



NOVA Workforce Board Executive Committee
December 18, 2019 Meeting
Minutes

Executive Committee members present: C. Cimino, D. Cima, V. Dang, C. Galy, C. Harasz, J. Morrill and A. Switky

NOVA staff: K. Stadelman

1. **Call to Order:**

The meeting was called to order at 12:08 p.m. There were no public announcements.

2. **Action Items:**

a. Approval of the October 16, 2019 Meeting Minutes: It was moved by C. Cimino, seconded by A. Switky and approved by voice vote the meeting minutes as submitted, with no abstentions.

3. **Discussion Items:**

a. Update NOVAworks Foundation: This past year has brought a formalization of the Foundation and its relationship to the NOVA Workforce Board and to the City of Sunnyvale that will allow activities beyond grant-writing such as fundraising for personal and corporate donations. This will be the subject of one of the breakout sessions at the retreat and the Executive Committee was asked to weigh-in on concepts and strategy for moving forward. Recommendations included assuring that the Foundation was “mission-adjacent” to the Workforce Board and being careful to avoid “mission-creep”. Entrepreneurial thinking will allow us to avoid the constraints of current funding to design interventions that benefit current and future customers. D. Cima explained that he directs a Foundation that is attached to a public entity and how it is used to benefit students that community colleges could not ordinarily address. It was also recommended that staff be consulted as to the specific needs of customers that are currently going unmet in order to present those as context to the retreat discussion.

b. Review Draft Agenda for the January 22, 2020 Retreat: The 2020 Retreat Planning Committee held their second meeting in December to review and recommend the agenda for the January 22nd full-day session. The panelists have been selected to represent employers as customers and a keynote speaker has been identified for the lunch hour. Questions for the afternoon breakout sessions were addressed and clarified. It was emphasized again that there is a new location this year and it is important to continue to remind members.

c. Legislative Committee Update: The NOVA Legislative Committee met on December 18, 2019 with guest, Bob Lanter, Director of the California Workforce Association joining by conference phone. He discussed the current status of Federal Appropriations, which look to be a series of Continuing Resolutions. He also

commented on the State Budget and the Governor's Future of Work Commission. The state is also embarking on a reorganization that will create a Future of Work Department that will consolidate the Employment and Training Panel, Department of Apprenticeship Standards, EDD-workforce services, Labor Market Information and the California Workforce Development Board. The new department will be housed under the Labor Agency. Plans will be rolled out in January of 2020 with an expected implementation date of July 1, 2020. Two CWA backed bills were chaptered, AB 5 and AB 593. Regional Workforce Policy continues to be an issue between the state and locals. In the coming year, we will be discussing worker supports and addressing regional issues with both Labor Secretary Julie Su and the new state workforce board Chair.

4. Information Items:

a. The next Executive Committee meeting is scheduled for February 19, 2020 at Noon.

b. The 2020 Executive Committee Schedule was distributed to members.

5. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 1:25 p.m.