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**COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES COMMISSIONS AND BOARDS**



**LOS ANGELES COUNTY WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD  
BUSINESS ENGAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA  
April 28, 2025  
3:00 PM – 4:00 PM**

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**IN-PERSON MEETING INFORMATION**

Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO)  
510 South Vermont Ave.  
Los Angeles, CA 90020  
19<sup>th</sup> Floor Conference Room; 19K16

**PARKING INSTRUCTIONS**

Please park in the structure at 523 Shatto Place, Los Angeles, CA 90020. Parking is free with validation; see the front desk at 510 S. Vermont Ave., Terrace Level for validation.

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Microsoft Teams meeting. Join on your computer, mobile app, or room device:

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Meeting ID: 267 383 581 351 8

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Call-in Info: 1- 323-776-6996

Conference ID: 344 157 383#

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**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

For public comment on any item, please submit using the following link: [Public Comment Card](#)

Please note that if you wish to address the board during the meeting, a total of two (2) minutes will be allowed. Requests to be heard must be submitted to the DEO staff by completing a public comment form via the link provided. (The executive director may, in the interest of facilitating the business of the board, limit the amount of time which a person may use in addressing the board).

## A. CALL TO ORDER

- I. Land Acknowledgement: The County of Los Angeles recognizes that we occupy land originally and still inhabited and cared for by the Tongva, Tataviam, Serrano, Kizh, and Chumash Peoples. We honor and pay respect to their elders and descendants — past, present, and emerging — as they continue their stewardship of these lands and waters. We acknowledge that settler colonization resulted in land seizure, disease, subjugation, slavery, relocation, broken promises, genocide, and multigenerational trauma. This acknowledgment demonstrates our responsibility and commitment to truth, healing, and reconciliation and to elevating the stories, culture, and community of the original inhabitants of Los Angeles County. We are grateful to have the opportunity to live and work on these ancestral lands. We are dedicated to growing and sustaining relationships with Native peoples and local tribal governments, including (in no particular order) the:

- Fernandeano Tataviam Band of Mission Indians
- Gabrielino Tongva Indians of California Tribal Council
- Gabrieleno/Tongva San Gabriel Band of Mission Indians
- Gabrieleño Band of Mission Indians – Kizh Nation
- San Manuel Band of Mission Indians
- San Fernando Band of Mission Indians

To learn more about the First Peoples of Los Angeles County, please visit the Los Angeles City/County Native American Indian Commission website at [lanaic.lacounty.gov](http://lanaic.lacounty.gov).

- II. Conflict of Interest: Members shall abide by “conflict of interest” requirements as outlined in the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) Section 107(h) which states a member of a local board, or a member of a standing committee, may not vote on a matter under consideration by the local board (1) regarding the provision of services by such member represents; or (2) that would provide a direct financial benefit to such member or the immediate family of such member.

## B. ROLL CALL

## C. CHAIR’S REMARKS

## D. ACTION ITEMS

**I. DRAFT MINUTES OF THE LACWDB BUSINESS ENGAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON DECEMBER 10, 2024**

**Presenter:** Jeffrey Thompson, Chair, LACWDB Business Engagement Committee

**Summary:** This item presents for review and approval, and any other action deemed necessary, the draft minutes of the LACWDB Business Engagement Committee meeting from December 10, 2024.

**Attachments:** [December 10 Business Engagement Minutes](#)

**II. DRAFT MINUTES OF THE LACWDB BUSINESS ENGAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON MARCH 21, 2025**

**Presenter:** Jeffrey Thompson, Chair, LACWDB Business Engagement Committee

**Summary:** This item presents for review and approval, and any other action deemed necessary, the draft minutes of the LACWDB Business Engagement Committee meeting from March 21, 2025.

**Attachments:** [April 14 Business Engagement Minutes](#)

**III. APPROVE AMBER CHATMAN AS AN OUTSIDE EXPERT MEMBER OF THE BUSINESS ENGAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

**Presenter:** Jeffrey Thompson, Chair, Business Engagement Committee

**Summary:** This item presents for review and approval of Amber Chatman as member of the Business Engagement Committee.

**E. INFORMATION ITEMS**

**I. CONTINUED REVIEW OF THE PURPOSE OF THE BUSINESS ENGAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

**Presenter:** Jeffrey Thompson, Chair, LACWDB Business Engagement Committee

**Summary:** This item is for continued discussion on the creation of a Business Engagement Plan containing elements identified below:

**Attachments to be posted in accordance with the Ralph M. Brown Act.**

- i. Further Refine the Purpose and Objectives of the Business Engagement Committee: Engagement, Outreach, and Communication*
  - a. Increase available skilled workforce in key sectors through the development of strategic partnerships

- b. Overview of the Centers of Excellence (COE) and identify needs and work with providers relating to their population and geographic base of each COE
    - c. Identify key strategic partners for opportunities and needs based on the COE
  - ii. *Resource Mapping* - Review existing partners and identify potential partners in specific geographic areas including specific chambers of commerce or business organizations
    - a. Business Groups/Organizations
    - b. Affinity Groups
    - c. Training Partners
    - d. Non-Profits, Community-Based Organizations, and Others
  - iii. *Discuss Industry Clusters as outlined in the Los Angeles Economic Development Collaborative (LAEDC)*

**F. NEXT STEPS**

**G. PUBLIC COMMENT**

**H. ADJOURNMENT**