

**GOLDEN SIERRA
WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD
REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES**

Thursday, March 19, 2026 @ 1:00 pm

**Roseville Chamber of Commerce
650 Douglas Blvd.
Roseville, CA 95678**

**Teleconference Location:
El Dorado Hills Chamber of Commerce
2023 Vine St.#105
El Dorado Hills, CA 95762**

I. ROLL CALL AND INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

Quorum was established and meeting called to order at 1:03 pm by Chair Larkey.

Rick Larkey (Chair)

Rana Ghadban* (Vice-Chair)

Amy Schulz*

Jeff Richard

Tink Miller

Daniela Devitt

Jennifer Poff

Todd Beingessner

Debbie Manning*

Michael Snead

Tom Willians

Eric Henkel

Nick Gunn

Vivian Hernandez-Obaldia

Janis Aydelott

Scott Alvord

Volma Volcy*

Jason Buckingham

Steven Casperite

William Gonzalez

William Reed

GSJTA Staff:

Melissa Keefe

Lisa Nelson

Darlene Galipo

Guests: Cara Welch, EDD LMID

**Denotes late arrival or early departure*

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Buckingham requested to amend the agenda, to remove the teleconference location J. Heier Farms

Motion to approve agenda as amended, by Miller, second by Reed

Motion approved unanimously

III. CONSENT AGENDA

All matters listed under the Consent Agenda are considered to be routine in nature and will be approved by one blanket motion.

- a) Approval of minutes from January 15, 2026, WDB Meeting
- b) Attendance log

Motion to approve consent agenda items a-b by Reed, second by Miller

Motion approved unanimously

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT – FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Scott Alvord has tickets available for the Placer Valley Business Summit, April 23rd

V. FY 2025-2026 AGENCY BUDGET – MODIFICATION 1

Buckingham reported out as outlined in the agenda packet.

Motion to approve FY 2025-2026 Agency Budget – Modification 1 as presented, by Alvord, second by Reed

Motion approved unanimously

VI. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

Buckingham reported out as outlined in the agenda packet. Devitt will resign from the WDB and will move into non-WDB member seat on the Executive Committee. (1) Business seat is vacant. Information only – no action required.

VII. NOMINATION COMMITTEE UPDATE

Keefe provided a verbal report out; 3 candidates for Vice Chair and 1 candidate for Chair have been nominated. Interest statements will be sent to board members for review in April, with the Election to occur at the May meeting. Information only - no action required.

VIII. PRESENTATION – LABOR MARKET INFORMATION

Cara Welch, EDD Labor Market Information Division (LMID), Presentation was given; information was shared. Roundtable discussion occurred. Information only – no action required.

IX. BOARD MEMBER INTRODUCTIONS

Steven Casperite, Principal, Placer School for Adults, presented his biography as outlined in the agenda packet. Presentation was given. Information only - no action required.

X. STRATEGIC PLANNING UPDATES AND DISCUSSION

Roundtable discussion occurred; information was shared. Buckingham provided printed handout and infographic, Larkey requested every board member join one or more of the Strategic Plan ad hoc committees, if they haven't done so already. Information only - no action required.

- Employer Engagement Ad Hoc: Ghadban provided a verbal report out; committee started to populate and will continue to update a list of board member connections to regional entities.
- System Coordination and Accessibility: Casperite provided a verbal report out which included discussion of asset mapping. Will obtain 2-3 cost estimates for a Proof of Concept to bring back to the board for review and direction on next steps.
- Outreach and Awareness: Buckingham provided a verbal report out of committee activities; sharing of an infographic, distribution of a board contact list, implementation of the board member roundtable, board member biographies posted to the GSJTA website, and drafting of a new board member handbook.

* Manning departed @ 2:30pm

XI. WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD MEMBER ROUNDTABLE

Buckingham and others reported out as outlined in the agenda packet; Information only – no action required. Each board member shared experience in the workforce, identified emerging issues, provided updates, and shared upcoming events and opportunities in their represented industries.

- Placer Valley Business Summit at The Grounds, April 23rd
- Sierra College Workforce Summit, June 2nd
- Employers see a lot of employees turning down job offers (i.e. want more pay, benefits, perks, cost of supplies, fuel expenses, or want to work remotely)
- EDD is shrinking its workforce, but expanding its regions by reaching out virtually
- Sierra College, awarded as host for the NFN Regional Consortium effective July 1st.
- Board members would like more cross representation from the healthcare systems and a more efficient way to share that information
- Galipo provided a verbal AJCC Operator report out.
 - TAD Grants, Professional Development Series, Session 3 is currently convening with 25 participants, focusing on Case Management, Career Advising, and Conflict Resolution.
 - Tri-County Job Fair in Rancho Cordova is currently convening with over 400 jobseekers and 45 employers in attendance.
 - March 30th – AJCC Partners meeting, tour scheduled at Harris & Bruno International facility.

* Schulz and Ghadban departed @ 2:50pm

XII. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS/NEW BUSINESS

- FY 2026-2027 Meeting Schedule
- FY 2026-2027 Agency Budget - Draft
- Chair and Vice Chair Election
- WDB New Member Handbook

XIII. NEXT MEETING

Thursday, May 21, 2026 @ 1:00 pm

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn meeting at 2:58 pm, by Miller, second by Richard

Motion approved unanimously