



NOVAworks Workforce Board Meeting Minutes

April 22, 2026 – Noon to 1:30 PM

Present: D. Bautista, C. Berdiansky, G. Biggs, R. Brunson, C. Chien, J. Cohen, R. Foust, L. Lambert, N. Leonor, A. Manwani, S. Porter, A. Sahai, and A. Switky

Absent: D. Bini, B. De Young, D. Dorsey, J. Lind, M. Nemits, and K. Vartan

Also Present: M. Sessions, J. Badiei, A. Diaz, J. Cheyer, E. Edstrom, T. Jimenez, G. Pham, and E. Stanly of NOVAworks staff; and guests Teri Brimacomb of EDD, Tim Kirby of City of Sunnyvale, Rocio Kiryczun of County of San Mateo, and Adam Peck of California Workforce Association

1. Welcome and Call to Order

Co-Chairperson R. Foust called the meeting to order at 12:02 PM and welcomed guests to the meeting: Teri Brimacomb of EDD, Rocio Kiryczun of County of San Mateo, and Adam Peck of California Workforce Association.

1A. Welcome Sunnyvale City Manager Tim Kirby

City Manager Kirby provided welcome remarks.

1B. Welcome New NOVAworks Workforce Board Members

New Board members D. Bautista of Stanford Medicine Children's Health and A. Sahai of Exbourne Group LLC were introduced to the Board.

1C. Thank you to Departing Workforce Board Members

Departing Board members C. Berdiansky, R. Brunson, and A. Manwani were thanked for their dedication to the Board and contributions to career seeker and business customers.

2. Public Announcements

There were no public announcements.

3. Consent Agenda

It was moved by D. Bautista, seconded by A. Switky, and carried by voice vote to approve the consent agenda as submitted. Agenda items included the meeting agenda, December 3, 2025, meeting minutes, and revisions to the Board Bylaws.

4. Report from the Chair

4A. Recent NOVAworks Publications

Co-Chairperson Foust thanked NOVAworks staff for their recent publications that included the "State of the Workforce", labor market trends reports, and the Executive Director's reports.

4B. Customer Success

A customer testimonial was presented highlighting a young adult customer's job search journey. The customer expressed appreciation for the support NOVAworks provided in career advising, resume development, network connections targeting a career goal, and informational interviews.

4C. Presentation from Board member Stacey Porter of PROCEPT BioRobotics

Board member Stacey Porter presented on "The Talent Marketplace" with colleague Matt Weight that included marketplace trends shaping the workplace and hiring, the role of managers, and the top six ways job seekers are finding success navigating mobility.

5. Report from the Executive Director

Director Sessions provided an Executive Director Report and discussed federal updates, recent reports released, successful conclusion of a state grant, meetings with national leaders, and participation in workforce development conferences and initiatives.

6. Presentations

6A. State/Federal Updates: Adam Peck, Executive Director, California Workforce Association

Executive Director Peck presented updates on federal workforce development activities in his presentation titled, "Signal vs. Noise."

6B. Update Connections Sites

NOVAworks has launched seven Connections Sites throughout San Mateo County to expand services in underserved areas.

7. Information

The following reports were included in the Board Meeting Packet:

- Grant Status of Funds
- CA Employment Development Department Fiscal Year 2024-25 Final Monitoring Report

8. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 1:30 PM