

## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

January 19, 2023  
11:30 am

### MINUTES

STAFF: Durrall, Thoo, Walter

NOTE: All votes were by roll call unless otherwise indicated.

#### I. CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL

Chair Koepp-Baker called the Zoom meeting to order at 11:35 am.

##### Roll Call

Present: Batra (joined at 11:46), Bojorquez, Koepp-Baker, and Smith

#### II. CONSENT ITEMS

NOTE: This item was taken out of order to ensure a full voting quorum.

ACTION: Mr. Batra moved, Ms. Smith seconded, and the committee unanimously approved the acceptance of:

**A. Financial Status Report as of November 30, 2022**

**B. Minutes of December 15, 2022, Executive Committee meeting**

#### III. OPEN FORUM

Chair Koepp-Baker asked for any public comments. None were noted.

#### IV. BUSINESS ITEMS

##### A. Director's Report

Strategic Engagement Manager Thoo gave a general update about work2future programs, noting that improvement projects at the San Jose Career Center (Las Plumas Ave) are ongoing and should be completed in mid-February. He also reported on the award of a \$5 million State of California Community Economic Resilience Fund grant to the Bay Area High Road Transition Collaborative for a two-year planning project.

##### B. Program Participants Report

Program Services Manager Durrall provided a report on the participants served in the WIOA Adult, Dislocated Worker, and Youth Programs through December 31, 2022. She noted the following achievements to date in the current program year: 99% of goal reached for the Adult/Dislocated Worker Program; 103% of goal reached for the Youth Program (out-of-school youth); and 87% of goal reached for the Youth Program (in-school youth).

**C. Community Economic Resilience Fund, Phase 1**

Strategic Engagement Manager Thoo provided an additional brief on the award of a \$5 million State of California Community Economic Resilience Fund grant to the Bay Area High Road Transition Collaborative, comprised of more than 50 organizations, to date, from throughout the nine-county San Francisco Bay Area, for a two-year planning project. The Collaborative is led by All Home, a regional homelessness advocacy organization, as convener, and the Bay Area Good Jobs Partnership for Equity, comprised of 10 Bay Area local workforce development boards, including work2future, as fiscal agent.

**D. Labor Market Update**

Strategic Engagement Manager Thoo reported on the status of the labor market in Santa Clara County and the San Jose-Sunnyvale-Santa Clara Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA). The unemployment rate in the MSA was 2.4% in November 2022, up from a revised 2.2% in September 2022, but below the year-ago estimate of 3.2%. This compares with an unadjusted unemployment rate of 4.0% for California and 3.4% for the nation during the same period. The unemployment rate was 2.4% in Santa Clara County. Between October 2022 and November 2022, total employment in the MSA, which also includes San Benito County, increase by 3,400 jobs to reach 1,195,800 jobs. The gain in employment was modest compared to the previous month's employment increase of more than 17,000 jobs. Mr. Thoo noted a sustained contraction in the Financial Activities subsector. Regarding employer demand, Mr. Thoo detailed statistics comparing unique job postings in 2021 and 2022. He noted a continued decrease in unique job postings over the second half of the year, suggesting a softening of demand.

Discussion ensued among the Committee members. The Committee recommended that staff provide a report on the status of employment within the trades in the MSA, and how these jobs are impacted by current shifts in the Construction industry.

**V. OTHER**

Chair Koepp-Baker asked for any announcements or housekeeping items. None were noted.

**VI. ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Koepp-Baker adjourned the Zoom meeting at 12:18 pm.

*Drafted: D. Walter. Reviewed: L. Thoo.*