



WORKFORCE INVESTMENT BOARD OF TULARE COUNTY

MEETING

April 8, 2026, Minutes

WIB Directors Present: Colby Wells – Chair, Joe Hallmeyer – Vice Chair, Randy Baerg – Treasurer/Secretary, Brandon Lovenburg, Esbeydy Ruvalcaba, Gamaliel Aguilar, Graciela Soto, Miguel Mora, Rodney Wilson, Tricia Stever Blattler

WIB Directors Absent: Amy Shuklian, Brent Calvin, Jake Piland, Thomas Geiger, Yolanda Valdez

1. **Call to Order:** Colby Wells – Chair called the meeting to order at 7:30 a.m.
2. **Public Comment:** Colby Wells – Chair called for public comments; there were no public comments.
3. **Swearing in of Workforce Investment Board Member**
4. **Success Story:** [Community Partner: City of Visalia](#) - The City of Visalia partners with the WIB and CSET on the ECO program. ECO provides individuals experiencing homelessness with the opportunity gain job readiness skills, and put those skills to work on a work crew cleaning up the city. They then have the opportunity to work for the City of Visalia in the solid waste department to gain additional skills, and the confidence they need to find full-time employment.
5. **Consent Items**
 - a. Workforce Investment Board Meeting Minutes
Approve March 11, 2026, Board Meeting Minutes.
 - b. Employment Connection Partner Memorandums of Understanding with Able, Inc., Porterville Developmental Center, and Nominations to the Employment Connection Committee
Approve:
 - i. An Employment Connection Partner Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Able, Inc., and the nomination of Keith Stump to the Employment Connection Committee (ECC).
 - ii. An Employment Connection Partner MOU with Porterville Developmental Center, and the nomination of Jacky Bader to the ECC.
 - iii. The nomination of Julio Lopez from San Jose Job Corps to the ECC.

- c. Eligible Training Provider Contract: Kingsburg School of Dental Assisting
Approve an Eligible Training Provider (ETP) Contract with Kingsburg School of Dental Assisting from April 8, 2026, through June 30, 2029.

Motion was made by Tricia Stever Blattler, second by Joe Hallmeyer to approve the consent items, carried by unanimous vote.

6. Regular Items

- a. Workforce Investment Board Executive Director Delegated Authority Resolution
Approve a resolution authorizing the Executive Director to sign contracts, agreements, and related documents on behalf of the Workforce Investment Board.

Motion was made by Joe Hallmeyer, second by Gamaliel Aguilar to approve the Workforce Investment Board Executive Director Delegated Authority Resolution, carried by unanimous vote.


7. Information/Discussion Items

- a. 14th Annual Growing Health Leaders Conference
- b. Agreements Executed by WIB Interim Executive Director Between \$5,000-\$20,000
- c. Workforce Data Newsletter
- d. Tulare County Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) Update

8. WIB Committee Reports: No committee meetings were held since the last Board meeting.

9. Good of the Order/Adjourn: There being no further business; the meeting was adjourned by Colby Wells, the Chair, at 8:30 a.m.

Minutes submitted for approval by Randy Baerg, Secretary.

	<u>5/13/26</u>
Randy Baerg, Secretary	Date Approved

APPROVED BY
WORKFORCE INVESTMENT BOARD
MINUTES OF 05-13-2026