

COMMITTEE ON CITYWORKFORCE ALIGNMENT

Draft Minutes of
April 29, 2026
War Memorial Veterans Building, Green Room, 2nd Floor
San Francisco, CA 94102

**CCWA
Voting Members
Present**

Anne Taupier, OEWD
Jessica Campos, HRC
Anna Pineda, HSA
Ben Poole, PUC
Julia Ma, DHR
Kara Tuiasosopo, DPH
Warren Hill, DPW
Kifer Hu, Self-Help for the Elderly
Ruth Barajas, Mission Language and
Vocational School
Edwin Arango, Young Community
Developers

**CCWA
Additional Members
Present**

Christina Robinson, DHR

CCWA Staff Present

Chad Houston, Chair
Tai Seals-Jackson, Secretary
Jen Hand, OEWD
Miriam Palma-Trujillo, OEWD
Jennifer Salerno, OEWD

**CCWA Members
Absent**

Taras Madison, APD
Anthony Travis, Northern California
District Council of Laborers
Sherrice Dorsey-Smith, DCYF
Anthony Bush, HSH
Tiffany Jackson, Hospitality House

**Ohlone Land
Acknowledgement,
Announcements &
Housekeeping
(Discussion Item)**

Chair Houston, Director of Workforce Strategy for the City and County of San Francisco, called the meeting to order at 9:13 a.m. Secretary Tai Seals-Jackson (OEWD) opened the meeting by reciting the Ohlone Land Acknowledgement and reviewing housekeeping rules.

**Roll Call
(Discussion Item)**

Chair Houston requested that Secretary Seals-Jackson conduct the roll call. Secretary Seals-Jackson confirmed that a quorum was not initially present; however, quorum was achieved at 9:30 a.m., and the committee resumed action items following the conclusion of the Committee on City Workforce Alignment Agency Updates.

**Chair's Welcome
(Discussion Item)**

Chair Houston welcomed Committee members and the public to the meeting and noted that the discussion would focus on agency updates. Chair Houston also thanked OEWD staff for their preparation and support of the meeting.

**Adoption of the
Agenda
(Action Item)**

As there was no quorum at the outset of the meeting, this item was skipped and returned to after Agency Updates. Chair Houston solicited comments on the agenda from CCWA members. Seeing none, Chair Houston requested a motion to adopt the meeting agenda. Member Poole made the motion, which was

seconded by Member Taupier and passed unanimously.

Approval of the Minutes from January 28th, 2026
(Action Item)

As there was no quorum at the outset of the meeting, this item was skipped and returned to after Agency Updates. Chair Houston directed CCWA members to review the minutes from January 28th, 2026. Next, Chair Houston solicited comments from CCWA Members. Seeing none, Chair Houston requested a motion to approve the minutes. Member Campos made the motion which was seconded by Member Pineda. The motion passed unanimously.

Committee on City Workforce Alignment – Agency Updates
(Discussion Item)

Chair Houston introduced Agenda Item #6, noting that the item provided an opportunity for departments and Committee members to share updates on workforce-related activities and priorities.

Office of Economic and Workforce Development (OEWD)

Anne Taupier, Executive Director of the Office of Economic and Workforce Development. OEWD reported a \$10M budget reduction and elimination of 19 positions, emphasizing efforts to preserve direct services and program continuity. The department reaffirmed its commitment to workforce system coordination and clarified no plans to merge with HSA. Workforce procurement awards are expected in early May.

Human Rights Commission (HRC)

Member Campos shared updates on Opportunities for All, launching June 22, with over 2,000 applications and expanded youth pathways through cross-agency partnerships.

Human Services Agency (HSA)

Member Pineda highlighted upcoming CalFresh and Medi-Cal work requirements, noting increased demand for workforce services. The department also launched a mobile benefits unit and relocated its primary service center.

Department of Human Resources (DHR)

Member Ma reported on internship partnerships and transition support for impacted City employees. The department noted reduced hiring but continued promotion of workforce resources and apprenticeship pathways.

Public Utilities Commission (PUC)

Member Poole shared updates on workforce events focused on trades access and barrier reduction, and ongoing implementation of its Project Pull internship program.

Department of Public Health (DPH)

Member Tuiasosopo reported expansion of internship and fellowship programs, along with efforts to improve access, coordination, and data tracking across the department.

Public Works (DPW)

Member Hill highlighted continued investment in apprenticeship and pre-apprenticeship programs and upcoming workforce RFPs in partnership with community-based organizations.

Self-Help for the Elderly (SHE)

Member Hu noted federal funding uncertainty but continued workforce training efforts, particularly in healthcare and caregiving sectors.

Young Community Developers (YCD)

YCD reported increased outreach, ongoing training programs, and positive participant outcomes, alongside continued program recruitment and expansion.

Mission Language and Vocational School (MLVS)

Member Barajas shared updates on youth workforce programming serving approximately 60 participants across multiple career pathways.

Hearing no questions, comments, or updates, Chair Houston closed Agenda Item #6 and moved the Committee to Agenda Item #7.

Opportunities for Partnership and Collaboration

(Discussion Item)

Chair Houston opened the floor for partnership and collaboration updates, a regular feature at the end of meetings to encourage members to share ongoing projects, events, or initiatives.

Hearing no additional updates, Chair Houston thanked members for sharing partnership and collaboration opportunities and then invited general public comment.

Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items

(Discussion Item)

Chair Houston opened the meeting for public comment on any agenda or non-agenda items. Secretary Seals- Jackson provided remarks on the importance of the committee and provided guidance on the public comment process. Member Barajas acknowledged her remarks.

A member of the public raised concerns regarding equitable access to workforce resources for African American communities and the Bayview neighborhood and emphasized the need for deeper community engagement. Seeing no further public comments in the Zoom chat or in-person, Chair Houston closed public comment.

Adjournment

(Action Item)

Chair Houston thanked Committee members, staff, and participants for their engagement and contributions. Chair Houston announced that the next Committee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, July 29, at 9:00 a.m., at the War Memorial.

Seeing no further comments, Chair Houston called for a motion to adjourn. Member Poole offered a motion to adjourn, which was seconded by Member Travis. The vote was unanimous, and the meeting adjourned at 10:07 A.M