

YOUTH COMMITTEE SPECIAL MEETING

August 10, 2023 MEETING MINUTES

STAFF: Durrall, Handzar, Melchor, Thoo, Walter

I. CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL

Chair Estill called the meeting to order at 3:37 pm.

Roll Call

Present: Estill, Clark, Herrity, Jaquez, McGrath, Preminger (arrived 4:17), Vans (arrived 4:02), Williams (arrived 3:43)

Absent: Perez

II. BUSINESS

A. Approval of Minutes

ACTION: Mr. Herrity moved, Mr. Clark seconded, and the committee unanimously approved the acceptance of the May 11, 2023, Youth Committee Special Meeting minutes.

B. Chair's Report

Chair Estill greeted the Committee and deferred his comments.

C. Youth Forum Update

Mr. Herrity provided a report about the Youth Forum 2.0 meeting held in June of 2023, including his key takeaways from the various presentations. He shared examples of grants paired with educational programs to support at-risk youth.

Ms. Jaquez noted the upcoming August meeting will feature a youth success panel. Mr. Estill commended Ms. Jaquez for her efforts on behalf of the Youth Forum.

D. Youth Program Report

WIOA Programs Manager Sangeeta Durrall gave a year-end report on enrollments and other metrics in the WIOA Youth Program for Program Year 2022-23. Youth and Training Project Manager Mirza Handzar detailed three key partnerships that supported the Youth Program and highlighted efforts to grow and expand the network of partners. Ms. Durrall informed the Committee about a planned impact study to be delivered at the end of the year.

A larger discussion ensued around the matter of referrals between work2future and other youth programs in the area.

E. State Performance Reports for Prior Years

Ms. Melchor reviewed the State of California's annual reports on work2future's WIOA Youth Programs in Program Years 2019, 2020, and 2021. Her presentation included a 5-year review of the employment barriers most reported by Youth clients as well as a discussion around program eligibility guidelines and work2future's documentation requirements.

Committee members discussed the needs of at-risk and justice-impacted youth as well as the role the Youth Committee can play in advising the work2future Board in these matters.

F. Youth Dashboard

Chair Estill led a discussion of possible data for a new youth dashboard report. A larger conversation ensued around existing data sources as well as data collection efforts. work2future Director Monique Melchor told the Committee that staff will try to provide its impact analysis to the Committee one week in advance of the scheduled October 12, 2023, Committee meeting.

III. OPEN FORUM

No public comments were noted.

IV. OTHER

Strategic Engagement Manager Lawrence Thoo reminded the committee that the next meeting for the Youth Committee is scheduled for October 12, 2023. There were no additional announcements or housekeeping comments.

V. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Estill adjourned the meeting at 5:16 p.m.

Draft minutes prepared by D. Walter, reviewed by L. Thoo.