



WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD

Youth Committee Agenda



Date: August 19, 2026

Time: 2:00 P.M.

Location: 1600 E. Belle Terrace Bakersfield, CA 93307,
Second Floor, Large Conference Room



Kern, Inyo & Mono
Workforce Development Board
Youth Committee Agenda

Date: August 19, 2026
Time: 2:00 p.m.
Location: 1600 E. Belle Terrace, 2nd Floor
Dial In: (831) 296-3421
Access ID: 390 328 459#
Committee Members:

Norma Rojas-Mora, Chair	Jovon Dangerfield	Olivia Kent
Dale Countryman	Brandon Evans	Priscilla Sanchez
Alyssa Cervantes	Brian Holt	Priscilla Varela

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I. Introduction

II. Public Comments

This portion of the meeting is reserved for persons to address the Committee on any matter not on this agenda but under the jurisdiction of the Committee. Committee members may respond briefly to statements made or questions posed. They may ask a question for clarification, make a referral to staff for information or request staff to report back to the Committee at a later meeting. Also, the Committee may take action to direct the staff to place a matter of business on a future agenda. **SPEAKERS ARE LIMITED TO THREE MINUTES.**

III. Workforce Development Presentation

- Chris Machado

IV. New Business

1-2 A. Approval of the April 29, 2026, Meeting Minutes – **Action Item**

3-4 B. Youth Committee Membership – **Action Item**

Departmental Updates – Discussion Items

5-6 A. Youth Agency Quarterly Update

7 B. Status of Youth Subgrantee Monitoring Reports

C. Youth Budget Report

D. EPIC Center Report

V. Miscellaneous Filings Receive and File – Action Item

8-9 A. Youth Committee Attendance Report

10 B. Kern, Inyo and Mono Workforce Development Board and Committees'
Meeting Schedule for Calendar Year 2026

VI. Adjournment

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**KERN, INYO AND MONO
WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD
YOUTH COMMITTEE
DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS
APRIL 29, 2026**

Members Present: Alyssa Cervantes, Brian Holt, Dale Countryman, Jovon Dangerfield, Norma Rojas-Mora, Olivia Kent, Priscilla Sanchez,

Members Absent: Brandon Evans and Priscilla Varela.

Staff Present: Aisia Fulmer, Marsha Manos, Diana Hernandez, Scott Couture, Chase Wheeler, Danette Williams, Sarah Woodman, Jeremy Shumaker.

Guests Present: Joshua Rudnick, Andrew Hamilton and Ramiro Emigdio.

The meeting was called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

*Unexcused Absence

Introduction

Staff and guests introduced themselves.

Public Comments

There were no public comments.

Approval of the January 20, 2026, Meeting Minutes

Olivia Kent moved to approve meeting minutes. Alyssa Cervantes seconded the motion. All ayes. The motion carried.

Preliminary Allocation and Funding Recommendations for Youth Programs Funded Under the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act for Program Year 2026-27

Diana Hernandez reported that at the December 17, 2025, meeting, the Workforce Development Board approved a Request for Refunding process for In- and Out-of-School Youth programs under the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act for Program Year 2026-27. Most agencies requested the same funding as last year, except KCSOS, which asked for a slight increase. Agencies received information about the application process, meeting dates, and appeals. The recommended funding totals are \$593,306 for ISY, \$1,144,992 for OSY, and \$1,738,298 for all youth programs. Dale Countryman moved to approve staff's recommendation to allocate WIOA funding as follows: 1) Kern County Superintendent of Schools—up to \$293,306 for 65 ISY participants; 2) Kern High School District—up to \$300,000 for 80 ISY; 3) FIELD—up to \$200,445 for 20 OSY; 4) Kern High School District—up to \$344,540 for 50 OSY; 5) Proteus, Inc.—up to \$229,425 for 42 OSY; 6) West Kern Adult Education Network JPA—up to \$370,582 for 52 OSY. Awards are subject to negotiations, available funds, and approval from the Kern County Board of

Supervisors. Jovon Dangerfield seconded. Alyssa Cervantes abstained. All ayes. Motion passed unanimously.

Departmental Updates – Discussion Items

- Youth Agency Quarterly Report: Diana Hernandez reported that through March 31, 2026, youth agencies submitted actual expenditures equal to 56% of the total allocated. Additionally, In-School Youth providers expended 54% of their allotted funds and enrolled 38% of their participants into work experience. Out-of-School Youth providers expended 57% of their allotted funds and enrolled 30% of their participants into work experience.
- EPIC Youth Participant Life Cycle Presentation – Aisia Fulmer

Miscellaneous Filings Receive and File – Action Item

Priscilla Sanchez made a motion to receive and file the following documents:

- Youth Committee Attendance Report
- Kern, Inyo and Mono Workforce Development Board and Committees' Meeting Schedule for Calendar Year 2025

Olivia Kent seconded the motion. All ayes. The motion carried.

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:55 p.m.



August 19, 2026

Youth Committee
Kern, Inyo and Mono
Workforce Development Board
1600 E. Belle Terrace
Bakersfield, CA 93307

YOUTH COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

Dear Committee Member:

Your Youth Committee currently consists of ten members, six of whom are non-board members. (See attached roster.) As cited in the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) and the Workforce Development Board (WDB) bylaws, standing committees must be chaired by a member of the local WDB, may include additional WDB members, and must include at least two individuals appointed by the WDB who are not board members but who possess demonstrated experience and expertise relevant to planning, operations, oversight, and related service-delivery matters.

One of your committee's non-board members, Greg Terry, has officially retired as Chief of the Bakersfield Police Department. Despite multiple efforts to contact Mr. Terry to inquire about his interest in remaining on your committee, staff have not been successful. Given these circumstances, it is recommended that he be formally removed from the Youth Committee.

During the most recent WDB meeting, members discussed potential interest among current WDB members in joining the Youth Committee. However, no requests have been submitted to date.

Therefore, IT IS RECOMMENDED that your committee request the WDB to formally remove Mr. Terry from the Youth Committee and continue outreach efforts to identify WDB members who may wish to serve on your committee.

Sincerely,

Brandon J. Evans
Chief Workforce Development Officer

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Attachment

**KERN, INYO AND MONO
WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD
YOUTH COMMITTEE**

Norma Rojas-Mora, Youth Committee Chair
Associate Chancellor, Public Affairs & Development
Kern Community College District/Bakersfield College

Dale Countryman*
Retired School Administrator

Brandon J. Evans, Executive Secretary WDB
Chief Workforce Development Officer
Kern County Employers' Training Resource

Brian Holt
Business Manager
IBEW Local 428

Priscilla Sanchez*
District Director
Kern County Board of Supervisors

Jovon Dangerfield*
Executive Director
Transitional Youth Mobilizing for Change

Alyssa Cervantes*
Project Specialist
Kern High School District

Olivia Kent*
Program Specialist
Kern Community Foundation

Priscilla Varela
Staff Services Manager I
Department of Rehabilitation

Greg Terry*
Chief
Bakersfield Police Department

*Non-WDB Member



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YOUTH AGENCY QUARTERLY UPDATE

Dear Committee Member:

Through June 30, 2026 (100% of the fiscal year), youth agencies submitted actual expenditures equal to 88% of the total allocated to youth providers in Program Year 2025-2026.

The Fourth Quarter Progress Report, which is attached, contains information about all of the youth providers and elements of their respective programs through the end of June. In-School Youth providers expended 89% of their allotted funds and enrolled 76% of their participants into work experience. Out-of-School Youth providers expended 87% of their allotted funds and enrolled 34% of their participants into work experience.

Staff continues to work closely with our youth providers to assist them with the implementation of their respective programs as well as providing technical assistance to ensure the goals are met.

Sincerely,

Brandon J. Evans
Chief Workforce Development Officer

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FOURTH QUARTER PROGRESS REPORT

YOUTH PROVIDERS PROGRAM YEAR 2025-26

	BUDGET	PY25-26 EXPENDITURES
<u>IN SCHOOL YOUTH PROVIDERS</u>		
Kern County Superintendent of Schools	\$ 288,102	\$ 270,167
Kern High School District	\$ 300,000	\$ 255,698
TOTALS	\$ 588,102	\$ 525,864
<u>OUT-OF-SCHOOL YOUTH PROVIDERS</u>		
FIELD	\$ 200,445	\$ 200,445
Kern High School District	\$ 344,540	\$ 314,315
Proteus	\$ 229,425	\$ 114,352
West Kern Adult Education Network	\$ 370,582	\$ 367,617
TOTALS	\$ 1,144,992	\$ 996,729
GRAND TOTAL	\$ 1,733,094	\$ 1,522,593

ENROLLMENT GOAL	TOTAL ENROLLMENTS	PWEX	TRAINING	GED or HIGH SCHOOL	POST SECONDARY
65	43	19	0	37	0
80	80	68	0	80	0
145	123	87	0	117	0
20	29	10	0	3	0
50	51	32	20	0	0
42	27	7	0	0	3
52	48	4	7	13	5
164	155	53	27	16	8
309	278	140	27	133	8



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STATUS OF YOUTH SUBGRANTEE MONITORING REPORTS

Dear Committee Member:

The following reports have recently been completed and are being filed with your committee.

Monitoring reports with no findings:

Farmworkers Institute of Education and Leadership Development (FIELD) (8/6/26) Fiscal Report.

Kern County Superintendent of Schools (KCSOS) (9/30/25) Program Report.

KCSOS (10/21/25) Fiscal Report.

West Kern Adult Education Network (WKAEN) (9/16/25) Fiscal Report.

WKAEN (1/22/26) Program Report.

Monitoring reports with findings:

Career Team (7/8/25) Fiscal Report. Finding was for not providing all requested documentation. Since Career Team's contract with Employers' Training Resource (ETR) ended on June 30, 2024, ETR considers these matters resolved. These findings are closed. Copies of these reports are on file and available for review by Committee members.

Sincerely,

Brandon J. Evans
Chief Workforce Development Officer

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Kern, Inyo & Mono Workforce Development Board Youth Committee Attendance 2026					
P = Present	U=Unexcused	X=Cancelled			
A = Excused Absence					
Member		1/20/26	4/29/26	8/19/26	11/12/26
First	Last	YC	YC	YC	YC
Alyssa	Cervantes	P	P		
Brandon	Evans	P	A		
Brian	Holt	P	P		
Dale	Countryman*	P	P		
Greg	Terry*	A	RETIRED		
Jovon	Dangerfield	P	P		
Norma	Rojas-Mora	A	P		
Olivia	Kent	P	P		
Priscilla	Sanchez	P	P		
Priscilla	Varela	P	A		
*Non-WDB					

Kern, Inyo & Mono Workforce Development Board Youth Committee Attendance 2025					
P = Present	U=Unexcused	X=Cancelled			
A = Excused Absence		1/24/25	5/7/25	8/20/25	11/12/25
Member					
First	Last	YC	YC	YC	YC
Alyssa	Cervantes				A
Brandon	Evans	X	P	A	P
Brian	Holt	X	P	P	A
Dale	Countryman*	X	P	P	P
David	Villarino*	X	U	REMOVED	
Greg	Terry*	X	U	A	A
Jovon	Dangerfield				A
Karine	Kanikkeberg*	X	RESIGNED		
Leticia	Perez	X	U	RESIGNED	
Norma	Rojas-Mora	X	P	A	P
Olivia	Kent				P
Priscilla	Sanchez		Appt 5/28	P	P
Priscilla	Varela	X	A	P	P
Rosa	Chipres *	X	U	REMOVED	
Todd	Yepez	X	A	A	RESIGNED
*Non-WDB					

**KERN, INYO AND MONO
WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD AND
COMMITTEES' MEETING SCHEDULE
CALENDAR YEAR 2026**

Program and Business Services Committee

**Employers' Training Resource 1600 E. Belle Terrace
2nd Floor Conference Room**

Thursday, January 15, 2026, 8 a.m.

Thursday, April 23, 2026, 8 a.m.

~~Thursday, August 13, 2026, 8 a.m. Canceled~~

Thursday, November 5, 2026, 8 a.m.

Youth Committee

**Employers' Training Resource 1600 E. Belle Terrace
2nd Floor Conference Room**

Tuesday, January 20, 2026, 2 p.m.

Wednesday, April 29, 2026, 2 p.m.

Wednesday, August 19, 2026, 2 p.m.

Thursday, November 12, 2026, 2 p.m. (Due to Veterans Holiday)

Executive Committee

Recruitment Center – 1215 Olive Drive

Thursday, February 5, 2026, 8 a.m.

Thursday, May 14, 2026, 8 a.m.

Friday, August 7, 2026, 9 a.m. Special Session

Thursday, September 10, 2026, 8 a.m.

Thursday, December 3, 2026, 8 a.m.

Workforce Development Board

Recruitment Center – 1215 Olive Drive

Wednesday, February 18, 2026, 7 a.m.

Wednesday, May 27, 2026, 7 a.m.

Wednesday, September 23, 2026, 7 a.m.

Wednesday, December 16, 2026, 7 a.m.