



**WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT
BOARD OF MADERA COUNTY**

MINUTES

April 15, 2021

***Convened at Madera County Workforce Assistance Center – via Teleconference
2037 W. Cleveland Avenue, Madera, CA 93637***

Zoom Meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81274206285?pwd=enROTmo3RTRidG5EcnhTM2Y2TXRWdz09;>
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PRESENT: Debi Bray, Brett Frazier, Mike Fursman, Santos Garcia (7.1), Laura Gutile, Marie Harris, Bobby Kahn, Mike Lopez, Nichole Mosqueda, Terry Nichols, Robert Poythress, Chuck Riojas, Lanie Suderman
ABSENT: Michelle Brunetti, Mark Choe, Jorge DeNava, Wendy Lomeli, Deborah Martinez, Mattie Mendez, Linda Monreal, Wayne Rylant, David Salter, Cindy Vail
GUEST: Gary Beaudette, Omair Javaid, Amelia Meza, David Shinder, Yvette Quevedo
STAFF: Nicki Martin, Tracie Scott-Contreras, Maiknue Vang

1.0 Call to Order

Meeting call to order at 3:04 p.m. by Chair Brett Frazier.

1.1 Pledge of Allegiance

2.0 Additions to the Agenda

None.

3.0 Public Comment

None.

4.0 Introductions and Recognitions

Tracie Scott-Contreras, Executive Director, introduced Gary Beaudette, David Shinder, Omair Javaid, Amelia Meza and Yvette Quevedo. Gary represents Beaudette Consulting, the successful bidder for the One Stop Operator contract. Omair's Workforce Development Board (WDB) member application is on the agenda for approval. David Shinder is the Local and Regional plans consultant. He will be providing information on the plans. Yvette Quevedo is the workforce area Employment Development Department (EDD) regional advisor. Amelia Meza works with the Division of Apprenticeship Standards.

5.0 Adoption of Board Agenda

Bobby Kahn moved to adopt the agenda, seconded by Rob Poythress.

Vote: Approved – unanimous

Yes: Debi Bray, Brett Frazier, Mike Fursman, Laura Gutile, Marie Harris, Bobby Kahn, Mike Lopez, Nichole Mosqueda, Terry Nichols, Robert Poythress, Chuck Riojas, Lanie Suderman

6.0 Consent Calendar

6.1 Consideration of approval of the February 18, 2021 Workforce Development Board (WDB) Meeting Minutes.

6.2 Consideration of approval of the revised Temporary Jobs and Paid and Unpaid Work Experience Policy.

6.3 Consideration of approval of San Joaquin Valley College as a new training provider for receipt of Individual Training Account Vouchers.

Bobby Kahn moved to approve the Consent Calendar, seconded by Debi Bray.

Vote: Approved – unanimous

Yes: Debi Bray, Brett Frazier, Mike Fursman, Laura Gutile, Marie Harris, Bobby Kahn, Mike Lopez, Nichole Mosqueda, Terry Nichols, Robert Poythress, Chuck Riojas, Lanie Suderman

7.0 Action Items

7.1 Consideration of approval of a new member application for Omair Javaid, World Financial Group, and forwarding the application to the Madera County Board of Supervisors for appointment.

Omair introduced himself to the Board. Omair graduated high school in Madera and attended University of California Irvine (UCI). He returned to Madera to contribute to the community. He has experience serving on Boards and serves as Treasurer for the Madera Community Hospital Foundation Board. He also helps with monthly food drives. Mayor Garcia recommended the WDB to him.

Rob Poythress moved to approve, seconded by Nichole Mosqueda.

Vote: Approved – unanimous

Yes: Debi Bray, Brett Frazier, Mike Fursman, Santos Garcia, Laura Gutile, Marie Harris, Bobby Kahn, Mike Lopez, Nichole Mosqueda, Terry Nichols, Robert Poythress, Chuck Riojas, Lanie Suderman

7.2 Consideration of approval of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act PY 2021-2024 Regional and Local Plans and forwarding the plans to the Madera County Board of Supervisors for final review and approval.

The Local and Regional plans have been out for public comment for 30 days. The 30-day comment period closed yesterday. No comments were received. David Shinder worked on both the Local and Regional plans. The Regional plan covers San Joaquin County to Kern Inyo Mono County and the counties in between. Regional Plans were introduced as part of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA). They address regional economies. The State has requested that local areas develop a vision and how they will implement that vision through services and partnerships, etc. The Regional Plan talks about the economic landscape of the Region – 8 Boards and 10 counties which is known as the Regional Planning Unit (RPU). The Central Valley RPU comprises 25% of California. The Regional Plan lays out the key economic and labor market drivers for the RPU. It talks about the characteristics of the workforce with regard to education attainment and participation in the labor force and other factors. The RPU went beyond the requirements and tried to be strategic where the regional plan focused on economic recovery and the affect the pandemic had on local businesses and economies.

Laura Gutile moved to approve, seconded by Rob Poythress.

Vote: Approved – unanimous

Yes: Debi Bray, Brett Frazier, Mike Fursman, Santos Garcia, Laura Gutile, Marie Harris, Bobby Kahn, Mike Lopez, Nichole Mosqueda, Terry Nichols, Robert Poythress, Chuck Riojas, Lanie Suderman

7.3 Consideration of approval of a sole source contract with Beaudette Consulting, Inc., for One Stop Operator Services for the period from July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2024.

A request for proposals (RFP) was released in December 2020. One proposal was received – Beaudette Consulting, Inc. Beaudette works out of the Modesto area. After review of their proposal, staff determined to move forward with a sole source agreement with Beaudette to act as the One Stop Operator (OSO) for the next 2 years with an option to extend if appropriate. Mr. Beaudette was introduced to the Board. He will join the Board meetings quarterly to present the OSO reports. Beaudette, Inc. worked mostly out of the Stanislaus County area and wants to help close the skills gap. Gary is currently working on high school curriculums. He is always looking for ways to help and contribute.

Mike Farmer moved to approve, seconded by Debi Bray.

Vote: Approved – unanimous

Yes: Debi Bray, Brett Frazier, Mike Fursman, Santos Garcia, Laura Gutile, Marie Harris, Bobby Kahn, Mike Lopez, Nichole Mosqueda, Terry Nichols, Robert Poythress, Chuck Riojas, Lanie Suderman

8.0 Information Items

8.1 MCWIC Update

Information provided within the agenda packet. The minutes for the January 28, 2021 MCWIC meeting and the March 25, 2021 MCWIC meeting agenda were provided as an update. There was no meeting in February.

8.2 Program Update

Information provided within the agenda packet. Enrollment numbers are starting to pick up. Madera Adult School is open to students and classes have started again. Employment Development Department staff may start working out of the Center in May. They will be using a phased/hybrid approach for staffing. They plan on using an appointment-based system to see participants. Staff are desperately seeking a participant worksite to use for the Wildfires Emergency Response grant. A site needs to be identified by next Monday. Staff are excited for the GRID grant. The grant provides solar power installation training to individuals housed as the Department of Corrections facilities. Madera County Probation approached Madera Workforce for the Corona Virus Emergency Supplemental Funding (CESF) grant. A part-time Career Specialist will provide services at the Probation facilities in Madera and Oakhurst through the CESF grant. Madera is working with Stanislaus County Workforce Development on a Veterans Employment Related Assistance program (VEAP). The MCWIC Program Navigator participated in a Facebook Live event along with Madera Adult School Parent Resource Center to provide parents information on Workforce services. They received over 700 views when the event was posted to Facebook. A Spanish live event is scheduled for Monday. Tracie is involved with the Juvenile Justice Coordinating Council development of the realignment plan for juveniles who will be returning to Madera County from State facilities. Planning also includes future local housing and services.

8.3 Information on Weekly Unemployment Insurance (UI) Initial Claims for Madera County

Information provided within the agenda packet. Local UI claims are finally starting to go down. Numbers are down in the 500s range. Staff are hopeful that the downward trend continues. Workforce is receiving more calls from employers looking for workers. Staff have started using virtual recruitments meetings.

9.0 Written Communication

None.

10.0 Open Discussion/Reports/Information

10.1 Board Members

- Brett Frazier stated that HBO Max has an interesting documentary available called Our Towns. It looks at how small cities and towns can come back from economic downturns and speaks on community colleges and vocational trainings as a key to economic planning. It highlights areas similar to Madera and how they were able to come back from setbacks.*
- Bobby Kahn thanked Tracie for participating on a call regarding local business needs for truck drivers.*

10.2 Staff

None.

11.0 Next Meeting

June 17, 2021

12.0 Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 3:36 p.m.