



WORKFORCE INVESTMENT BOARD OF TULARE COUNTY

MEETING

January 14, 2026, Minutes

WIB Directors Present: Colby Wells – Chair, Joe Hallmeyer – Vice Chair, Randy Baerg – Treasurer/Secretary, Amy Shuklian, Brandon Lovenburg, Esbeydy Ruvalcaba, Gamaliel Aguilar, Jake Piland, Jeff Hudson-Covolo, Miguel Mora, Robert Kleyn, Rodney Wilson, Thomas Geiger, Yolanda Valdez

WIB Directors Absent: Brent Calvin, Tricia Stever Blattler

1. **Call to Order:** Colby Wells - Chair called the meeting to order at 7:32 a.m.
2. **Public Comment:** Colby Wells - Chair called for public comments; there were no public comments.
3. **Success Story:** [Workforce Professional of the Year: Ramiro Emigdio](#)
4. **Consent Items:**
 - a. Workforce Investment Board Meeting Minutes
Approve the December 10, 2025, WIB Meeting Minutes.
 - b. WIB Directive TUL 25-07 WIOA Training Expenditure Requirement
Approve WIB Directive TUL 25-07 WIOA Training Expenditure Requirement.
 - c. WIB Directive TUL 25-08 Priority of Services for Veterans and Eligible Spouses
Approve WIB Directive TUL 25-08 Priority of Services for Veterans and Eligible Spouses.
 - d. Revisions to the WIB Bylaws
Approve the revisions to the WIB Bylaws and forward to the Tulare County Board of Supervisors for approval.
 - e. Program Year (PY) 2025-26 WIOA Title I Career Services Agreement
Modify PY 2025-26 WIOA Title I Career Services Agreement No. 3812526 West Region-Visalia with Community Services Employment Training (CSET) to:
 - i. Increase the WIOA Adult training allocation by \$37,000.
 - ii. Increase the transitional jobs performance goal by four for a total of for a total of six (6).

Motion was made by Yolanda Valdez, second by Joe Hallmeyer to approve the consent items, carried by unanimous vote.

5. Regular Items:

a. Good Jobs Challenge (GJC) Industrial Equipment Funds Award

Approve the Tulare Kings Industrial Partnership Evaluation Committee recommendation to award an agreement to West Hills Community College District (WHCC) - Lemoore College for up to \$100,000 to purchase industrial equipment to serve GJC customers, contingent upon approval from the Fresno County Economic Development Corporation (EDC) and the U.S. Department of Commerce, Economic Development Administration (EDA).

Motion was made by Gamaliel Aguilar, second by Robert Kleyn to approve the GJC Industrial Equipment Funds Award, carried by unanimous vote.

6. Information/Discussion Items:

a. Agreements Executed by WIB Interim Executive Director Between \$5,000-\$20,000

b. Workforce Data Newsletter – Volume 10, Issue 9 – September 2025

c. Tulare County Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) – September 2025

7. WIB Committee Reports

a. Youth Committee

8. Closed Session

a. The Board intends to meet in Closed Session concerning:

PUBLIC EMPLOYEE APPOINTMENT

(Government Code Section 54957)

TITLE: EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, WORKFORCE INVESTMENT BOARD (WIB)

Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.1, the Board reconvened in open session and reported the following action.

Motion was made by Rodney Wilson, second by Yolanda Valdez to recommend Jennie C. Bautista to the Tulare County Board of Supervisors for appointment as Executive Director of the Workforce Investment Board of Tulare County; carried by unanimous vote.

9. Good of the Order/Adjourn: There being no further business; the meeting was adjourned by Colby Wells, the Chair, at 8:13 a.m.

Minutes submitted for approval by Randy Baerg, Secretary.


Randy Baerg, Secretary

2/18/26
Date Approved

APPROVED BY
WORKFORCE INVESTMENT BOARD
MINUTES OF 02-18-2026