



CONTRA COSTA COUNTY

AGENDA

Economic Opportunity Council

Tuesday, April 1, 2025

10:00 AM

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Concord | Zoom:

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Executive Subcommittee Meeting

Agenda Items: Items may be taken out of order based on the business of the day and preference of the Committee

1. Call to Order and Welcome
2. Public comment on any item under the jurisdiction of the Committee and not on this agenda (speakers may be limited to two minutes).
3. REVIEW and APPROVE the EOC Executive Committee Minutes of March 5, 2025. [25-1142](#)
Attachments: [EOC Exec Committee Meeting Minutes - DRAFT- 3-5-25](#)
4. REVIEW and APPROVE the EOC Business Meeting Minutes of March 13, 2025. [25-1143](#)
Attachments: [EOC Business Meeting Minutes of 3-13-2025 - DRAFT](#)
5. REVIEW and APPROVE the Agenda for the April 10, 2025 EOC Business Meeting. [25-1144](#)
Attachments: [Proposed Agenda Items for 4-10-25 EOC Meeting](#)
6. Next Steps
7. *Meeting Evaluation*

The next meeting is currently scheduled for May 7 at 10 am.

8. Adjourn

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1025 ESCOBAR STREET
MARTINEZ, CA 94553

Staff Report

File #: 25-1142

Agenda Date: 4/2/2025

Agenda #: 3.

Advisory Board: Economic Opportunity Council Executive Committee

Subject: REVIEW and APPROVE the EOC Executive Committee Minutes of March 5, 2025.

Presenter: Victor Tiglao

Contact: Christina Castle-Barber 925-608-8819

Information:

REVIEW and APPROVE the EOC Executive Committee Minutes of March 5, 2025.



CONTRA COSTA COUNTY

Committee Meeting Minutes

Economic Opportunity Council

Wednesday, March 5, 2025

10:00 AM

1470 Civic Court, Suite 200, Room 221,
Concord |

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Executive Committee

Agenda Items: Items may be taken out of order based on the business of the day and preference of the Committee

1. Roll Call and Introductions

Staff Present: Roshunda Ward and Christina Castle-Barber
Meeting was called to order by Chair Medlen at 10:06 am.

2. Public comment on any item under the jurisdiction of the Committee and not on this agenda (speakers may be limited to two minutes).

No members of the public present.

3. APPROVE the EOC Executive Committee Minutes of 2-5-2025.

A motion was made by Tiglao, seconded by Lopez, to approve the EOC Executive Committee Minutes of 2-5-25. The motion carried by the following vote: unanimous.

Motion: Tiglao

Second: Lopez

4. APPROVE the EOC Business Meeting Minutes of 2-13-2025.

A motion was made by Lopez, seconded by Tiglao, to approve the EOC Business Meeting Minutes for 2-13-25. The motion carried by the following vote: unanimous.

Motion: Lopez

Second: Tiglao

5. APPROVE the Agenda for the 3-13-2025 EOC Business Meeting.

A motion was made by Lopez, seconded by Tiglao, to approve the agenda for the 3-13-25 Business Meeting. The motion carried by the following vote: unanimous.

Motion: Lopez

Second: Tiglao

6. Next Steps

Christina to revise attendance sheet for Public Hearings to ask for first name and last initial only.

7. Meeting Evaluation

Quick!

The next meeting is currently scheduled for April 2, 2025 at 10 am.

8. Adjourn

Meeting was adjourned by Chair Medlen at 10:20 am.

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1025 ESCOBAR STREET
MARTINEZ, CA 94553

Staff Report

File #: 25-1143

Agenda Date: 4/2/2025

Agenda #: 4.

Advisory Board: Economic Opportunity Council Executive Committee

Subject: REVIEW and APPROVE the EOC Business Meeting Minutes of March 13, 2025.

Presenter: Victor Tiglao

Contact: Christina Castle-Barber 925-608-8819

Information:

REVIEW and APPROVE the EOC Business Meeting Minutes of March 13, 2025.



CONTRA COSTA COUNTY

Committee Meeting Minutes

Economic Opportunity Council

Thursday, March 13, 2025

6:00 PM

1470 Civic Court, Suite 200, Room 207,

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1. Call to Order and Welcome

Chair Medlen called the meeting to order at 6:04 pm.

Staff Present: Christina Castle-Barber, Roshunda Ward, Melissa Molina, Michael Morris, and Ayalew Lidete

Public Present: Monisha Merchant on Zoom

2. Public comment on any item under the jurisdiction of the Committee and not on this agenda (speakers may be limited to two minutes).

There were no public comments.

3. APPROVE the February 13, 2025 EOC Business Meeting Minutes.

A motion was made by Zeimer, seconded by Kaushal, to approve the Minutes of 2-13-2025 as presented. The motion carried by the following vote: Unanimous.

Motion: Zeimer

Second: Kaushal

4. RECEIVE the Fiscal Report for January 2025 for CSBG Grant 24F-3307 with three amendments.

Morris presented the fiscal report and stated that we are on track to spend down our grant. Roshunda shared that all demands are in and the subcontractors have expended 100% of their funds.

This Fiscal Report was received.

5. RECEIVE Advocacy Day Updates and APPROVE list of legislation for which to advocate.

Castle-Barber shared the list of state legislators for Contra Costa County along with the constituents that will be attending Advocacy Day. Still waiting to schedule two legislators. Castle-Barber shared the following legislation for consideration by EOC: AB 249 - Ramos, AB722- Avila-Farias, AB986 - Lee, SB 18 - Rubio, SB 33- Cortese, SB 411 Perez, AB736

-Wicks, and SB 417 - Cabaldon.

A motion was made by Lopez, seconded by Lafrades, to approve the advocating for SB 411 (Stop Child Hunger Act of 2025), AB 249 (Youth Specific Housing), and AB 722 (reentry housing). The motion carried by the following vote: unanimous.

Motion: Lopez

Second: Lafrades

6. RECEIVE update on the GRIP and Loaves and Fishes Public Hearings.

Ward presented the GRIP Public Hearing results and the group that attended the one at Loaves and Fishes shared their experience and deep gratitude to Loaves and Fishes for providing an extra dinner and outdoor set up after their building flooded.

This Public Hearing Report was received.

7. RECEIVE presentation on the Key Findings from the 2025 Community Assessment.

Lidete gave a presentation based on the Key Findings from our 2025 Community Assessment. Castle-Barber explained that this data, paired with the results of the four listening sessions (public hearings), will be used to chose priorities for the Community Action Plan next month.

The Key Findings from the 2025 Community Assessment was received.

8. DISCUSS and APPROVE the 2026-27 Community Action mission and vision statements.

Castle-Barber reviewed the current vision and mission and shared examples of other statements. For the mission statement, the EOC preferred to use language about investing in the community rather than empowering. Focus on return on investment for addressing the root causes of poverty through funding and partnerships. The EOC liked the staff prompt for the vision statement and preferred to delete the word "creating" at the beginning. It was agreed that Castle-Barber will send out reworked vision and mission statement by email and will collect all input for consideration and approval at the April meeting. Thus, the approval was tabled.

This approval of the vision and mission statement was tabled to next month.

9. Staff Report

Castle-Barber gave a Head Start update. Molina gave an update on the Make Parenting a Pleasure training coming up and also gave instructions to the members that are attending Advocacy Day with respect to their travel arrangements and a reminded to keep all receipts to get reimbursed.

10. Chair Report

Medlen reminded all to call their federal legislators daily!

11. EOC Member Reports

No reports.

12. Next Steps

Molina will send out Lidete's presentation to the group and Castle-Barber will send out reworked mission and vision statements. Tiglaio will work on talking points for the legislative visits and will send by March 27.

The next meeting is currently scheduled for April 10 at 6pm..

13. Adjourn

Chair Medlen adjourned the meeting at 7:48 pm.

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Staff Report

File #: 25-1144

Agenda Date: 4/2/2025

Agenda #: 5.

Advisory Board: Economic Opportunity Council Executive Committee

Subject: REVIEW and APPROVE the Agenda for the April 10, 2025 EOC Business Meeting.

Presenter: Christina Castle-Barber

Contact: 925-608-8819

Information:

REVIEW and APPROVE the Agenda for the April 10, 2025 EOC Business Meeting.

PROPOSED EOC AGENDA FOR APRIL 10, 2025

1. Call To Order/Welcome
2. Public Comment
3. **ACTION:** Approval of the EOC Business Meeting Minutes of 3-13-25
4. Receive February Fiscal Reports for CSBG Grant #24F-3007, including Amendments
5. RECEIVE update on final feedback from Public Hearings
6. RECEIVE update on Advocacy Day
7. **ACTION:** Approve Community Action Plan Priorities and Vision and Mission Statements
8. **ACTION:** Approve plan for Community Action Month presentation at the 5-20-25 Board of Supervisors Meeting.
9. Staff Report
10. Chair Report
11. EOC Member Reports
12. Next Steps
13. Evaluated the Meeting
14. Adjourn