



## **POLICY BOARD MEETING**

Virtual Zoom Meeting

### **MINUTES OF JUNE 24, 2021 MEETING**

#### **Present**

Mayor Rachelle Arizmendi, Chair, Sierra Madre  
Mayor Sho Tay, Arcadia  
Councilmember Vinh Truong, Duarte  
Councilmember Tyron Hampton, Pasadena  
Councilmember Larry Spicer, Monrovia  
Councilmember Evelyn Zneimer, South Pasadena

#### **FWDB Member Present**

Dan Lien, Chair

#### **Staff Present**

Dianne Russell-Carter  
Rita Magno  
David Eder

#### **Guest Present**

Eric Duyshart, City of Pasadena

#### **Approval of Minutes**

The minutes of the March 25, 2021 meeting were approved as submitted.

M/S Sho Tay/Zneimer Approved Unanimously

#### **Public Comments**

None

#### **Chair's Report**

Mayor Rachelle Arizmendi, FETC Policy Board Chair welcomed the Board members and called the meeting to order at approximately 9:05 a.m. The Chair proceeded to welcome public comments. There were no public comments.

#### **Administrator's Report**

WDB Executive Director, Dianne Russell-Carter briefed the board on the status and updates on the various programs that FWDB was working on. FWDB is still operating the regular WIOA Adult, Dislocated worker and Youth Programs but she stated that some programs like Higher Path 2 program will be closing out on June 30, 2021. She reported that FWDB is applying for additional assistance grant money for the Higher Path 3 program.

Dianne Russell-Carter then talked about the Beacon Media news articles that were written about FWDB. She reported that these news articles had an abundance of inaccurate information and mistruths about how the FWDB is operating. She mentioned that the City of Pasadena City Attorney's office and City Manager's office were working with Beacon Media and notified them that they needed to allow for some correction of the information that was incorrect. She emphasized that correct and truthful information is important especially when it is shared to the public as a news article.

### **Discussion on Local Area Modification for City of Monrovia**

Chair Arizmendi reported that the City of Monrovia had filed a Local Workforce Development Area Modification Application to leave the Foothill Workforce Development Board (FWDB) and move to the Los Angeles County Workforce Board (WDB). Dianne Russell-Carter explained the official process and procedures of the Local Modification application that was submitted by the Los Angeles County. Dianne Russell-Carter stated that the Local Modification timeline process usually takes a year.

Chair Arizmendi shared that she has spoken to the California Workforce Development Board (CWDB) Executive Director, Tim Rainey, about the Local Modification Application for the City of Monrovia. Chair Arizmendi stated that it will take possibly a year or two years for this process and was told that the State has no plans of creating a new workforce board for California.

Chair Arizmendi enjoined the Policy Board members that if there are any questions or actions they plan to undertake, it would be ethical and respectful to communicate it to the board or to her, as the Chair, so that it could be discussed by the body. She emphasized that Policy Board meetings are an opportunity to communicate to the board and discuss important issues.

Councilmember Tyron Hampton commented that he would not want to oppose any city from leaving the FETC consortium just as long as their documentation is accurate and there is no disinformation in their application. Mayor Sho Tay agreed and stated that he also supports the City of Monrovia leaving the FETC Consortium.

### **Action Items**

- A. It was recommended that the Foothill Employment and Training Consortium Policy Board (FETC) approve the Foothill Workforce Development Board (FWDB) Final Local Area Plan for Program Year 2021-2024.

M/S Hampton/Truong Approved unanimously

- B. It was recommended that the Foothill Employment and Training Consortium Policy Board (FETC) approve the Foothill Workforce Development Board (FWDB) Final Local Area Recertification Application for Program Year 2021-2023.

M/S Hampton/Spicer Approved unanimously

After a roundtable discussion, Chair Arizmendi adjourned the meeting at 9:57 am.