



SUMMARY ACTION MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING ORANGE COUNTY COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN AND GIRLS

Thursday, August 7, 2025, 9:00 A.M.

County Administration North
First Floor, Multi-Purpose Room
400 West Civic Center Drive, Santa Ana, CA 92701

Katelyn Brazer Aceves, Chair
2nd District Representative

Christine Marick, Vice Chair
4th District Representative

Vacant
1st District Representative

Jolynn Mahoney
3rd District Representative

Joanne Weiss
5th District Representative

Laura Ramos
At Large Representative

Crystal Miles
At Large Representative

County Executive Office Liaison
Liz Guillen-Merchant

Clerk of the Commission
Valerie Sanchez

Data Analytics
Chrislyn Nefas

County Counsel Liaison
Cynthia Inda

Health Care Agency Liaison
Brandy Miller

Social Services Agency Liaison
Dr. Sara Marchese

OC Community Resources Liaison
Mary Beth Anderson

ATTENDANCE: Commissioners; Mahoney, Marick, Miles, and Weiss

ABSENT: Commissioner(s): Brazer Aceves, Ramos

CALL TO ORDER

The chair called the meeting to order at 9:08 a.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Vice Chair Marick led the pledge of allegiance.

ROLL CALL

The clerk called the roll and confirmed quorum

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PUBLIC COMMENTS

Lucy Santana – CEO of Girls Inc. of OC discussed support for the workforce readiness and education topic and highlighted some of Girl's Inc.'s work in workforce readiness through their summer camps and workshops including STEM camps (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) to promote interest in these fields where women are under-represented in the workforce and also their Lead With Purpose program for high school girls building leadership skills for college and beyond

AGENDA ITEMS

1. Approve minutes of the June 5, 2025 regular meeting of the Commission.

On the motion of Commissioner Miles, seconded by Commissioner Weiss, the Commission approved the minutes as recommended

2. Finalize guidance for guest speakers invited to present on topics of interest to the Commission (Continued from 6/5/25, Item 4)

On the motion of Commissioner Miles, seconded by Commissioner Mahoney, the Commission approved the guidance document as presented and asked commissioners to provide the guidance to any prospective guest speakers and forward contact information for proposed guest speakers to the Chair and CEO Liaison Liz Guillen-Merchant for coordination

3. Discuss selection and scope of work for contractor

CEO Liz Guillen-Merchant led the discussion regarding procurement of a contractor to assist with creation of the annual report and explained that an RFP process would take considerable time and suggested Cal State Fullerton's Women's Studies as a potential contractor that could be procured as a sole source contract under the County's procurement policies

Vice Chair Marick, on behalf of the Chair, created an ad hoc committee consisting of Chair Brazer-Aceves, Commissioner Miles and Commissioner Weiss to define a scope of work and determine a sole-source contractor to bring back to the Commission for approval

On the motion of Commissioner Miles, Seconded by Commissioner Mahoney, the Commission approved a budget of \$35k for a sole source contract with acknowledgement the amount could change depending upon recommendations of the ad hoc

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4. Presentation from WorkForce Solutions

Nancy Cook, Director of Workforce & Economic Development Division (W&ED) with Orange County Community Resources provided information about the work of the W&ED Division and the Orange County Workforce Development Board to provide services and resources to both job seekers and businesses through OC Workforce Solutions and programs offered under the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA)

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS & ROUNDTABLE

Commissioner Miles - Announced that Fullerton's Golden Hill Little League team is on their way to the West Region Championship!

Commissioner Weiss – Excited to see Jennifer Pawol make her upcoming debut as Major League Baseball's first female umpire

Commissioner Mahoney – Suggested Mary's Path be invited to speak at a future meeting about their work in housing and support for victims of human trafficking

ADJOURNMENT: 10:28 a.m.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING: September 4, 2025, 9:00 a.m.

Signed by:

Valerie Sanchez

Valerie Sanchez, Clerk of the Commission

Signed by:

Katelyn Brazer Aceves

Katelyn Brazer Aceves, Chair

OC Community Resources

WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS

Nancy Cook, Director
Workforce & Economic Development Division



OC Community Services



WORKFORCE
& ECONOMIC
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WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT SYSTEM:

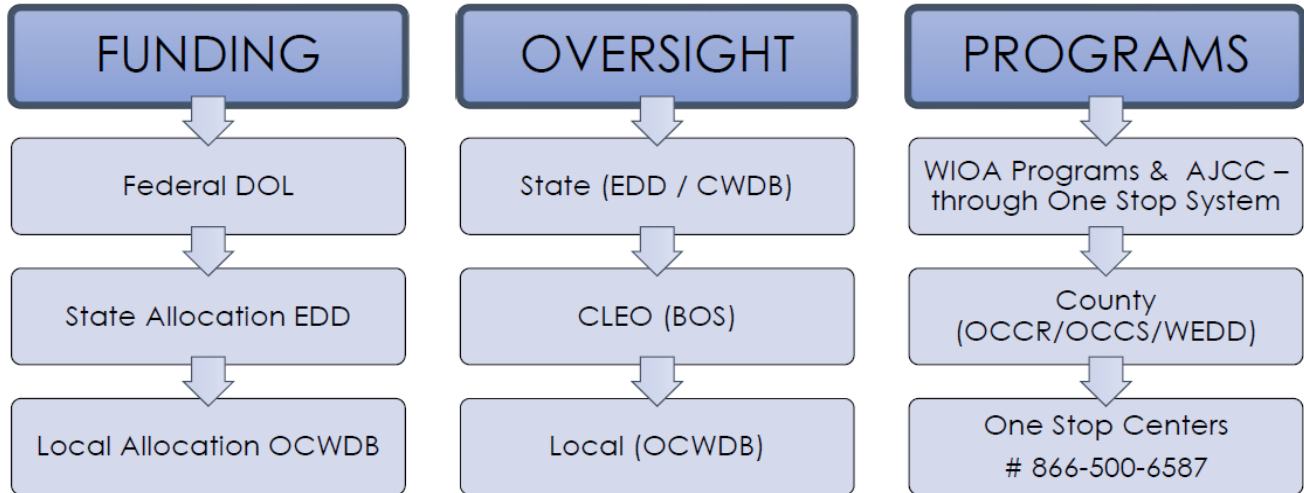
Local Workforce Development Boards (LWDBs) are part of the public workforce system in the United States, which helps businesses and job seekers to support regional economic growth.



U.S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR



OC Community Resources





**READY
SET | OC**

Skills, education, training for your future.



**OC | BUSINESS
SOLUTIONS**

Connecting job-seekers and businesses to no-cost services.



**OC | WORKFORCE
SOLUTIONS**

Connecting job-seekers and businesses to no-cost services.

YOUTH SERVICES

- Education & GED Support
- Internships, Apprenticeships
- Work Experience
- Career Exploration & Coaching
- Leadership Development & Mentorship
- Transportation, Childcare & Other Supports
- Job Placement & Follow-Up Assistance

BUSINESS SERVICES

- Recruitment & Hiring Assistance
- Employee Training
- Upskilling Programs
- Labor Market & Economic Data Access
- On-the-Job & Incumbent Worker Training
- Layoff Aversion & Rapid Response Support
- Apprenticeship Development Guidance

ADULT SERVICES

- Career Counseling & Job Search Help
- Work Readiness Training
- Skills Training & Credential Programs
- Labor Market Insights & Guidance
- Support Services
- On-the-Job & Work-Based Training
- Employment Support for Barriers

WIOA GENERAL ELIGIBILITY

Barriers to
employment

Youth:
14-24 years old

Adults:
18 years or older

Have right to work
documentation

Male applicants born
after January 1, 1960,
must register with
Selective Service

Veteran Priority of
Service

WEX vs. OJT: WORKFORCE PATHWAYS

WORK EXPERIENCE

- Youth and Adult participants
- Little to no work experience
- 12 weeks, 15-30 hours/week
- Wages fully subsidized through WIOA
- Program-managed employment



ON-THE-JOB TRAINING

- Full-time employment, health benefits
- Employer reimbursed 50-75% of the employee's wages during training on onboarding
- Paid training while working
- In-demand or growth occupations
- Employer managed employment



HIRING EVENTS & CAREER FAIRS

Hospitality & Tourism Hiring Event



HIRING EVENTS

In-Person, Virtual, Mobile Unit
OC Workforce Solutions Center -
Multiple Businesses

Multi-Industry Hiring Event



Lake Forest Career Fair



CAREER FAIRS

In-Person, Virtual
Large Scale (Average 100 Exhibitors)
Variety of Industries / Sectors
Specialty and Seasonal
Significant Outreach and Marketing

Laguna Hills Career Fair



Bringing Workforce Services to our Community



Our Mobile Unit travels across Orange County to serve job seekers, employers, and community members

Key Services Offered:

- Resume building and interview preparation
- Job application assistance and referrals
- Personalized career guidance from our workforce experts
- Educational and training opportunities
- VR Headsets for immersive virtual career exploration
- Customized Hiring Events for employers
- and more.

WIOA ENROLLMENT ELIGIBILITY

Who qualifies for WIOA Workforce Services?

✓ Youth (Ages 14-24)

- In-School and Out-of-School youth facing barriers to employment
- Low-income individuals needing education and training support
- Those seeking work experience and career exploration

✓ Adult Job Seekers (Ages 18+)

- Unemployed or underemployed individuals looking for career advancement
- Dislocated workers affected by layoffs or industry shifts
- Veterans and spouses transitioning into civilian workforce

✓ Specialized Assistance for Priority Populations

- Justice-involved job seekers and long-term unemployed
- Workers needing reskilling or credential-based training
- Those seeking employment in high-demand industries

How to Apply?

 Visit your local OC Workforce Solutions location or Mobile Unit:
ocworkforcesolutions.com

 Register online through CalJOBS:
CalJobs.ca.gov

 Call us: **(866) 500-6587**



OC WORKFORCE SOLUTIONS ONE STOP CENTERS



OC Workforce Solutions

675 Placentia Avenue, Suite 330

Brea, CA 92821

Mon-Fri: 9 AM - 6 PM

Sat: 9 AM - 1 PM

OC Workforce Solutions South County

28202 Cabot Road, Suite 140

Laguna Niguel, CA 92677

Mon-Fri: 9 AM - 6 PM

Sat: 9 AM - 1 PM

Los Alamitos Joint Forces Training Base

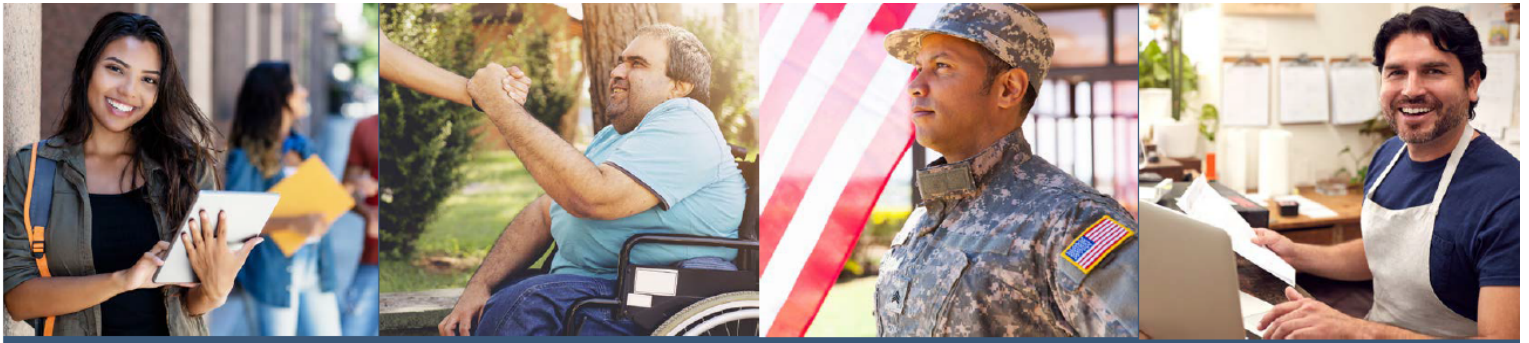
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