding and Shared Delivery Cost Agreements (formerly called Resource Sharing Agreements) are still being reviewed by DWD.

Bay Area WDB has appointed a taskforce to prioritize strategic objectives and action steps. No LEO members volunteered for that taskforce. The taskforce has not yet met.

Members had received a LEO Board meeting schedule for calendar year 2021. Meetings will be held at the Neville Public Museum when the pandemic situation allows, and virtual meetings will be held until that time. Members were asked to offer a preference for continuing virtual meetings after the pandemic is past.

The meeting adjourned at 1:45 PM.

The Bay Area LEO Board will meet next on Thursday, February 4, 2021 in a virtual format.