



WORKFORCE INVESTMENT BOARD OF TULARE COUNTY

MEETING MINUTES

August 12, 2026

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

WIB Directors Absent: Brent Calvin, Esbeydy Ruvalcaba

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. A written public comment was submitted by Bill Huott regarding the grand opening of the Neighborhood Community Center, located at 1103 N. Turner Street, Visalia, CA 93291.
3. **Swearing-In of Reappointed Board Members**
4. **Success Story:** [Youth Success Story – Jaden Hernandez](#) - Jaden joined the youth@work program while he was in high school. He had very little work experience at the time, and through the program he gained valuable work experience that is paying off today as he is working toward getting his electrician license.
5. **Consent Items:**
 - a. [Workforce Investment Board Meeting Minutes](#)
Approve June 10, 2026, Board Meeting Minutes.
 - b. [Employment Connection Committee Nomination](#)
Approve the nomination of Mary Alice Escarsega-Fechner to serve as Community Services Employment Training's representative on the Employment Connection Committee.
 - c. [Workforce Investment Board Directive TUL 26-02, Employment Connection One-Stop System Marketing and Co-Branding Guidelines](#)
Approve Workforce Investment Board Directive TUL 26-02, Employment Connection One-Stop System Marketing and Co-Branding Guidelines.

- d. Workforce Investment Board Directive TUL 26-03, Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act Program Income
Approve Workforce Investment Board Directive TUL 26-03, Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act Program Income.
- e. Lightcast Developer and eIMPACT Agreements
Approve the following agreements with Lightcast:
 - i. Approve renewal of the Lightcast Developer subscription for the period of July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2027, in the amount of \$20,000.
 - ii. Approve renewal of the Lightcast eIMPACT subscription for the period of September 1, 2026, through August 31, 2027, in the amount of \$9,500.

A motion was made by Joe Hallmeyer and seconded by Graciela Soto to approve the Consent Items. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

6. Regular Items:

- a. Fiscal Year 2026-27 Workforce Investment Board Infrastructure Funding Agreement with Employment Connection Partners at the Employment Connection Centers in Visalia and Porterville
Approve the Fiscal Year 2026-27 Workforce Investment Board Infrastructure Funding Agreement with the colocated Employment Connection Partners at the comprehensive Employment Connection Centers in Visalia (\$721,056) and Porterville (\$347,270).

A motion was made by Gamaliel Aguilar and seconded by Miguel Mora to approve the Fiscal Year 2026-27 Workforce Investment Board Infrastructure Funding Agreement with Employment Connection Partners at the Employment Connection Centers in Visalia and Porterville. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

7. Information/Discussion Items:

- a. Subrecipient Panel Discussion
Overview of PY 25-26 challenges, highlights, and implementation of East and West regions and rural and balance of county service locations.
- b. Performance Report Cards for Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act Youth and Career Services
- c. Recruitment Assistance Overview
- d. Agreements Executed by the WIB Executive Director Between \$5,000 and \$20,000
- e. Sector Partnership Quarterly Updates
- f. Tulare County Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) – June 2026

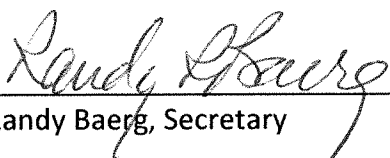
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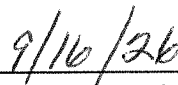
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8. **WIB Committee Reports:** No committee meetings were held since the last Board meeting.
9. **Good of the Order/Adjourn:** There being no further business, Colby Wells, Chair, adjourned the meeting at 8:34 a.m.

Minutes submitted for approval by Randy Baerg, Secretary.



Randy Baerg, Secretary



Date Approved

APPROVED BY
WORKFORCE INVESTMENT BOARD
MINUTES OF 09-16-2026