

WORKFORCE INVESTMENT SAN FRANCISCO

Local Workforce Investment Board for the City and County of San Francisco

Draft Minutes of The

May 15, 2020

Meeting of the

Workforce Investment San Francisco (WISF) Board Executive Committee

Office of Economic and Workforce Development

1 South Van Ness, 5th Floor

San Francisco, CA 94103

WISF Executive Committee Members Present	Kevin Carroll, Hotel Council Jeanine Cotter, Luminalt Jorge Tapia, EDD	Aaron Michel, 1984 Ventures Sam Rodriguez, Rodriguez Strategic Partners, LLC
WISF Members Absent	None	
Roll Call	Kevin Carroll, WISF Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM. Mr. Carroll welcomed the members.	
Adoption of Agenda <i>(Action Item)</i>	There was a quorum present at 9:30 AM. Chair Carroll called for a motion to approve the proposed agenda. Member Cotter made the motion and Member Michel seconded. The motion passed unanimously.	
Approval of Minutes from February 28, 2019 <i>(Action Item)</i>	Chair Carroll called for a motion to approve the minutes from the February 28 th Executive Committee meeting. Member Rodriguez made the motion and Member Tapia seconded. The motion passed unanimously.	
Director Remarks <i>(Discussion Item)</i>	Mr. Carroll asked Director Josh Arce to proceed with the Directors report. Mr. Arce shared data regarding the unprecedented increase in unemployment insurance claims, which is now reaching four million claims since the start of the pandemic. Mr. Arce provided an update on OEWD's efforts to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic and statistics regarding the volume and types of public inquiries. OEWD is working in close coordination with EDD to assist persons seeking support and benefits. Mr. Arce briefed the members on the number and types of Rapid Response notices and OEWD's virtual orientations in response.	

He then provided an update on the new federal grants secured to address the economic consequences of COVID, recognizing newly announced budget shortfalls.

He ended his report by sharing the Healthcare Academy's work to develop programming to respond to efforts to increase the number of contact tracing workers.

Member Rodriguez commented that across any number of areas but specifically workforce policy in the COVID era, San Francisco is the state- and nationwide leader.

Member Michel asked how OEWD is prioritizing given the vast need and set of circumstances of the impacted public. Deputy Director Daniel agreed that it was a good question, but also indicated that this is an all hands on deck effort and that agencies are doing what they can to support San Franciscans, particularly where federal efforts do not meet those needs.

**Remarks, Questions,
and Updates from
the Executive
Committee**
(Discussion Item)

Member Cotter provided a narrative of Luminalt's experience during the pandemic thus far, which included furloughs, a lack of revenue, and the construction industry timeline for reopening. She identified that the one of the biggest challenges continues to be the public's access to information and support regarding benefits.

Member Michel provided an update on the venture capital and startup industries. He shared that venture capital continues to pull back and existing commitments are going unfulfilled. He expects that some startups will be going under as capital becomes increasingly scarce. He expressed an interest in income sharing agreements and entrepreneurial training models.

Member Rodriguez presented an update on the state budget outlook and some of the recent projections for shortfalls. He explained that the May revise will focus on passing a working budget while an August revision is where one is likely to observe the most severe cuts.

Member Tapia updated the group on EDD's efforts to respond to new federal programs and the 4 million new unemployment insurance claims since the shelter-in-place orders took effect. He commented that the benefits system was not build for an entire economy going offline overnight, which is very different than past economic events.

Chair Carroll posed the question of whether, even if business is open, will there be enough demand. He expressed that if consumers are afraid to travel, it may not matter that a hotel is open for business because the demand may not sustain bringing back segments of the workforce, particularly in hospitality and tourism. In response, Mr. Arce again highlighted some of the work being done to develop and implement COVID remediation certifications so that there is confidence that public spaces are safe.

**Identification of
Future Business**
(Discussion Item)

The members took up the issue of the next full meeting agenda. The members agreed to re-agendize the previously proposed WIOA 101 presentation, with COVID-specific context wherever possible. The members also expressed an interest in emerging COVID-specific certifications and updates on federal grants.

**Public Comment on
Non-Agenda Items**
(Discussion Item)

Mr. Carroll opened the meeting for public comment. There was no public comment.

Adjournment
(Action Item)

Mr. Carroll noted that the next meeting will be scheduled subsequently. Mr. Carroll called for a motion to adjourn the meeting and the meeting was adjourned at 11:30 A.M.

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