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## **Special Meeting Minutes**

May 13, 2025, at 3:30 PM

#### Virtual

- I. Call to order
  - a. Chair Dina Sanchez called the special meeting to order at 3:35 PM.
- II. Roll call

Present	Absent
Dina Sanchez	Roy Bermudez
Richard Brennan	Skylie Estep (excused)
Maria E. Kinder	Guillermo Oton
Karen King	
Olivia Ainza-Kramer	
Greg Lucero	
Desiree Galaz	
Fernando Sandoval	
Taylor Spence	
Jim Mize	
Tom McAlpin	
Mauricio Chavez	
Zaida Bustamante	
Adrian Chamberlain	

## III. Approval of agenda

• Motion: Dina Sanchez moved to approve the agenda.

• Second: Karen King

• Vote: Motion carried unanimously.

IV. Discussion/ Possible action to approve the Santa Cruz County LWDA Rapid Response policy as stated in the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) Rapid Response Policy Chapter 2- Section 900.

- Zaida Bustamante presented the new Rapid Response Policy, stating it is required for local compliance with the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA), Chapter 2, Section 900.
- The policy has been reviewed by legal counsel.
- Zaida clarified that while SCC previously followed the state's policy, a local policy is now mandated.
- The policy outlines coordinated response services for substantial layoffs, including team outreach and mobile support for affected workers.
- Past rapid response actions were discussed, including services at Amado Management Warehouse and Green Valley Hospital.
- Chair Dina Sanchez requested verification from staff that these events were reported in previous board meetings per policy requirements.
  - o **Motion:** Richard Brennan moved to approve the Rapid Response Policy.
  - Second: Fernando Sandoval
  - Discussion: Questions were raised and addressed regarding union notifications and historical compliance.
  - Vote: Motion carried unanimously.
- V. Discussion/ possible action to approve Memorandum of Understanding: Circles of Peace: BRIDGE Coalition
- Zaida Bustamante and representatives from Circles of Peace presented the MOU, aimed at formalizing their long-standing collaboration and reaffirming participation in the BRIDGE Coalition.
- Eva Zuniga and Jessica Gallego provided an overview of the coalition's history, mission, and funding background.
- Mauricio Chavez confirmed that the MOU poses no financial impact and has been reviewed by the legal department.
- The board's action was confirmed as a formal approval to be forwarded to the Board of Supervisors.
  - Motion: Greg Lucero moved to approve the MOU and recommend it to the Board of Supervisors.
  - Second: Richard Brennan
  - Vote: Motion carried unanimously.

## VI. Questions/ Feedback

a. No Additional Questions or announcements were raised.

# VII. Adjournment

• Motion: Greg Lucero moved to adjourn.

• **Second:** Fernando Sandoval

• Vote: Motion carried unanimously.

• Adjournment Time: 3:50 PM