



POLICY BOARD MEETING

Virtual Zoom Meeting

MINUTES OF DECEMBER 1, 2020 MEETING

Present

Mayor Pro Tem Rachelle Arizmendi, Chair, Sierra Madre
Mayor Bob Joe, South Pasadena
Vice Mayor Tyron Hampton, Pasadena
Councilmember Larry Spicer, Monrovia

Absent

Mayor Pro Tem Sho Tay, Arcadia
Mayor Sam Kang, Duarte

FWDB Member Present

Dan Lien, Chair

Staff Present

Dianne Russell-Carter, Rita Magno

Guest Present

David Baquerizo, ProPath
Eric Duyshart, City of Pasadena
Patricia Carlson, Tooling U-SME

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the August 13, 2020 meeting were approved.

M/S Hampton/Spicer Approved Unanimously

Public Comments

None

Chair's Report

Mayor Pro Tem Rachelle Arizmendi, FETC Policy Board Chair welcomed the Board members and called the meeting to order at approximately 9:08 a.m. The Chair proceeded to welcome public comments. There were no public comments.

Chair Arizmendi reported that she would like Dianne Russell-Carter to report on the Covid related efforts that the FWDB is working on and the updates of additional grant funds to help in this effort. Chair Arizmendi touched on the topic of the pending 3-Way Agreement and mentioned that John Chamberlin is still taking the lead on that. She suggested forming a sub-committee to work on finalizing this agreement with John Chamberlin.

Chair Arizmendi then announced that she, Dan Lien, FWDB Chair and Dianne Russell-Carter, Executive Director agreed to look into establishing a collaborative work group between the members

of FWDB and the FETC Policy Board. This is in line with the commitment of transparency and effectiveness for both boards and also to work on the commitments especially as it relates to outreach efforts in the six cities consortium and in the LA region.

Lastly, Chair Arizmendi emphasized the importance of the work being done by the FWDB and FETC Boards as it relates to the small businesses and other businesses impacted by Covid. She also mentioned that the work that the FETC Policy Board and FWDB are doing is really making an impact for those that are unemployed and struggling through this time.

Administrator's Report

FWDB Executive Director, Dianne Russell-Carter reported on the present unemployment rates by consortium city based on the Labor Market report from the Employment Development Department. She reported on the sectors that are still severely impacted by COVID-19. These are in the area of accommodations, food services, arts, entertainment, and recreation. All hotels, restaurants, and recreational venues in the 6-city consortium are all hurting during this pandemic.

Dianne Russell-Carter then briefed the board on the various grant programs that FWDB is working on. She reported that there are eight (8) grant programs that FWDB is working on. She also explained the mechanics of the COVID-19 Impacted program and was requested to send more information about this to the board members.

She updated the board on the role of the FWDB as the regional organizer for the Los Angeles Regional Basin Unit composed of the seven (7) workforce boards in Los Angeles. She stated that FWDB will continue to be the regional organizer until March 2022.

Lastly, Dianne Russell-Carter reported that FWDB is currently submitting a grant request for the region to begin some economic equity, diversity and inclusion projects. If approved and funded, FWDB will be receiving about \$25,000.00 for this program.

Presentation - Patricia Carlson, Tooling U-SME

Patricia Carlson shared a presentation to the board about Tooling U-SME which is a nonprofit organization that has been around for over 80 years. The mission and focus of Tooling U-SME is to help the manufacturing community. She talked about incumbent worker training and explained how Tooling U-SME can help and work with FWDB to customize training for the clients. She stated that Tooling U-SME creates skills pathway for people to advance in and training for incumbent workers are all done online.

Roundtable – Open Discussion

Chair Arizmendi and Vice-Mayor Tyron Hampton expressed their appreciation to Mayor Bob Joe who was serving his last term with the City of South Pasadena and also leaving as board member of FETC Policy Board. Mayor Joe has been with the FETC Policy Board since 2013 and served as the FETC Chair from 2015 – 2019.

After a short roundtable of comments, Chair Arizmendi adjourned the meeting at approximately 9:55 am.