



WORKFORCE INVESTMENT BOARD OF TULARE COUNTY

MEETING

March 11, 2026, Minutes

WIB Directors Present: Joe Hallmeyer – Vice Chair, Randy Baerg – Treasurer/Secretary, Brent Calvin, Gamaliel Aguilar, Miguel Mora, Rodney Wilson, Thomas Geiger, Tricia Stever Blattler

WIB Directors Absent: Colby Wells – Chair, Amy Shuklian, Brandon Lovenburg, Esbeydy Ruvalcaba, Jake Piland, Yolanda Valdez

1. **Call to Order:** Joe Hallmeyer – Vice Chair called the meeting to order at 7:30 a.m.
2. **Public Comment:** Joe Hallmeyer – Vice Chair called for public comments; there were no public comments.
3. **Success Story:** [Community Partner: College of the Sequoias Training Resource Center](#) - The College of the Sequoias Training Resource Center provides customized training programs that allow employers to upskill their staff, ensuring businesses have the skilled workforce they need. COS TRC also partners with the WIB to develop in-demand industry-specific training programs for job seekers.
4. **Consent Items**
 - a. Workforce Investment Board Meeting Minutes
Approve the February 18, 2026, WIB Meeting Minutes.
 - b. WIB Directive TUL 26-01 Local Policy: Supportive Services Policy
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 - c. Eligible Training Provider Contract: Pacific Health Education
Approve an Eligible Training Provider (ETP) Contract with Pacific Health Education (PHE) from March 11, 2026, through June 30, 2029
 - d. Modify and Extend the Agreement with Fresno Economic Development Corporation for Good Jobs Challenge
Approve a contract modification and extension with Fresno Economic Development Corporation (EDC) for Good Jobs Challenge (GJC) to extend the agreement to September 2027, and increase the allocation by \$196,563 totaling \$2,247,362, and add Construction as a target population.

Motion was made by Gamaliel Aguilar, second by Thomas Geiger to approve the consent items, carried by unanimous vote.

5. Regular Items

a. Workforce Investment Board of Tulare County Board of Directors Appointment

Recommend one appointment to the Workforce Investment Board (WIB) of Tulare County Board of Directors in noted category, contingent upon Tulare County Board of Supervisors (BOS) approval.

- Graciela Soto, Altura Centers for Health, Chief Executive Officer – Business (term expiration date June 30, 2026)

Motion was made by Brent Calvin, second by Tricia Stever Blattler to approve the Workforce Investment Board of Tulare County Board of Directors Appointment, carried by unanimous vote.

b. Agreement with Fresno-Madera K-16 Collaborative for Regional Training for Sector Partnerships

Accept up to \$61,500 in funding from the Fresno-Madera K-16 Collaborative to organize and contract for Regional Training for Industry Sector Partnerships for Fresno, Kings, Madera, and Tulare Counties.

Motion was made by Tricia Stever Blattler, second by Thomas Geiger to approve the agreement with Fresno-Madera K-16 Collaborative for Regional Training for Sector Partnerships, carried by unanimous vote.

c. Agreement with Foundation for California Community Colleges and LAUNCH for Employer Engagement Intermediary Partnership

Approve an agreement with Foundation for California Community Colleges in an amount not to exceed \$80,000, for the period of February 1, 2026, through June 1, 2026.

Motion was made by Rodney Wilson, second by Thomas Geiger to approve the agreement with Foundation for California Community Colleges and LAUNCH for Employer Engagement Intermediary Partnership, carried by unanimous vote.

6. Information/Discussion Items

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

b. Quarterly Sector Partnership Updates

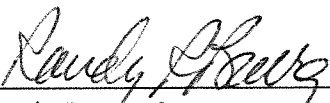
7. WIB Committee Reports

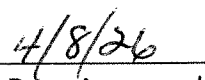
a. Employment Connection Committee

b. Youth Committee – No Report

8. Good of the Order/Adjourn: There being no further business; the meeting was adjourned by Joe Hallmeyer, the Vice Chair, at 8:15 a.m.

Minutes submitted for approval by Randy Baerg, Secretary.


Randy Baerg, Secretary


Date Approved

APPROVED BY
WORKFORCE INVESTMENT BOARD
MINUTES OF 04-08-2026