FOOTHILL WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD (FWDB) MEETING

Minutes of April 30, 2026 FWDB Special Meeting

INTRODUCTION AND ROLL CALL
Chair Selinske called the meeting to order and welcomed all attendees. Staff member Raymond Delgado conducted the roll call, and a quorum was established at 9:06 AM

Present - FWDB
Tom Selinske, Chair, Owner, Selinske and Associates Consulting
Laurie Wheeler, Vice Chair, President/CEO, South Pasadena Chamber of Commerce
Alexis Carter, Program Manager , Los Angeles/Coastal, EDD-Workforce Services
Anthony Angulo, Owner, Legacy Kenpo Karate
Gene Hurd, President, UAW Local 509
Keshia Darden, Owner, Simply Divine
K-Rahn Vallatine, CEO, Inner Sun Consulting
Rachelle Arizmendi, President, Arizmendi Consulting Group
Soyinka Allen, Program Director, Hospital Association of Southern California
Vicki Brannock, Senior Director, Workforce Strategy and Innovation Biocom
Zachary Solomon, Business Representative, IBEW Local 11

Present – FWDB – Virtually (Non-Voting Due to Brown Act Requirements)
Dr. Salvatrice Cummo, Vice President – Economic & Workforce Dev., Pasadena City College

Absent - FWDB
Amy Foell, Workforce Development Consultant, San Gabriel Valley Economic Partnership
Dan J. Lien, DJL Professional Services
Denise McKnight, District Administrator, California Department of Rehabilitation
Flint Fertig, Director of Adult Education, Monrovia Unified School District
Noel Tony De Trinidad, Business Representative, Painters & Allied Trades DC 36
Hector Delgado, Vice President, Teamsters Local 986

Staff Present
Michael Trogan and Raymond Delgado

Other Attendees
Gabe Norris, PMA
Anthony Taylor, Legal Counsel, Aleshire & Wynder LLP

PUBLIC COMMENTS
No public comments.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the FWDB Full Board Meeting February 18, 2026, FWDB meeting were approved.

Motion: Gene Hurd
Second: Zachary Solomon

Roll call vote:
Ayes- 11 (Selinske, Wheeler, Carter, Angulo, Hurd, Darden, Vallatine, Arizmendi, Allen, Brannock, Solomon)
Nays – 0

Dr. Salvatrice Cummo participated virtually and did not vote pursuant to Brown Act teleconferencing requirements.

CHAIR COMMENTS

Chair Selinske thanked everyone who was able to attend the special meeting, and no further comments were made.

VI. CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL OF AN UNCONDITIONAL COMMITMENT UNDER GOVERNMENT CODE SECTIONS 54960.2(c)(1),(2) OF THE RALPH M. BROWN ACT IN RESPONSE TO DEMAND LETTER BY LEGAL COUNSEL FOR THE PASADENA MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION

Chair Selinske introduced the item and invited Anthony Taylor to present the staff report to the Board.

Anthony Taylor explained the item was in response to a demand to cure and correct alleging a violation of the Ralph M. Brown Act submitted by legal counsel for the Pasadena Management Association. He stated the demand letter was received on April 6th and summarized the proposed response outlined in the attached unconditional commitment letter.

Anthony explained the proposed action would allow the Board, without admitting fault or liability, to unconditionally commit to complying with applicable Brown Act agenda requirements for future personnel-related agenda items. He further explained that future agenda postings would include the specific position title and action being considered during closed session discussions.

Anthony stated the issue identified in the demand letter related to the February meeting agenda language, which referenced “personnel items” without identifying the position title or type of action being considered. He explained the proposed corrective action was intended to address the technical agenda wording issue moving forward.

Anthony further explained that approval of the unconditional commitment, as recommended in the staff report, would bar litigation related to the alleged Brown Act violation pursuant to applicable provisions of the Brown Act.

Chair Selinske thanked Anthony for the presentation and requested a brief overview of the Brown Act.

Anthony provided a general overview of the Ralph M. Brown Act, explaining it governs public access to meetings, public participation, transparency requirements, and agenda posting requirements for public agencies. He noted the issue raised in the demand letter related to the technical wording requirements of agenda items and not to a lack of transparency or public access.

Alexis Carter asked how the agenda item should have been worded. Anthony explained that future personnel-related agenda items should generally identify the position title involved, the applicable bargaining unit if relevant, and the specific action being considered.
Dr. Salvatrice Cummo asked whether the employee’s name would need to be listed on the agenda. Anthony clarified that only the position title would be required, not the employee’s name.

Dr. Salvatrice Cummo also asked whether the previously posted agenda would need to be amended. Anthony explained that the prior agenda would not need to be updated and that the unconditional commitment letter served as the corrective action addressing the previous agenda language and establishing future compliance measures.

Chair Selinske asked whether there were any additional comments or public comments on the item. Raymond confirmed no public comment cards were received.

Rachelle Arizmendi commented on the potential benefit of providing a Brown Act refresher training for Board Members.

MOTION TO APPROVE AN UNCONDITIONAL COMMITMENT PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTIONS 54960.2(C)(1) AND (2) OF THE RALPH M. BROWN ACT IN RESPONSE TO THE DEMAND LETTER SUBMITTED BY LEGAL COUNSEL FOR THE PASADENA MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION

Motion: Rachelle Arizmendi
Second: Gene Hurd

Roll Call Vote:
Ayes – 11 (Selinske, Wheeler, Carter, Angulo, Hurd, Darden, Vallatine, Arizmendi, Allen, Brannock, Solomon)
Nays – 0

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FWDB MEMBER COMMENTS/ROUNDTABLE – OPEN DISCUSSION

Chair Selinske introduced the item and provided Board Members the opportunity for open discussion and announcements.

Alexis Carter shared that the Employment Development Department (EDD) is continuing modernization efforts to improve customer experience, including making unemployment information clearer and enhancing the usability and readability of the EDD website.

K-Rahn Vallatine announced the upcoming release of his new book titled *Culture is the Curriculum*.

Dr. Salvatrice Cummo shared that youth services programming aligned with FWDB initiatives is anticipated to launch in the fall.

Anthony Angulo announced that the Duarte Chamber of Commerce will be hosting an upcoming Women's Summit.

Rachelle Arizmendi announced a multi-chamber mixer event scheduled to take place in Arcadia on May 20th.

Chair Selinske shared that he recently partnered with Tom Coston to launch a curated online gallery and asked Board Members to refer any artists who may need marketing assistance.

Executive Director Michael Trogan thanked everyone for attending and provided additional program updates. Michael announced that, in partnership with Pasadena City College (PCC), a $1.5 million Youth Service Corps grant was awarded by the State of California to support participants in construction, forestry, and public sector work experience programs.

Michael also announced that a $250,000 grant was awarded through the California Department of Education to support a STEAM student internship program. He explained the grant is a short-term opportunity being assumed by FWDB after another organization was unable to execute the program. Michael noted that successful implementation could position the program for potential future annual funding opportunities of up to $1 million.

Chair Selinske thanked everyone for the updates and asked if there were any additional comments. Hearing none, Chair Selinske thanked everyone for their time and adjourned the meeting at 9:29 a.m.