



COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES COMMISSIONS AND BOARDS



**LOS ANGELES COUNTY WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD
BUSINESS ENGAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA
November 17, 2025
4:00 pm-5:30 pm**

IN-PERSON MEETING INFORMATION

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

PARKING INSTRUCTIONS

Please park in the building 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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PUBLIC COMMENT:

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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
- Gabrielino/Tongva San Gabriel Band of Mission Indians
- Gabrieleño Band of Mission Indians - Kizh Nation
- Yuhaaviatam of San Manuel Nation
- San Fernando Band of Mission Indians
- Coastal Band of Chumash Nation
- Gabrielino/Tongva Nation
- Gabrielino Tongva Tribe

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.

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. APPROVE DRAFT MINUTES OF THE LACWDB BUSINESS ENGAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON September 29, 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 September 29, 2025.

Attachments: [September 29 Business Engagement Committee Minutes](#)

E. INFORMATION ITEMS

I. DISCUSSION WITH UNITE-LA ON IDENTIFICATION OF POTENTIAL PARTNERSHIPS WITH EMPLOYER INTERMEDIARIES AND RELATIONSHIPS WITH SECTOR CENTERS OF EXCELLENCE

Presenter: Amber Chatman, Member, LACWDB Business Engagement Committee

Summary: This item presents for discussion potential partnerships with employer intermediaries utilized by UNITE-LA

Attachments: [Unite-LA Intermediary List](#)

II. CONTINUED REVIEW FOR DISCUSSION THE ROLE AND ACTIVITIES OF THE CENTERS OF EXCELLENCE (COE) FOR THE PURPOSES OF ENGAGEMENT, OUTREACH AND COMMUNICATION

Presenter: Isidro Villanueva, Program Manager, Department of Economic Opportunity

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

Attachments: [LA County DEO Centers of Excellence](#)

- a. Increase available skilled workforce in key sectors through the development of strategic business partnerships
- b. Support implementation 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
- d. Support business engagement to increase hiring opportunities for key initiatives and programs, including the Fire Recovery and Resilience Workforce Program, Rapid Response, Youth@Work, Fair Chance Campaign, Prison 2 Employment, and other programs serving priority populations.

III. Review Outside Strategies, City of LA, DOR, others as requested at the September 29 Business Engagement Meeting

Presenter: Cheren Kochen, Executive Director, LACWDB

Summary: This item is for review discussion and review of other strategies and best practices utilized by other agencies from a business engagement perspective.

F. NEXT STEPS

G. PUBLIC COMMENT

H. ADJOURNMENT