



# FRESNO REGIONAL WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD

Skills Development Council Meeting  
May 6, 2026 @ 4:00 p.m.

Workforce Connection  
3170 W. Shaw Avenue  
Fresno, CA 93711  
Conference Rooms 105/106

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ROLL CALL

AGENDA CHANGES: REMOVAL OF ITEMS OR EMERGENCY ADDITIONS

ABSTENTIONS/RECUSALS/DISCLOSURE OF POTENTIAL CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

COUNCIL CHAIR/STAFF COMMENTS

PUBLIC COMMENTS

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10.	Meeting Feedback	Konczal	No	Discussion	--

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**Fresno Regional Workforce Development Board  
Skills Development Council  
2026 Attendance Roster**

	2/4/2026	5/6/2026	8/5/2026	11/4/2026
Avila Trillium Flow Technologies	A			
Barnes State Center Federation of Teachers	P			
Dart Dart Realty	P			
Hensley Hensley Associates	P			
Miller Gazebo Gardens	P			
Olivares TransAmerica	P			
Vicente BMO Bank	P			
Zabrycki* CAPTRUST	A			
Zeitz Fresno County Economic Development Corporation	P			

\* = Chairperson

P = Present

A = Absent

-- = Not a Ratified Member at Time of Meeting

XX = Meeting Cancelled

**FRESNO REGIONAL  
WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD**

AGENDA ITEM:	1
MEETING DATE:	May 6, 2026
ACTION:	APPROVE

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**TO:** Skills Development Council  
**FROM:** Blake Konczal, Executive Director  
**SUBJECT:** February 4, 2026, Skills Development Council Meeting Minutes

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Approve the minutes of the February 4, 2026, Skills Development Council Meeting.

**ATTACHMENT:**

February 4, 2026, Skills Development Council Meeting Minutes



# FRESNO REGIONAL WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD

Skills Development Council  
February 4, 2026

## SUMMARY MINUTES

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL: PRESENT – Lacy Barnes, Douglas Dart, Jeff Hensley, Scott Miller, Joe Olivares, Sandra Vicente, and Chris Zeitz

ABSENT – Steven Avila and Lydia Zabrycki

AGENDA CHANGES: None

ABSTENTIONS/RECUSALS/  
DISCLOSURES OF  
POTENTIAL CONFLICTS OF  
INTEREST: None

COUNCIL CHAIR/ STAFF  
COMMENTS: None

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

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1. **November 5, 2025, Skills Development Council Meeting Minutes**

Blake Konczal, Executive Director, Fresno Regional Workforce Development Board (FRWDB), presented the November 5, 2025, Skills Development Council (Council) meeting minutes for the Council's approval, or correction and approval.

**OLIVARES/DART – APPROVED THE NOVEMBER 5, 2025, SKILLS DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES. (UNANIMOUS)**

2. **Eligible Training Provider List Monitoring Report**

Rebecca Moncivais, Monitoring Manager, FRWDB, presented for the Council's recommendation, the acceptance of the Eligible Training Provider List (ETPL) Monitoring Report for the Second Quarter Program Year (PY) 2025-2026.

Ms. Moncivais stated that the monitoring of three (3) schools was completed for the Second Quarter of PY 2025-2026 and one (1) was in process. She indicated that the results from the in-process monitoring would be reflected in the Third Quarter report.

**OLIVARES/MILLER – RECOMMENDED THAT THE FRWDB ACCEPT THE ELIGIBLE TRAINING PROVIDER LIST MONITORING REPORT. (UNANIMOUS)**

3. **Individual Training Account Overview**

Jose Espinoza, Training Manager, FRWDB, provided the Council with an overview of the FRWDB's Individual Training Accounts for the period of July 2025, through December 2025. Mr. Espinoza reviewed the industries in which participants were trained, the total number of individuals enrolled, how many participants completed these training programs, and how many were still actively training; for a total Individual Training Account Expenditure of \$2,126,449.27.

Mr. Espinoza also presented a report on the number of unique individuals enrolled in training in urban and rural areas. The report distinguished between males and females in these areas and included the total of unique individuals enrolled in training, how many unique individuals completed training, and how many unique individuals were still actively training.

Director Olivares asked where participants can go with accounting and tax preparation training as it had the second highest number of enrolled on the report. Mr. Espinoza explained that a lot of those participants look for bookkeeping positions in healthcare facilities.

Director Zeitz asked if FRWDB was considering more Commercial Driver's License referrals due to there being a possible loss of drivers in California. Mr. Espinoza stated that FRWDB had conversations internally regarding the possibility of losing drivers and that he would work with Kyle Hamilton, ETPL Coordinator, FRWDB, to gain clarity on the situation.

This was an information item.

4. **ValleyBuild Overview**

Ashley Matthews, Senior Special Projects Manager, FRWDB, spoke about the ValleyBuild Apprenticeship Readiness Program and the multiple grants that fund that project. Ms. Matthews provided a PowerPoint presentation that showed the regional performance progress for ValleyBuild's North, South, and Central regions.

In reference to the PowerPoint, Director Barnes asked what happened when enrollments were low, referring to Mother Load's enrollments. Ms. Matthews explained that modifications were made with funding, which resulted in the addition of the Oakhurst and Sonora cohorts to help increase enrollments.

Ms. Matthews shared that the newest project under ValleyBuild was the Disaster Recovery Program. The program brings some of the certifications from the Forestry Program and incorporates them into the Multi-Craft Core Curriculum (MC3) Program.

Director Hensley asked if there was any concern for the Workforce Development Boards (WDBs) not surviving budget cuts. Ms. Matthews stated she did not foresee any WDBs being in jeopardy. Mr. Konczal noted that it was essential to maintain relationships with the Building Trades Councils.

This was an information item.

5. **Greater Sierra Forestry Corps Overview**

Beatriz Lopez, Special Projects Manager, FRWDB, provided an overview of the Greater Sierra Forestry Corps, which included a PowerPoint presentation that showed the program's regional performance progress, and shared about events that happened in December 2025. Currently in progress were four (4) cohorts: Sonora, Oakhurst, Fresno, and Bakersfield.

Mr. Konczal noted that the YMCA at Camp Sequoia Lake had an existing Forest Management Plan, which allowed the Greater Sierra Forestry Corps trainees to get hands-on training.

Ms. Lopez shared participant highlights that all demonstrated the positive impact the Greater Sierra Forestry Corps had on their lives.

This was an information item.

6. **Adult and Young Adult Discretionary Grants Report**

Veronica McAlister, Associate Deputy Director, FRWDB, presented an overview of the Adult and Young Adult Discretionary grant funding. She reviewed the English Language Learner Integrated Education and Training (ELL-IET) Grant, Regional Equity and Recovery Partnerships (RERP) Grant, Prison to Employment (P2E) Grant, Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Corps Grant, One Fresno Youth Grant, Student Training and Employment Program (STEP) 2.0 Grant, and Growth Opportunities Grant.

In her overview, Ms. McAlister stated that the Growth Opportunities Grant would launch in spring 2026. She also pointed out that the STEP Year Two (2) Grant ended on December 31, 2025, but had rolled over to STEP Year Three (3). She explained that RERP, P2E, and STEP met their goals. ELL, and EMS Corps were on track to have their goals met. The One Fresno Youth Grant contract was extended by the City of Fresno, which allowed more people to be served.

Ms. McAlister highlighted two (2) grants: ELL-IET and EMS Corps. She stated that the ELL-IET Grant partnered with Valley ROP as a training provider, which had led to three (3) trainings: Certified Nursing Assistant, Wildland Firefighting, and Heavy Equipment Operator. Ms. McAlister also pointed out that the EMS Corps was in its first cohort and participants were scheduled to graduate in March.

This was an information item.

7. **Overview of Staff Trainings**

Mr. Espinoza presented an overview of trainings that had occurred in the Second Quarter, which included Compliance Guidance Part 2 for youth providers, FRWDB All Staff Conference, and Eligibility and Intake Procedures for Adult and Dislocated Worker providers. He also provided a list of upcoming staff trainings for the Third Quarter of PY 2025-2026.

This was an information item.

8. **Information Sharing**

There was no information shared by Council members.

9. **May 6, 2026, Agenda Items**

No items were added for the May 6, 2026, agenda.

10. **Meeting Feedback**

There was no meeting feedback provided.

Meeting adjourned at 5:02 p.m.

# FRESNO REGIONAL WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD

AGENDA ITEM:	2
MEETING DATE:	May 6, 2026
ACTION:	RECOMMEND TO ACCEPT

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**TO:** Skills Development Council  
**FROM:** Rebecca Moncivais, Monitoring Manager  
**SUBJECT:** Eligible Training Provider List Monitoring Report

## **RECOMMENDATION:**

Recommend that the Fresno Regional Workforce Development Board (FRWDB) accept the following Eligible Training Provider List (ETPL) Monitoring Report for the Third Quarter of Program Year 2025 – 2026.

## **REASON FOR RECOMMENDATION:**

FRWDB staff conducts monitoring of all ETPL providers to ensure compliance with federal, state, and local regulations and/or policies.

The attached table is an overview of the ETPL monitoring during the period of January 1, 2026, through March 31, 2026.

## **ATTACHMENT:**

Eligible Training Provider List Monitoring Report – Third Quarter, Program Year 2025-2026

## Eligible Training Provider List (ETPL) Monitoring Report

### Third Quarter, Program Year 2025-2026

Monitoring of the following schools was **completed** during the Third Quarter of Program Year (PY) 2025-2026:

School	State ID	Results
Clovis Adult Education	493	Observations: 1) Inconsistent grievance procedures 2) Unauthorized use of FRWDB branding Observations closed on 3/03/2026
Dental Assisting Institute	40	Observation: 1) Student files missing school acknowledgement forms Observation closed on 2/18/2026
Advanced Career Institute	13	No Findings

Monitoring of the following school was in **process** during the Third Quarter of PY 2025-2026:

School	State ID	Results
160 Driving Academy	8229	In Process

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AGENDA ITEM:	3
MEETING DATE:	May 6, 2026
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**TO:** Skills Development Council

**FROM:** Ryan McAlister, Senior Client Training Coordinator

**SUBJECT:** Individual Training Account Overview

**INFORMATION:**

This following report is for the period of July 1, 2025 – March 31, 2026.

Industry	Enrolled	Completed	Active	Total ITA Expenditures
Accounting, Tax Preparation, Bookkeeping, and Payroll	65	33	32	\$399,009.19
Administrative and Support Services	31	29	2	\$180,386.50
Arts, Entertainment and Recreation	1	1	0	\$7,965.00
Automotive Services	3	0	3	\$1,107.07
Construction	45	23	22	\$327,500.00
Contract Management	1	0	1	\$2,590.50
Energy	4	4	0	\$15,461.25
Health Care and Social Assistance	237	96	141	\$1,088,013.76
Information Service	34	26	8	\$176,049.75
Logging and Forestry	25	13	12	\$0
Manufacturing	43	25	18	\$410,055.50
Marketing Analysis Services	1	1	0	\$0
Transportation and Warehousing	53	46	7	\$95,267.25
<b>Totals</b>	<b>543</b>	<b>297</b>	<b>246</b>	<b>\$2,703,405.77</b>

**Enrolled:** Training activities that were open at some point during the period, regardless of the begin date of the activity.

**Completed:** Training activities that ended during the period.

**Active:** Training activities that were open as of March 31, 2026. This number includes unsuccessful completions as well.

**Expenditures:** Training costs invoiced as of March 31, 2026. Industries with no recorded costs had no invoices submitted during the report period.

The following chart is based on unique clients by gender as of March 31, 2026.

	Unique Clients by Gender		
	Male	Female	N/A
<b>Urban</b>	186	199	1
<b>Rural</b>	69	75	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>255</b>	<b>274</b>	<b>1</b>

The following chart shows urban and rural enrollments as of March 31, 2026.

	Total in Training	All Completed Training Activity	Active Training Activity	Total Unique Clients
<b>Urban</b>	396	214	182	386
<b>Rural</b>	147	83	64	144
<b>Urban &amp; Rural Total</b>	<b>543</b>	<b>297</b>	<b>246</b>	<b>530</b>

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**TO:** Skills Development Council  
**FROM:** Ashley Matthews, Senior Special Projects Manager  
**SUBJECT:** ValleyBuild Overview

## **INFORMATION:**

Competitive grant funding opportunities enable the Fresno Regional Workforce Development Board (FRWDB) to bring special workforce development projects to Fresno and surrounding counties. Through various funding sources, these projects aim to establish pathways to employment in Construction and support the development of a resilient workforce.

### **ValleyBuild**

To provide skilled training to unemployed, underemployed, and barriered individuals in the in-demand construction sector in partnership with 14 counties.

The ValleyBuild Apprenticeship Readiness Program consists of an intensive six (6)-week, full-time, Multi-Craft Core Curriculum (MC3) certified training in partnership with local Building Trade Councils providing hands-on skills training. Participants receive industry recognized certificates such as OSHA 10, CPR/First Aid, Forklift, and Hazardous Waste Awareness. Wrap-around job services such as physical training, resume development, mock interviewing, and supportive services are provided to ensure a high rate of employment for students upon graduation. Enhanced services include a three (3) to four (4)-week preparatory "Bootcamp" and eight (8)-week paid work experience, post MC3.

ValleyBuild currently operates under three (3) active grants:

### **ValleyBuild Non-Traditional Occupations for Women (NOW) State Earmark (Regional) \$3,000,000.00**

Purpose: The grant will support the expansion of the ValleyBuild NOW Program to serve low-income women and under-represented groups more effectively through specialized pre-apprenticeship training that will prepare them for careers in the building and construction trades by:

- Increasing opportunities for women and under-represented groups in the building and construction trades
- Adopting strategies that make participation in training possible for low-income women
- Supporting, encouraging, and coaching women throughout the apprenticeship phase of their new careers in construction

Target Population: Women and other under-represented populations in the construction sector.

Period of Performance: 04/01/2023 – 06/30/2026

Additional Deliverables:

- Hold two (2) annual conferences focusing on women in non-traditional work
- Create "Respectful Workplace" training for construction sector employer use

**Good Jobs Challenge (Local) \$1,807,382.48**

Purpose: The Fresno County Economic Development Corporation (EDC) was awarded funding in partnership with the Fresno K-16 Collaborative, San Joaquin Valley Manufacturing Alliance, Generation USA, Madera Workforce Development Board, and FRWDB under the Economic Development Administration's American Rescue Plan Good Jobs Challenge. \$23,015,216.00 was awarded to Fresno County EDC to fund the project in the Central Valley. Serving as the construction backbone of the project, the FRWDB was awarded \$1,807,382.48 in grant funds to expand career opportunities for Americans to reach their full potential and secure good-paying jobs. Specifically, this funding will support the expansion of the ValleyBuild program and will prepare jobseekers for careers in the building and construction trades.

Target Population: All

Period of Performance: 06/01/2023 - 09/30/2027

**High Roads Construction Careers (HRCC) – State Community College Center District (Local) \$204,148.00**

Purpose: FRWDB was awarded a \$204,148.00 contract under the State Center Community College District's HRCC Grant to support the ValleyBuild Project with additional staffing and outreach events, including a career fair, women's conference trip, and National Apprentice Week event.

Target Population: N/A

Period of Performance: 10/01/2024 – 09/30/2026

The following grants have been closed:

**High Road Construction Careers: Resilient Workforce Fund (Regional) \$8,825,127.00**

Purpose: The grant aims to advance careers in the building and construction trades as a reliable pathway to the middle class for disadvantaged Californians via multi-craft pre-apprenticeship training and promotes adoption of local hiring provisions in public construction contracts.

Target Population: Women, English Language Learners, Justice Involved, Youth, and under-resourced individuals.

Period of Performance: 06/01/2023 - 03/31/2026

Update: Grant has closed. Final invoicing due 04/20/2026 and closeout report due 04/30/2026.

**High Roads Training Partnership (HRTTP) – California Legacy Well Service (CLWS) (Regional) \$40,000.00**

Purpose: FRWDB was awarded a \$40,000.00 contract under the CLWS's HRTTP Grant to conduct four (4), one (1)-week supplemental well-capping training for the ValleyBuild Cohorts planned in Kern County. Students would then be eligible for direct hire and/or work experience with CLWS.

Target Population: N/A

Period of Performance: 07/19/2023 – 03/16/2026

Update: Grant has closed. One hundred percent (100%) of funds were spent and four (4) well-capping courses completed.

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**TO:** Skills Development Council  
**FROM:** Beatriz Lopez, Special Projects Manager  
**SUBJECT:** Greater Sierra Forestry Corps Overview

## **INFORMATION:**

Competitive grant funding opportunities enable the Fresno Regional Workforce Development Board to bring special workforce development projects to Fresno and surrounding counties. Through various funding sources, these projects aim to establish pathways to employment in Forestry and support the development of a resilient workforce.

### **Greater Sierra Forestry Corps**

Greater Sierra Forestry Corps (GSFC) is a partnership of private industry, workforce agencies, community colleges, organized labor, and environmental organizations committed to bringing additional resources to train new workers to deal with the ever-growing problem of dead and dying trees in the Greater Sierra. Partners include Mother Lode Job Training; Columbia College; Sierra Resource Management; Yosemite Adult School; Cal FIRE Local 2881; National Federation of Federal Employees: Forest Service Council 2995; Associated California Loggers; Sierra Pacific Industries; TuCare; Tuolumne River Trust; Yosemite Stanislaus Solutions; and Sierra Resource Conservation District.

The program consists of an intensive three (3)-phase 20-week, full-time training in partnership with the Local Conservation Corps and Adult Education providers delivering hands-on skills training. Participants receive industry recognized certificates listed below. Wraparound job services such as physical training, resume development, mock interviewing and supportive services are provided to ensure a high rate of employment for students upon graduation. Training time includes an eight (8)-week paid work experience.

Certifications:  
HAZWOPER-40  
OSHA-10  
First Aid/CPR

NWCG Certifications:  
S-212  
L-180  
S-190  
S-130  
FEMA-ICS-100  
FEMA-ICS-200  
FEMA-ICS-700  
FEMA-ICS-800

The Program Year 2025-2026, Third Quarter GSFC operated under the following two (2) grants:

**Cal Fire Round 2 (Regional) \$1,973,614.60**

Purpose: This funding will expand the GSFC model to provide valuable forestry training to 85 residents in Fresno County and the Mother Lode region, including but not limited to Amador, Calaveras, Mariposa, and Tuolumne counties.

Target Population: Adult, Dislocated Workers, and Young Adults

Period of Performance: March 22, 2023, through March 31, 2026

**High Road Training Partnership - Resilient Workforce Fund (Regional) \$2,500,000.00**

Purpose: The grant will support the development of a skilled workforce necessary to mitigate or adapt to climate disruption and environmental threats. Specifically, this funding will support the expansion of the GSFC program, a best practice model developed to recruit, train, provide work experience, and link local residents to quality entry-level jobs in the forestry sector.

Target Population: Adult, Dislocated Workers, and Young Adults

Period of Performance: June 1, 2023, through March 31, 2026

# FRESNO REGIONAL WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD

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**TO:** Skills Development Council

**FROM:** Veronica McAlister, Associate Deputy Director

**SUBJECT:** Adult and Young Adult Discretionary Grants Report

**INFORMATION:**

Competitive grant funding opportunities enable the Fresno Regional Workforce Development Board (FRWDB) to bring additional workforce development resources to Fresno and surrounding counties. Through various funding sources, these projects aim to establish pathways to employment in a variety of sectors and support the development of a resilient workforce. The Third Quarter Discretionary Grants Report will be shared with Council at the meeting.

**Discretionary Grants Overview**

Grant	Purpose	Grant End Date	Amount Awarded	Served to Date
English Language Learner Integrated Education and Training (ELL-IET)	Provides English language learners with integrated English as a Second Language (ESL) instruction and workforce training that leads to credentials and employment.	12/31/2026	\$3,330,000	150
Regional Equity and Recovery Partnerships (RERP)	Improves job quality and job access for people from under-served and under-represented populations.	12/31/2026	\$1,050,729	220
Prison 2 Employment (P2E)	Connects formerly incarcerated individuals to workforce services that support successful transition into employment.	6/30/2026	\$568,636	62
Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Corps	Prepares young adults for careers in emergency medical services through training, certification, and wrap-around services.	1/31/2027	\$1,270,000	43
One Fresno Youth Job Corps (YJCP)	Provides supportive services and individual support needed for employment.	12/31/2026	\$600,000	84
Student Training and Employment Program (STEP) 3.0	Offers paid work experience and subsidized employment to help participants build skills and transition to unsubsidized jobs.	12/31/2026	\$611,329	7
Growth Opportunities	Prepares justice-involved young adults for the world of work through education and training, paid work experience, mentorship, and leadership development.	8/31/2028	\$2,000,000	5

# FRESNO REGIONAL WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD

AGENDA ITEM: 7

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ACTION: INFORMATION

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**TO:** Skills Development Council  
**FROM:** Ryan McAlister, Senior Client Training Coordinator  
**SUBJECT:** Overview of Staff Trainings

## **INFORMATION:**

The list below shows trainings that occurred during the Third Quarter of Program Year (PY) 2025-2026. These trainings were made available for Fresno Regional Workforce Development Board staff, Provider staff, and partner staff.

1. January 28th – Eligible Training Provider List Training (Jose)
2. February 27th – De-Escalation Tactics (Jose)  
(For Adult/ Dislocated Worker Providers)
3. March 8th - Compliance Guidance Training (Rebecca)  
(For Adult/ Dislocated Worker Providers)

The following trainings have occurred or will be offered during the Fourth Quarter of PY 2025-2026:

4. April 2nd – Standardized the new IMAGO Soft Skills Workshops (All Providers)
5. May 14th & 21st (Fresno East & Fresno West locations) – Training on  
“Connecting with Youth & Managing Challenging Situations” (Youth)
6. May TBD – All Staff Rollout Workshops (All Providers)
7. June 19th – AI in Case Management (All Providers)