



MINUTES YOUTH COMMITTEE MEETING

Workforce Solutions Alamo
100 N. Santa Rosa St., Suite 120, Boardroom
San Antonio, TX 78207
April 11, 2025
9:00AM

BOARD OF DIRECTORS: Anthony Magaro, Mary Batch, Leslie Cantu, Jennifer Lange, Jim Robertson, Charles Camarillo, Kelli Rhodes, James Golsan, Matthew Gonzales.

STAFF: Adrian Lopez, Jessica Villarreal, Victoria Rodriguez, Kristen Rodriguez, James Keith, Chris Ferguson, Gabriela Navarro, Trema Cote, Paul Briseno, Brandee Perez, Giovianne Washington, Matthew Aaron Bieniek, Edmundo Patoni, Dr. Ricardo Ramirez, and Janel Santos.

CONTRACTORS: Manuel Ugues (SERCO); Gabriela Horbach (SERCO), Roberto Corral (SERCO) and Francisco Martinez (SERCO).

LEGAL COUNSEL: None

GUESTS: Jennifer Benavides, Jesus Cardenas

AGENDA

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I. CALL TO ORDER

Presenter: Anthony Magaro, Committee Chair

At 9:04 AM, Chair Anthony Magaro called the meeting to order.

II. ROLL CALL AND QUORUM DETERMINATION

Presenter: Anthony Magaro, Committee Chair

The roll was called, and a quorum was declared present.

III. DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Presenter: Anthony Magaro, Committee Chair

NONE

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT

Presenter: Anthony Magaro, Committee Chair

NONE

V. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON MINUTES YOUTH COMMITTEE MEETING

Presenter: Anthony Magaro, Committee Chair

a. Meeting Minutes from April 11, 2025

Upon motion by Jim Robertson and seconded by Charles Camarillo the committee approved the minutes from April 11, 2025.

VI. PARTNER UPDATES

Presenter: Jennifer Benavides, District Director of P-TECH Programs & Alamo Academies, High School Programs, Alamo Colleges District

Jennifer Benavides highlighted the importance of integrating Career and Technical Education (CTE) into P-Tech programs. P-TECH Programs and CTE Alignment presentation included the following: Targeted Growth Alignment; Maximizing Impact and Value of Dual Credit; Dual Credit Opportunities Across Alamo Colleges District; Current Dual Credit Data; Expanding Access: Coming in 2025; Academies, ECHS & P-TECH; P-TECH Programs in Healthcare; P-TECH Programs in Information Technology; P-TECH Programs in Advanced Manufacturing; Industry & Workforce Alignment in P-TECH; TEA Programs of Study and How do we Strengthen Support of P-TECH Programs.

VII. IN-PERSON YOUTH SUCCESS STORY

Presenter: Victoria Rodriguez, Director of Workforce Services

a. Youth Participant, Jesus Cardenas

Jesus Cardenas, a parenting youth with a criminal background, moved from Laredo to San Antonio seeking better opportunities. He joined the YES! Program in October 2022 and completed Web Development training at UTSA. In August 2023, he enrolled at Northwest Vista College to pursue Philosophy, aiming for law school. With support from his Career Navigator, he now works as a Paralegal Assistant earning \$18/hour, volunteers at The Oasis Center, and maintains a 4.0 GPA while raising a family and working two part-time jobs—set to graduate with an associate's in business in May.

VIII. YOUTH UPDATES (DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION)

Presenter: Victoria Rodriguez, Director of Workforce Services

a. Youth Program Briefing and Performance

For Program Year 2025, Workforce Solutions Alamo continues partnering with SERCO to support youth enrollments and workforce training. WSA works closely with SERCO to meet Texas Workforce Commission goals and stay within budget.

b. Career Exploration Events

As outlined in the WCI Grant, WSA will use TANF funds to host Jobs Y'all career exploration events for students, engaging employers to showcase in-demand careers and hands-on opportunities. Parents will be encouraged to participate. In FY2025, WSA plans four major events, with more co-hosted opportunities under discussion. Upcoming career exploration events include a Fiesta event and a World of Work event.

c. Youth Model Update

WSA's Career POP Youth Service Delivery Model, highlighting key milestones from May to October 2025. The focus is on refining and implementing the model through stakeholder input, school pilot selection, and community integration.

IX. CEO REPORT

Presenter: Adrian Lopez, CEO

a. The Alamo City Electrathon (ACE) RACE

Mr. Adrian Lopez, Chief Executive Officer of Workforce Solutions Alamo, provided updates on the ACE Race initiative. He shared a presentation on the ACE Race Car Decals and reported that the upcoming ACE Race, sponsored by South Texas Business Partners, has set a new participation record—with 35 schools and 49 cars registered for the event. The ACE Race will take place on Saturday, April 12, 2025, at the San Antonio Police Academy.

X. CHAIR REPORT

Presenter: Anthony Magaro, Committee Chair

a. Youth Committee Member Updates

Mr. Anthony Magaro, Youth Committee Chair, opened the meeting by welcoming two new board members who recently joined the committee and invited them to introduce themselves to the group. Mr. Magaro emphasized the critical role of employer engagement in the success of Career and Technical Education (CTE) initiatives. He stated, *"The employers—I see it in the numbers. We must act both individually and corporately to strengthen our presence in CTE. It should have been more robust, and it won't succeed without a true commitment from employers."* He encouraged WSA and its partners to remain actively involved and to bring others into the conversation, especially as they attend various events. Mr. Magaro also shared that one of WSA's key partners, SA Works/Greater SA, is opening up positions, and many students are actively applying for summer employment opportunities. He concluded by inviting any comments, questions, or concerns from the committee and expressed his appreciation to all partners and participants for their continued engagement and attendance.

XI. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Pursuant to Chapter 551 of the Texas Open Meetings Act, the Committee may move into Executive Session for discussion on any issue for which there is an exception to

The Act as set out in section 551.071 et. seq. including, but not limited to, the following:

- a. Government Code §551.072 – Discussions Regarding Purchase, Exchange, Lease, or Value of Real Property if Deliberation in an Open Meeting Would Have a Detrimental Effect on the Position of Workforce Solutions Alamo in Negotiations with a Third Party;
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 - c. Government Code §551.074 – To deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer or employee of Workforce Solutions Alamo.
- NONE.**

XII. ADJOURNMENT

Presenter: Anthony Magaro, Committee Chair

Upon motion by Jennifer Lange and seconded by Mary Batch, Chair Anthony Magaro adjourned the meeting at 10:09 am