

WORKFORCE INVESTMENT SAN FRANCISCO

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

Draft Minutes of The

June 9, 2021

Meeting of the

Workforce Investment San Francisco (WISF)

This meeting was held via Zoom Conference pursuant to Governor Newsom's Executive Order N-25-20 (March 12, 2020) and Mayor Breed's Third Supplement to Mayoral Proclamation

Declaring the Existence of a Local Emergency

Dated February 25, 2020 (March 17, 2020).

Participants Were Asked to Register in Advance for this Meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tzMudOyrpzwuHdNZO4xqz9fOYxQ4nux4xuUo>

WISF Members Present

Kevin Carroll, Hotel Council of San Francisco
Jeanine Cotter, Luminalt Solar Energy Corp.
Shamann Walton, San Francisco Board of Supervisors
Rafael Mandelman, San Francisco Board of Supervisors
Edward Battista, Sutter Health
Sam Rodriguez, Rodriguez Strategic Partners, LLC
Aaron Michel, 1984 Ventures
Shanell Williams, City College of San Francisco, Board of Trustees
Theresa Woo, California Dept. of Rehabilitation

Chhavi Sahni, Golden Gate Restaurant Assn.
Bob Nibbi, Nibbi Brothers
Ann Weeby, Salesforce
Vikrum Aiyer, Postmates
Tony Deloro, Teamsters 665
Andrew Lindsay, Hubspot
Lori Dunn-Guion, Swinerton Builders
Safiya Miller, Microsoft
Lynn Mahoney, San Francisco State University
Meghan Mitchell, Civic Action Labs
Michon Coleman, Hospital Council – Northern & Central California

WISF Members Absent

Charley Lavery, OE Local 3
Jeffrey Chiu, UCSF
Cynthia Gomez, UNITE HERE Local 2
Angela Tamayo, SEIU UHW

John Doherty, IBEW Local 6
Julie Fallon, Marriott Hotels
Ramon Hernandez, Laborers Local 261
Jorge Tapia, California Employment Development Department (EDD)

Opening Remarks and Meeting Guidelines from Chair Kevin Carroll (Discussion Item)

Kevin Carroll, WISF Chair, introduced himself and called the meeting to order at 9:03 AM.

Mr. Carroll welcomed the members. He then welcomed new members, Michon Coleman, Shanell Williams, Safiya Miller, and Meghan Mitchell. Chair Carroll announced that the WISF may proceed with discussion items and would return to any action items when a quorum was present.

Roll Call

Mr. Carroll then called on Iris Rollins to conduct roll call. Ms. Rollins announced that a quorum was not yet present.

**OEWD Director
Remarks** *(Discussion
Item)*

Chair Carroll welcomed and introduced OEWD Director Kate Sofis. The Chair noted that Kate is a recognized leader in the fields of equitable urban economic development and has extensive experience in entrepreneurship and innovation, manufacturing, workforce development, real estate development, and local and regional economic development strategy.

Ms. Sofis shared her background with the Board. She then spoke to the departmental vision and ongoing commitments to help businesses and jobseekers recover and thrive.

**Workforce Director
Remarks** *(Discussion
Item)*

Workforce Director Arce began by reviewing unemployment data, which the Department has regularly been tracking from the early days of the pandemic. He provided year over year job loss disaggregated by sector and highlighted the severe impacts to the hospitality industry. He presented economic indicators such as the job posting monthly trends with specific information about accommodation and food services sectors.

He provided updates on reopening San Francisco and the statistics on COVID-19 vaccinations administered to San Franciscans.

He highlighted recent job fairs and other events supporting the economic recovery.

He shared the mayor's announcement of the Women and Family First Initiative, which makes a million-dollar investment in workforce development.

He closed by highlighting Governor Newsom's proposed workforce development budget, which includes one-time federal investments from the American Recovery Plan.

Adoption of Agenda *(Action
Item)*

Chair Carroll indicated that a quorum was present and that the board would return to previous action items on the agenda.

Chair Carroll asked for a motion to adopt the agenda. Member Williams made the motion, which was seconded by Member Cotter. The motion passed unanimously.

**Adoption of Meeting
Minutes** *(Action
Item)*

Chair Carroll asked for a motion to adopt the meeting minutes from March, 2020. Mr. Delorio made the motion, which was seconded by Member Woo. The motion passed unanimously.

**Racial Equity Action
Plan – Ohlone Land
Acknowledgement** *(Action
Item)*

Chair Carroll indicated that the next item on the agenda is a resolution implementing one of the recommendations from the City's Racial Equity Action Plan, an initiative upon which the membership has been regularly updated. Ryan Young, Policy Analyst for OEWD, was asked to present the item.

Mr. Young explained that a land acknowledgement is a formal statement that recognizes and respects indigenous peoples as traditional stewards of lands and the enduring relationship that exists between indigenous peoples and their traditional territories.

The Chair sought public comment. There was no public comment on this agenda item.

Chair Carroll asked for a motion to adopt the proposed resolution. Member Coleman made the motion, which was seconded by Member Cotter. The motion passed unanimously.

**RFP 122 FUNDING
RECOMMENDATIONS**
(Action Item)

Chair Carroll introduced the next item, “Building Back Stronger,” which is a solicitation designed to provide critical relief to our vulnerable communities and neighborhoods while building the foundation for a strong, equitable economic recovery that offers every San Franciscan an opportunity to share in the next economic expansion. OEWD, in partnership with the Human Rights Commission, has sought to implement Mayor Breed’s vision to advance racial justice in pursuit of a more equitable economy as we rebuild from the COVID-19 pandemic. The proposed investments will provide job readiness, vocational training, and subsidized employment services to an estimated 10,000 San Franciscans. After having received proposals in March of this year, and after having undergone an extensive review process, Director Arce and the Department have developed funding recommendations for the WISF’s consideration and approval. Chair Carroll asked Director Arce to provide an overview of these recommendations.

Director Arce and Director Sheryl Davis provided introductory remarks. Director Arce outlined the public participation process for RFP 122, which included community, service providers and employer and labor partners. Director Arce then summarized the scoring process and timelines for the RFP.

Director Arce then presented the funding recommendations for the federally funded WIOA programs, of which there were 15 proposed grants.

There was no public comment specific to WIOA allocations.

Chair Carroll sought a motion to approve the federal funding recommendations. Member Nibbi made the motion and Member Cotter seconded the motion. The board unanimously approved the motion to approve the federal funding recommendations.

Director Arce then summarized the remaining non-federally funded grants.

Public Comment
(Discussion Item)

There was no public comment on non-agenda items.

Adjournment
(Action Item)

Mr. Carroll called for a motion to adjourn the meeting and the meeting was adjourned at 11:04 A.M.