

County of Sonoma Agenda Item Summary Report

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Meeting Date
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Agenda Item No:

Department: Human Services

4/5 Vote Required

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Board Date:
May 5, 2009

Deadline for Board Action:
May 5, 2009

AGENDA SHORT TITLE:

Appointments to the Workforce Investment Board and Youth Education & Employment Services Council.

REQUESTED BOARD ACTION:

Resolution appointing Katie Kerns, David Ohman and Lorraine Wilson to the Workforce Investment Board and Donna Gaetano to the Youth Education & Employment Services Council.

CURRENT FISCAL YEAR FINANCIAL IMPACT

EXPENDITURES

ADDL FUNDS REQUIRING BOARD APPROVAL

Estimated Cost	\$	000.00	Contingencies	\$	000.00
			(Fund Name:)		
Amount Budgeted	\$	000.00	Unanticipated Revenue	\$	000.00
			(Source:)		
Other Available Approp. (Explain Below)	\$	000.00	Other Transfer(s)		000.00
			(Source:)	\$	
Additional Requested:	\$	0.00	Total Source of Funds:	\$	0.00

Explanation (if required):

Prior Board Action(s):

August 13, 2002-February 24, 2009

Made various Workforce Investment Board and Youth Council appointments and reappointments

February 15, 2000

Appointed 6 members to the WIB and 11 members to the Youth Council.

January 4, 2000

Appointed 22 members to the WIB.

Alternatives – Results of Non-Approval:

Non-approval or delay of appointment could result in the inability of the Workforce Investment Board to meet deadlines for required activities under the Workforce Investment Act.

Background:

A copy of the proposed membership for the Workforce Investment Board & Youth Council is on file with the Clerk of the Board.

The Board of Supervisors is requested to adopt a resolution appointing Katie Kerns, PG&E, David Ohman, Manpower, and Lorraine Wilson, Santa Rosa Junior College to the Workforce Investment Board. Also appointing Donna Gaetano, parent, to the Youth Education and Employment Service Council.

The Workforce Investment Act (WIA) regulations established that the Sonoma County Workforce Investment Board (WIB) and its Youth Education & Employment Services Council would serve as policy oversight bodies for its employment and training programs. The law requires that appointments to these bodies be made by local elected officials. The WIB reviews and approves candidates' applications for membership and forwards its recommendations to the Board of Supervisors for final approval and appointment.

Federal requirements mandate most categories of WIB membership and the minimum number of members required in those categories, with the additional requirement of maintaining a majority of business members. As authorized under WIA, SB-293, membership of the Sonoma County WIB presently comprises fifty-five members, including 28 business members, 5 members from educational institutions, 7 local labor organization members, 3 community based organization members, 2 economic development agency members, and 10 representatives of the required partners of Sonoma County's one-stop, Job Link. Members are not appointed by supervisorial district, but on a county-wide basis, and must have a high degree of policymaking and hiring authority within the organizations they represent. In addition, the WIB seeks members who have expertise in Sonoma County's important or emergent employment sectors, such as health care, hospitality, and green technology or who provide workforce-related services to employers, employees or job seekers. Applications are reviewed by the WIB Executive Committee and then recommended to the Board of Supervisors for appointment.

Katie Kerns, Governmental Relations Consultant, PG&E, born and raised in Sonoma County, is involved with the Sonoma County Innovation Council, Sonoma County Alliance, is on the Board of Directors for Petaluma People Services Center, and is a member of the Santa Rosa Chamber of Commerce Technology Academy Steering Committee.

Attachments:

Resolution appointing Katie Kerns, David Ohman, Lorriane Wilson to the Workforce Investment Board and Donna Gaetano the Youth Education & Employment Services Council

- **On File With Clerk:** Proposed Workforce Investment Board/Youth Council membership

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Board Action (If other than "Requested")

Vote:

Background cont.

David Ohman, Branch Manager, with Manpower. Mr. Ohman is a member of PASCO, the American Heart Association and the Santa Rosa and Hispanic Chambers of Commerce.

Lorraine Wilson, Dean, Career & Technical Education & Economic Development, Santa Rosa Junior College, is involved with the economic development at the college.

Donna Gaetano, parent and business owner, is the Chairperson of the Community Advisory Council, which is an organization devoted to improving services for youth with learning disabilities.

Five vacancies –two (2) business, two (2) partners, and one (1) labor -- remain on the Workforce Investment Board. Recruitment efforts to fill these vacancies are ongoing. There is one (1) vacancy remaining on the Youth Education & Employment Services Council for a Post Secondary Education representative.

Recommendation:

The Workforce Investment Board recommends that the Board of Supervisors approve the resolution appointing Katie Kerns, PG&E, David Ohman, Manpower, and Lorraine Wilson, Santa Rosa Junior College, to the Workforce Investment Board; and Donna Gaetano, parent, to the Youth Education and Employment Services Council.