



POLICY BOARD MEETING

AJCC One-Stop Pasadena
1207 E. Green Street
Pasadena, CA 91106

MINUTES OF MARCH 9, 2020 MEETING

Present

Mayor Pro Tem Rachelle Arizmendi, Chair, Sierra Madre
Mayor Pro Tem Bob Joe, South Pasadena
Councilmember Sho Tay, Arcadia
Mayor Sam Kang, Duarte
Mayor Pro Tem Larry Spicer, Monrovia

Absent

Vice Mayor Tyron Hampton, Pasadena

Staff Present

Dianne Russell-Carter, FETC Administrator, Rey Okamoto, Rita Magno

FWDB Member Present

Dan Lien, Chair

Chair's Report

Mayor Pro Tem Rachelle Arizmendi, FETC Policy Board Chair welcomed the Board members and called the meeting to order at approximately 9:10 a.m. The Chair proceeded to welcome public comments. There were no public comments.

Chair Arizmendi proceeded to ask Dianne Russell-Carter to report on the status of the City Council presentations for the six consortium cities. Dianne reported that she and FWDB Chair, Dan Lien, finished presenting at the council meetings of the Cities of Arcadia and Monrovia. Dianne stated that they were presenting tomorrow night at the City of Sierra Madre council meeting. She and Chair Dan Lien will also be scheduling the City council presentations for Duarte, South Pasadena and Pasadena soon.

On the Federal level, Dianne Russell-Carter talked about President Trump's 2021 budget and stated that there is a proposed increase funding for career and technical education programs close to 700 million. This funding will also be used to increase high quality vocational training programs and career

pathways in high schools that will lead to high paying jobs. On the State level, Dianne reported that the Employment Development Department will be changing its name to “The State Department of Better Jobs and Higher Wages.” On the Regional and Local level, Dianne Russell-Carter announced that the FWDB was awarded the position as Regional Organizer by the other six local workforce boards. FWDB will be handling the Regional Planning Initiative 3.0 (RPI 3.0) and as organizer, FWDB will act basically as the conduit between the State and the LA Basin Region.

Chair Arizmendi asked the board about establishing standing meetings dates throughout the year and the board decided on holding the meetings every quarter on the 2nd Wednesday of the month. The meetings dates set were for June 10, September 16 and December 9, 2020.

Chair Arizmendi reported that on March 27, 2020, there will be WIOA 101 Training facilitated by John Chamberlin at the City of Sierra Madre conference room. There will also be a work group of the FETC Policy Board members to discuss the updates of the 3-Way Agreement.

2019 – 2020 Budget and Financial Projections

Rey Okamoto, FWDB Budget Analyst reported to the Policy Board the year to date expenditures balances, the various grant budgets and projections for the remainder of this fiscal year . He stated that FWDB is expecting a budget deficit of approximately \$350,00 for this fiscal year. He reported that FWDB is taking measures to cut costs by aggressively negotiating prices with vendors and suppliers, procuring more competitively, making cuts for discretionary spending accounts including marketing, supplies and equipment.

Chair Arizmendi adjourned the meeting at approximately 10:10 am.