



WORKFORCE INVESTMENT BOARD OF TULARE COUNTY

MEETING MINUTES

May 13, 2026

WIB Directors Present: Colby Wells – Chair, Joe Hallmeyer – Vice Chair, Randy Baerg – Treasurer/Secretary, Amy Shuklian, Esbeydy Ruvalcaba, Gamaliel Aguilar, Graciela Soto, Jake Piland, Miguel Mora, Rodney Wilson, Thomas Geiger, Tricia Stever Blattler, Yolanda Valdez

WIB Directors Absent: Brent Calvin, Brandon Lovenburg

1. **Call to Order:** Colby Wells – Chair called the meeting to order at 7:31 a.m.
2. **Public Comment:** Colby Wells – Chair called for public comments; there were no public comments.
3. **Success Story:** [Business Services Success Story: Tulare County Public Health](#) - Tulare County Public Health utilizing many of the WIB businesses services as they work serve Tulare County residents. Representatives from Public Health participate in the Tulare-Kings Healthcare Partnership, aimed at increasing awareness and access for local students to healthcare jobs.
4. **Consent Items**
 - a. Workforce Investment Board Meeting Minutes
Approve April 8, 2026, Board Meeting Minutes.
 - b. Agreement with John Baker for Facilitation Training
Approve an agreement with John Baker to provide two facilitation training sessions for up to 40 WIB staff and partner organizations.
 - c. Agreement with Formation for Sector Partnership Training and Technical Assistance
Approve an agreement with Formation for sector partnership training, coaching, and technical assistance services in an amount not to exceed \$61,250, for a 12-month period commencing upon execution.

Motion was made by Yolanda Valdez and seconded by Tricia Stever Blattler to approve the Consent Items. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

5. Regular Items

a. Renew WIOA Title I Adult and Dislocated Worker Career Services Agreements

Approve WIB Program and Evaluation Committee recommendations to renew PY 26-27 WIOA Title I Adult and Dislocated Worker Career Services agreements for the following:

- i. Community Services Employment Training (CSET) for West Region-Visalia, Tulare, and rural communities
- ii. Proteus, Inc. for East Region-Porterville, Dinuba, and rural communities

Motion was made by Graciela Soto and seconded by Joe Hallmeyer to renew the PY 26-27 WIOA Title I Adult and Dislocated Worker Career Services agreements. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

b. Renew WIOA Title I Youth Services Agreements

Approve WIB Program and Evaluation Committee recommendations to renew PY 26-27 WIOA Title I Out-of-School Youth Services agreements for the following:

- i. Community Services Employment Training (CSET) for West Region-Visalia, and Balance of County
- ii. Proteus, Inc. for East Region-Porterville, and Balance of County

Motion was made by Joe Hallmeyer and seconded by Tricia Stever Blattler to renew the PY 26-27 WIOA Title I Out-of-School Youth Services agreements. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

c. Termination of Agreement #2382426 PY 24-26 with Kings County Job Training Office Good Jobs Challenge

Approve the termination of the Good Jobs Challenge (GJC) Subrecipient Agreement #2382426 with Kings County Job Training Office (JTO), effective May 3, 2026, and authorize staff to proceed with contract close-out in accordance with WIB Directive TUL 19-05.

Motion was made by Yolanda Valdez and seconded by Miguel Mora to approve the termination of Agreement #2382426 PY 24-26 with Kings County JTO GJC. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

d. James Irvine Foundation Quality Jobs Pathways Lab Grant

Accept grant funding in the amount of \$1,000,000 from the James Irvine Foundation to support implementation of the Tulare County Quality-Jobs Pathways Lab over a two-year period.

Motion was made by Joe Hallmeyer and seconded by Graciela Soto to accept grant funding in the amount of \$1,000,000 from the James Irvine Foundation. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

e. Agreement with Insights/Solutions for the Development of Standard Operating Procedures

Approve an agreement with Insight/Solutions to develop Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) for the WIB.

Motion was made by Rodney Wilson and seconded by Yolanda Valdez to approve an agreement with Insights/Solutions for the development of Standard Operating Procedures. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

f. Agreement with CivicMakers for Human-Centered Design Services

Approve an agreement with CivicMakers to provide Human-Centered Design Services (HCD) for 24 months.

Motion was made by Yolanda Valdez and seconded by Tricia Stever Blattler to approve an agreement with CivicMakers for Human-Centered Design Services. Gamaliel Aguilar abstained. The motion carried by remaining vote.

6. Information/Discussion Items

- a. Agreements Executed by WIB Executive Director Between \$5,000-\$20,000
- b. Workforce Data Newsletter – Volume 11, Issue 3 – March 2026
- c. Tulare County Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) – March 2026

7. WIB Committee Reports

- a. Youth Committee

Good of the Order/Adjourn: There being no further business, Colby Wells, Chair, adjourned the meeting at 8:45 a.m.

Minutes submitted for approval by Randy Baerg, Secretary.



Randy Baerg, Secretary



Date Approved

APPROVED BY
WORKFORCE INVESTMENT BOARD
MINUTES OF 06-10-2026