



SANTA CRUZ COUNTY

**WORKFORCE**  
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## Workforce Development Board Career Services Committee

Wednesday, September 22, 2021 3:00 p.m.

18 W. Beach Street  
Watsonville, CA 95076  
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**NOTE: Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, and the directive of Governor Gavin Newsom in adjusting the Brown Act rules, public meetings will be allowed to be attended virtually until further notice. A public meeting room was made available for this meeting, but all participants chose to attend virtually, via Microsoft Teams.**

**The Chair called the meeting to order at 3:04 p.m., and a quorum was established. All participants attended virtually.**

### Committee Members in Attendance

Alia Ayyad  
Elyse Destout – Chair  
Fernando Giraldo  
Burr Guthrie  
LaNae Liebetrau  
Denise Moss – Vice Chair  
Annabelle Rodriguez

### Committee Members Absent

Christina Cuevas  
Mark Dammann  
MariaElena De La Garza

### Staff in Attendance

Peter Detlefs – WDB Business Services Manager  
Elizabeth Gutierrez – WDB Admin Aide  
Josie Montes - CWES Associate Analyst  
Sara Paz-Nethercutt – WDB Sr. Analyst  
Andy Stone – WDB Director  
Katy Chevalier – Program Manager  
Adam Spickler – CCU Analyst  
Marcy Villalobos – WDB Office Support

### Guests

Dr. Kofi Akinjide  
Richard Cheatham  
Claudia Cortez  
Kayla Kumar  
Barbara Mason  
Beatriz Munoz  
Maria Rodriguez  
Amanda Winter

### Career Services Committee MEMBERS:

Elyse Destout, Chair  
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Denise Moss, Vice Chair  
Cabrillo College

Alia Ayyad  
Center for Employment Training

Christina Cuevas  
Cabrillo College

Mark Dammann  
Housing Authority Santa Cruz County

MariaElena De La Garza  
Community Action Board

Fernando Giraldo  
Santa Cruz County Probation Department

Burr Guthrie  
Watsonville/Aptos/Santa Cruz Adult Ed.

LeNae Liebetrau,  
Department of Rehabilitation

Annabelle Rodriguez  
GOAL/Cabrillo College

DIRECTOR:  
Andy Stone

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**Subject: Public Comment**

None

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**Subject: Chairperson's Report**

Chair Elyse Destout spoke briefly of a mentoring program offered to youth in Watsonville.

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**Subject: Action Items:**

**Item 1 – Approval of the July 28, 2021 Meeting Minutes**

**Action:** It was moved to approve the July 28, 2021 Career Services Committee meeting minutes.

**Status:** Motion to Approve: LeNae Liebetrau

Motion Seconded: Denise Moss

Abstentions: None

Committee Action: All in favor, motion passed

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**Subject: Report Items:**

**Item 2 – WDB Staff Updates**

WDB staff gave the latest updates on WIOA Career Services and Regional Projects/Grants. WDB Sr. Analyst Sara-Paz-Nethercutt informed the committee that the General Services Department released the Request for Proposal on August 24, 2021; introduced the new Admin Aide, Elizabeth Gutierrez, to the committee; reported that the Department of Labor approved the WIOA out of school expenditure waiver, and closed up by mentioning that the FIRE project is in need of more participants. WDB Director Andy Stone gave an update on the Prison to Employment Grant and reported that currently there are 7 participants enrolled, 6 employed, and 2 going through the eligibility process. An update was also given on the SB1 Pre-apprenticeship Training Grant program and shared that 14 participants graduated in early September.

**Action:** No action taken, informational item only.

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**Item 3 – WIOA Contracted Service Provider Activity Reports**

Report outs were given by the Career Center Operator, Goodwill Central Coast, Santa Cruz County Office of Education, and Cabrillo College – Student Resource and Support Network (SRSN).

**Action:** No action taken, informational item only.

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#### **Item 4 – CalWORKs Contracted Service Provider Activity Reports**

Report outs were given by Goodwill Central Coast and Community Action Board – SmartHIRE Program.

**Action:** No action taken, informational item only.

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#### **Subject: Information Items:**

#### **Item 5 – Presentation by Food What?!**

Food What?! Development Director Kayla Kumar gave a presentation to the committee and shared information on the services offered to youth through their program some of which include attending empowerment workshops, gaining harvesting and culinary skills.

**Action:** No action taken, informational item only.

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#### **Item 6 – AJCC Certification Indicator Assessments**

WDB Sr. Analyst Sara Paz-Nethercutt provided information to the committee on the new Americas Job Center of California (AJCC) certification process which replaces the former Hallmarks of Excellence Action Plans.

**Action:** No action taken, informational item only.

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#### **Subject: Committee Member Announcements:**

There were no committee member announcements. Chair Elyse Destout thanked the committee for their time and commitment.

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**Meeting adjourned at 4:04 p.m.**

**Next Meeting: Workforce Development Board – Career Services Committee  
Wednesday, January 19, 2022 @ 3:00 pm  
Watsonville Career Center, Room 2  
\*\*Virtual Attendance via Microsoft Teams\*\***