

Workforce Investment Board Youth Committee

MEETING MINUTES

May 7, 2026

Youth Committee Members Present: Yolanda Valdez-Chair, Mike Santos, Michelle Engel-Silva, Marie Pinto, Gelen Quenzer, Mary Alice Escarsega-Fechner, Donnette Silva-Carter, Tim Hire

Youth Committee Members Absent: Keith Stump

- 1. Call to Order:** Yolanda Valdez-Chair called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.
- 2. Public Comments:** Yolanda Valdez, Chair, called for public comments; there were no comments.
- 3. Consent Items:**

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Approve February 12, 2026, Youth Committee Meeting Minutes.

A motion was made by Marie Pinto and seconded by Donnette Silva-Carter to approve the Consent Item. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

4. Information/Discussion Items:

- a. 14th Annual Growing Health Leaders Conference
Business Resource Specialist Christina Hopper provided an update on 14th Annual Growing Health Leaders conference that took place on March 19, 2026.
- b. Review State and Local Performance and Expenditure Report Card (PY 25-26 Quarter 3) WIOA Youth Services by Subrecipient
Youth Services Coordinator Gicel Angeles provided an overview of the (PY 25-26 Quarter 3) performance and expenditure reports cards for WIOA Youth Services.
 - i. Community Services Employment Training (CSET) for West Region – Visalia, Balance of County
 - ii. Proteus, Inc. for East Region – Porterville, Balance of County

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- c. Review Local Performance and Expenditure Report Card (CY 26 Quarter 1) WIOA In-School Youth Leadership, Education, and Pathways to Employment (LEAP)
Youth Services Coordinator Gicel Angeles provided an overview of the (CY 26 Quarter 1) In-School Youth LEAP Program report card.
 - d. Review Mid-Year Assessment of PY 2025-2026 Youth Services Contracts
Youth Services Coordinator Gicel Angeles provided an overview of OSY PY 25-26 Mid-Year assessment results.
 - i. Discuss Strengths – Strategies Driving Success
 - ii. Discuss Challenges – Priorities for Growth
 - e. Review Proposed Shifts for PY 2026-2027 WIOA Contract Redesign
Youth Services Coordinator Gicel Angeles provided an overview of the following items:
 - i. Training the Trainer for Leaders: Proposal to strengthen leadership capacity, improve training consistency, and reinforce understanding of policies and data entry requirements.
 - ii. Structured Communication System: Proposal to implement a structured communication process with designated leads to ensure timely and consistent sharing of information.
 - iii. Rural Service Strategies: Proposal to enhance rural services through clarified roles, increased training, expanded service hours and strengthened partnerships.
 - iv. Service Delivery Gaps
 - f. Review TUL 24-06 Risk Assessment Results Youth Services by Subrecipient:
Compliance & Information Systems Coordinator Anabel Rodriguez provided an overview of the TUL 24-06 Risk Assessment results for WIOA Youth Services. Handouts presented.
 - i. Community Services Employment Training (CSET for West Region-Visalia, Balance of County communities
 - ii. Proteus, Inc. East Region-Porterville, Balance of County communities
 - g. Review Program and Evaluation Committee Recommendation to Renew Agreements for PY 2026-2027 WIOA Out-of-School Youth Services:
Youth Services Coordinator Gicel Angeles provided an overview of the PY 26-27 recommendation to renew agreement for WIOA Out-of-School Youth services.
 - i. Community Services Employment Training (CSET) for West Region-Visalia, Balance of County
 - ii. Proteus, Inc. East Region-Porterville, Balance of County
5. **Good of the Order/Adjourn:** There being no further business; the meeting was adjourned by Yolanda Valdez, Chair at 9:06 a.m.

The next Youth Committee meeting is scheduled for August 13, 2026, at 8:00 a.m.