
FOOTHILL



EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING CONSORTIUM

The Workforce Partnership of Arcadia, Duarte, Monrovia, Pasadena, Sierra Madre and South Pasadena

POLICY BOARD MEETING

Foothill One Stop Career Center
1207 E. Green Street
Pasadena, CA

MINUTES OF JANUARY 8, 2015 MEETING

Present

Jacque Robinson, Chair, Pasadena
Sho Tay, Arcadia
Sam Kang, Duarte
Alex Blackburn, Monrovia
Bob Joe, South Pasadena
Gene Goss, Sierra Madre

Staff Present

Phil Dunn, FETC Administrator

Welcome

Jacque Robinson, FETC Policy Board Chair welcomed the Board members and called the meeting to order at 8:05 p.m.

Chair's Report

Chair Robinson stated that she was running for Mayor of Pasadena and she noted that she would remain the Chair of the Policy Board until the next round of elections, pending the outcome of the mayoral elections. Also, she thanked the Board members for their support of workforce development activities, which is an important system that serves employers and job seekers in our local communities.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the June 24, 2013 meeting was approved as submitted.

M/S Blackburn/Joe Approved unanimously

Administrator's Report

Phillip Dunn, Policy Board Administrator briefed the Board on the recently passed Workforce Innovation and Opportunities Act (WIOA). Dunn stated that on July 22, 2014, President Obama signed WIOA into law. Both the Senate and House passed WIOA with wide bipartisan support.

He noted that WIOA replaces the Workforce Investment Act (WIA) which was originally authorized from 1998 through 2003 and then continued on continuing resolutions. He referenced the agenda report in the board packet for details about WIOA.

Next, Phil Dunn gave a presentation on the recently conducted labor market survey. The Foothill Workforce Board commissioned the ERISS Corporation to conduct an employer-based survey with the purpose of collecting intelligence regarding labor market conditions in the region. ERISS contacted approximately 3,000 employers resulting in a 22% response rate. The survey collected data from local businesses regarding projected growth and general staffing plans, occupational demand, turnover, and hiring plans and other key issues, concerns and challenges to businesses. The data will be primarily used for program planning and job development purposes.

Finally, Dunn reported that the Foothill Workforce Board was recently certified as a High-Performing Workforce Board. The certification was awarded by the CA Workforce Board, on behalf of the Governor, as a result of a stringent review by an independent panel of workforce professionals. The review covered a wide range of activities such as passage of performance standards, the development of regional partnerships with key organizations and the engagement of employers regarding workforce initiatives to meet their labor market needs.

Policy Board Roundtable – Open Discussion

The Policy Board briefed each other on variety of subjects relative to activities and projects being discussed and implemented in their respective cities.

Following the open discussion, Chair Robinson adjourned the meeting at 9:30 a.m.