

Minutes

Pacific Gateway Workforce Investment Board Executive Committee convened in a regular meeting on **Thursday, February 19, 2015** at 3447 Atlantic Ave., 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor in Long Beach, California.

Chair Vivian Shimoyama called the Executive Committee Meeting to order at 12:12 p.m. An update was provided on the transfer of workforce development services to another local workforce investment board, initiated by the City of Torrance and Lomita.

**Board Members in Attendance:**

Vivian Shimoyama, Dr. Kim Armstrong (Conference Call), Jose Anaya, Fred Johring, Sandy King (Conference Call), Joseph Magaddino, Rosi Pedersen, Larry Rice

**Board Members Absent:**

Barto Bradford, Heidi Cunningham, Ellenmary Michel, Darick Simpson

**Staff:**

Nick Schultz, Erick Serrato, Craig Johnson, Utilia Guzman

**Guests:**

Pablo Artaza, Jessica Ku, LaWanda Staten

1. Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items

There were no public comments.

2. Minutes

A motion to approve the minutes of November 18, 2014 was made by Joseph Maggadino, seconded by Larry Rice. **The motion was approved.**

3. New Business

**A. Torrance and Lomita**

On February 20, 2015, the California Workforce Investment Board (CWIB) will review a request by South Bay Workforce Investment Board to modify their local Workforce Investment Area to include Torrance and Lomita. Pacific Gateway will be present to comment on this modification request, represented by Executive Director Nick Schultz and Vivian Shimoyama Board Chair. Upon recommendation and approval, the modification will be effective July 1, 2015.

Executive Director Nick Schultz shared his comment to be shared with the CWIB.

Motion to approve comment was made by Vivian Shimoyama. **The motion was approved.**

(Attachment: Comment to CWIB presented by Nick Schultz)

**B. Youth Employment and Internship Program**

Pacific Gateway has initiated and is currently working on two new program initiatives.

Long Beach Internship Initiative was launched in January 2015 by the City of Long Beach, to provide internship opportunities to youth in Long Beach. Pacific Gateway developed a website, [www.hirelb.com](http://www.hirelb.com), for students and businesses to begin connecting the youth and business. In addition, Pacific Gateway has partnered with Long Beach Unified School District, Long Beach City College and California State University Long Beach to coordinate the sharing of information, engagement of employers and matching of youth with opportunities. As of 2/19/15, youth have requested internships and 29 employers have registered to provide more than 90 internship opportunities. City of Long Beach Human Resources Department and other City Departments are also participating by providing college students with internship opportunities.

Pacific Gateway Youth Council presented a programmatic framework for the administration of approximately \$1.2M in WIA Youth Funds to fund programs serving both in-school and out-of school youth. The WIB approved this framework on 2/5/15 and was presented to the public on 2/18/15 through a community forum. (Attachment: WIA Youth Academy Implementation Timeline)

**C. Employer Outreach-Special Projects**

Pacific Gateway continues to create and expand its partnerships with businesses and other workforce development organizations. Currently, Pacific Gateway is working on 3 projects that focus on employer engagement.

*Orange County Employer Engagement*

Pacific Gateway received an initial \$500,000 from the Orange County Workforce Investment Board to provide, under contract, business services to Orange County employers. This work will focus on the administration of \$300,000 in On-the-Job Training funds. The program focuses on connecting Orange County with residents with employment within Orange County businesses. The MemorialCare system, is a primary partner of this project.

*Regional Industry Opportunity Cluster-Talent Pipeline*

In partnership with Orange County Workforce Investment Board, this funding has been extended to include a new project aimed at preparing young people for emergent careers in the alternative fuels cluster. In partnership with Long Beach

Unified School District, this project will help support existing alternative-fuels education and connect youth with internship opportunities in the sector.

*Workforce Accelerator Grant-Foster Youth*

In 2014, Pacific Gateway received funds to develop a new method for the recruitment of employers interested in providing foster youth with employment and additional mentorship, ultimately serving as guides in helping these young people navigate career opportunities and build their work experience. This project will utilize advertisements, training, and outreach to identify new employers and equip them with the tools they need.

4. Executive Director's Report

Pacific Gateway continues to build strong partnerships in the region. It is important to announce that Long Beach Memorial will be leasing a space here at Pacific Gateway and will establish a full Simulation Lab.

Pacific Gateway has been in contact with the TEAMSTERS regarding the port negotiation activity. Pacific Gateway has shared information during a press conference, on the services that can be offered if employees are laid-off.

Local Laborers Union 507 met with Pacific Gateway regarding the recruitment of individuals for contracts from Gas and Oil.

**Adjourn**

Chair Vivian Shimoyama adjourned the meeting at 1:19 p.m without objection.