



**NOVA WORKFORCE BOARD
MINUTES
March 25, 2015**

PRESENT: T. Baity, M. Case, C. Cimino, D. Cima, V. Dang, B. Field, P. Guevara, K. Harasz, B. Knopf, S. Levy, A. Manwani, M. Marlaire, M. Schuppert, L. Stefanski, A. Switky

ABSENT: F. Benest, S. Borgersen, J. Chu, L. Dalla Betta, J. Dittrick, C. Galy, H. Goodkind, A. Grewal, B. Guidry-Brown, E. Hamilton, J. Hill, L. Labit, J. Morrill, M. Rajavel, J. Sugiyama, L. Thor 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 12:06 p.m.

2. PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no public announcements.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

It was requested that Item 6A- Approval of Minutes be moved up on the Agenda. This item will follow directly after Approval of Agenda. It was moved by Mr. Knopf, seconded by Mr. Cimino and carried by voice vote that the agenda be approved as amended

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approval of Minutes of December 3, 2014 Board Meeting: It was moved by Mr. Guevara, seconded by Mr. Knopf and carried by voice vote that the minutes to the December 3, 2014 Board meeting be approved as submitted.

Approval of Minutes of January 28, 2015 Board Retreat: It was moved by Mr. Guevara, seconded by Mr. Knopf and carried by voice vote that the minutes to the January 28, 2015 Board Retreat be approved as submitted.

5. CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

Mr. Cima invited Board Member Ben Field to give a presentation about his company South Bay Labor Council. The South Bay Labor Council represents 93 unions and over 100,000 members in Santa Clara and San Benito Counties. The Labor Council's primary goal is to advance candidates, causes, and policies that benefit working families. In Silicon Valley, the main focus for the labor movement has three objectives:

1. Keep Working Families out of Poverty
2. Affordable Housing
3. Organizing Work in the High Tech Area

The Labor Council's source of funding is from a portion of the 93 unions dues.

Mr. Cima then asked for any feedback on the January 28th Board Retreat. The meeting was a half-day with a working lunch, but we seemed to get all items accomplished. Board Members commented that they would like more time built in for socializing and getting to know each other better.

Commissioning of San Mateo County Transition Team Board Taskforce- Board Member Anita Manwani will be the Chair of this newly created Taskforce. The first meeting is scheduled for April 14th. They will meet to discuss strategies for our new work in San Mateo County.

6. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Quick provided the Executive Director's Report:

5A. Update on Federal Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA): Regulations for WIOA are still in the development stages. We continue to hear that Regionalism will be a large part of their strategy. NOVA Staff feels that our recent addition of San Mateo County shows the focus we already have on the importance of Regionalism.

5B. Mr. Quick then gave a presentation on NOVA's Demographics. This presentation was a request that came from the January Board Retreat.

7. PUBLIC HEARING

6B. General Business:

6B1. Recommendation to Approve Updated Workforce Investment Act Title 1 Eligibility Policies. Board Members were provided a copy of the policy to review in their Board Packet. Ms. Stahl reviewed the updates to the policy.

It was moved by Mr. Knopf seconded by Mr. Cimino and carried by voice vote that Updated Workforce Investment Act Title 1 Eligibility Policies be approved as submitted.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Co-chairperson Mr. Cima adjourned the meeting at 1:29 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by Tisha Johnson