



Verdugo School To Career Coalition

A G E N D A January 27, 2021

The meeting will begin promptly at 9:30 A.M.

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- 9:30 am **Welcome and Introductions**
- 9:45 am **Approval of Minutes**
- October 28, 2020
- 9:50 am **Standing agenda items** (*report as needed*)
Career Pathway Programs
- Glendale Community College – Freddy Saucedo
 - Unified School Districts
 - GUSD – Narineh Makijan
 - BUSD – Sharon Cuseo, Diana Dysthe, Peggy Flynn
 - LCUSD – Gayle Nicholls-Ali
 - Burbank Adult School – Emilio Urioste
 - Employment Development Department – Nona Yegiazaryan
 - City of Burbank & Workforce Connection – Adriana Garcia
 - State Council on Developmental Disabilities – Julie Eby-McKenzie
 - Glendale Youth Alliance – Karine Grigoryan
 - Workability (GUSD) – Stephanie Kovach
 - Workability Interdisciplinary Advisory Committee (BUSD)—Linda Lindley
 - Department of Rehabilitation—Louis Melendez
 - LAP3—Judith Velasco and Karine Grigoryan
 - VWDB and VJC—Judith Velasco and Melissa Younesian
- 10:20 am **Public Comments, Other Business & Announcements**
- 10:30 am **Adjourn**

Verdugo School To Career Coalition
VSTCC MINUTES
October 28, 2020

MEMBERS PRESENT	Candace Lee (BAS), Diana Dysthe and Linda Lindley (BUSD), Emma Sanchez (GCC), Joylene Wagner (GEF), Stephanie Kovach and Narineh Makijan (GUSD), Eliza Dzhaneryan (GYA), Julie Eby-McKenzie (SCDD), Jesse Macareno (Volunteers of America)
VSTCC STAFF PRESENT	Judith Velasco and Diana Antonio (VWDB), Melissa Younesian (VJC)
CALL TO ORDER	The meeting was called to order at 9:35 a.m. via conference call by VJC Manager Melissa Younesian.
AGENDA	The agenda was approved as presented.
MINUTES	The August 26, 2020 minutes were reviewed and approved as presented. Emma Sanchez motioned to approve the minutes and Melissa Younesian seconded.

I. Introductions

- A. Chair Chris Lenz was not present for the meeting.
- B. Verdugo Jobs Center (VJC) Manager Melissa Younesian commenced the meeting and expressed appreciation for those attending.

II. Standing Agenda Items

- A. **Glendale Community College (GCC)** – Emma Sanchez reported that GCC has submitted an application for another round of Strong Workforce Program grant funds. The faculty received a presentation on the Evolution of Work which was arranged by the counselors. The business club and Professor Cardona held a business lecture on Business Careers in Space featuring Dr. Grey Autry, former NASA White House Liaison. Dr. Autry emphasized that aerospace is the future. Freddy Saucedo has been named Associate Dean at GCC.
- B. **Glendale Unified School District (GUSD)** – Narineh Makijan reported that GUSD successfully purchased and distributed individual kits for students to be able to complete projects at home. The culinary program at Glendale High School received donations in the form of baking packets; students virtually showed off their baked items. GUSD recently purchased tool kits and construction building materials for Rosemont’s Introduction to Construction class. Over 500 families and students joined the virtual College and Career, as well as over 98 colleges and representatives. GUSD was awarded two Strong Workforce Program grants for K-12. The first is focused on building robust internship programs and the second is for a cloud computing academy partnership with GCC.
- C. **Burbank Unified School District (BUSD)** – Diana Dysthe mentioned that BUSD is continuing with distance learning. GCC and LAVC dual enrollment courses will continue to be conducted through distance learning as well. BUSD is in communication GCC to add a Health 101 class and with LAVC to add a finance class. They are also

working with GCC to look into articulation argument for culinary and stage tech programs.

- D. **Burbank Adult School** – Candace Lee mentioned that BAS is working on reopening health classes in January. They are also looking to offer an electrician class in January.
- E. **State Council on Developmental Disabilities (SCDD)** – Julie Eby-McKenzie shared that the state worked with John Travolta’s brother, Joey Travolta on the film *Let’s Work!* The film will be screened on Friday, October 30; the flyer with the screening information will be emailed out to the attendees. Publications on the ABLE act will sent to the attendees via email as well; hard copies can be requested from SCDD.
- F. **Glendale Youth Alliance (GYA)** – Eliza Dzhanyan shared that GYA is recruiting for its STEPS, a program funded by the Department of Rehabilitation, for youth with disabilities. GYA is also recruiting for their In-School-Youth and Out-of-School youth programs; both programs have income eligibility guidelines.
- G. **Workability – GUSD** - Stephanie Kovach introduced herself. Ms. Kovach is replacing Rick Saunders whom retired over the summer.
- H. **Workability – BUSD** – Linda Lindley reported that they are rolling out virtual and web based activities.
- I. **Verdugo Workforce Development Board** – Judith Velasco mentioned that the VWDB is working on two federal requirements: the submission of a Local Plan of developing workforce programs in the community and the Career Services Application. Ms. Velasco acknowledged Jan Swinton, who will retire at the end of the year. Ms. Swinton has been instrumental in advancing Career Education and one of the founders of the VSTCC.
- J. **Verdugo Jobs Center (VJC)** – Melissa Younesian reported that funding is available to provide training services to individuals with disabilities. Anyone over the age of 18 can be referred to this program. The VJC has COVID special grants available for supportive service assistance or training.
- K. **Volunteer of America (VOA)** – Jesse Macareno shared that the VOA has a program for youth ages 16-21. Wrap around services are linked to employment, housing, and emergency services in Boyle Heights.

III. Announcements: None

IV. Adjournment: 10:28 am