



**NOVA WORKFORCE BOARD
MINUTES
May 27, 2015**

PRESENT: T. Baity, B. Guidry-Brown, M. Case, D. Cima, V. Dang, J. Dittrick, J. Garcia, P. Guevara, K. Harasz, B. Knopf, L. Labit, S. Levy, M. Marlaire, J. Morrill, M. Schuppert, A. Switky, L. Thor

ABSENT: F. Benest, S. Borgersen, J. Chu, C. Cimino, L. Dalla Betta, B. Field, C. Galy, H. Goodkind, A. Grewal, E. Hamilton, J. Hill, A. Manwani M. Rajavel, L. Stefanski J. Sugiyama, and S. Van Dorn

ALSO PRESENT: S. Quick, C. Stahl, E. Stanly

1. CALL TO ORDER

Co-Chairperson Mr. Cima called the meeting to order at 12:03 p.m.

2. PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no public announcements.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

It was moved by Mr. Knopf, seconded by Mr. Guevara and carried by voice vote that the agenda be approved as submitted.

4. CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

Mr. Cima introduced new Board Member Josué García. Mr. García is the Chief Executive Officer for Santa Clara and San Benito Counties Building and Construction Trades Council. The Building Trades Council represents highly trained, skilled construction industry workers in the two county region. Board Members and staff around the table introduced themselves to Mr. García and welcomed him to the Board.

Mr. Cima then presented retiring Board Member Linda Thor with a certificate of appreciation

for her time and contributions to the NOVA Board. Ms. Thor will continue her work in higher education outside the state. Board Members wished her well in her retirement.

Mr. Cima invited Board Member Jen Morrill to give a presentation about her company LinkedIn. LinkedIn is an Internet company founded in 2003 that connects professionals to broaden their networks and make them more productive and successful. Ms. Morrill encourage Board Members to explore LinkedIn's economic graph on their website. The economic graph maps the global economy to help connect people with available opportunities.

Mr. Quick gave an update on the San Mateo County Transition Team Board Taskforce. The Taskforce has been working on a plan and divided it into four parts:

1. Guiding Principles
2. Communication
3. Service Delivery
4. Infrastructure

The Taskforce will continue its work on these four areas, and will continue with regular updates at the upcoming meeting.

5. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Quick provided the Executive Director's Report:

Update on Federal Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA): Regulations for WIOA are still slowly being released. We continue to hear that Regionalism will be a large part of their strategy. A new workgroup has been created to give feedback on one-stops. We will continue to keep the Board updated.

6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approval of Minutes of the March 25, 2015 Board Meeting: It was moved by Mr. Guevara, seconded by Ms. Case and carried by voice vote that the minutes to the March 25, 2015 Board meeting be approved as submitted.

7. PUBLIC HEARING

General Business:

Approval to Apply for State Additional Assistance Grant for Up to \$2.75 Million to Serve Dislocated Workers. Board Members reviewed the report that outlined a request for addition funding to serve an additional 700 dislocated workers for a 15-month period July 1, 2015- September 30, 2016.

It was moved by Ms. Thor seconded by Mr. Guevara and carried by voice vote that the Approval to Apply for State Additional Assistance Grant for Up to \$2.75 Million to Serve Dislocated Workers be approved as submitted.

Approval to Apply for Regional SlingShot Initiative State Grant for Up to \$1 Million for Employer-Informed Strategies to Move Up Workers from Entry Level to Middle Skill Jobs. Mr. Jackson gave an overview of the SlingShot Initiative Grant. NOVA will be working with San Francisco, San Mateo County and work2future as a regional effort to assist entry level workers into middle skill jobs.

It was moved by Mr. Guevara seconded by Mr. Switky and carried by voice vote that the Approval to Apply for Regional SlingShot Initiative State Grant for Up to \$1 Million for Employer-Informed Strategies to Move Up Workers from Entry Level to Middle Skill Jobs be approved as submitted.

Board Members then reviewed the two information only items as they were previously approved by the Board Co-Chairs:

1. Application for Regional Industry Clusters of Opportunity State Grant for Up to \$155,000 to Create Talent Pipeline for Electric Vehicle Industries.
2. Application for Workforce Accelerator State Grant for Up to \$100,000 to Provide Technology Externships for Long-term Unemployed Workers.

Discussion:

Opportunity for Dialogue among Board Members and Director. Board Members discussed the Brown Act and reviewed the Grant Status of Funds.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Co-chairperson Mr. Cima adjourned the meeting at 1:28 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by Tisha Johnson