

**ADVISORY COUNCIL ON EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY
(ACEEO)**

**Leonard Ramirez, Chair
DeVonn Powers, Vice Chair**

Meeting Minutes

August 23, 2024

1. Introductions/Call to Order- 09:34 a.m.

DeVonn Powers called the meeting to order.

Present: Amrita Kaur (Management Member Seat #2), DeVonn Powers (Business Member Seat), Lara DeLaney (Management Member Seat #1), Lauren Traylor (Community Member Seat #2), Nikki Lopez (Disability Seat), Roosevelt Gipson Jr. (Education Member Seat), Antoine Wilson (staff) and Kiara Allen (staff)

Guest Speaker: Joshua Zebley (Veterans Services Office)

Absent: Eric Maldonado (Community Member Seat #3), Leonard Ramirez (Veteran's Seat), Lynette Hart (Community Member Seat #4)

Guests: Clearnise Bullard, Rameet Kohli (via Zoom), John Hurlbut, Oravanh Thammassen (via Zoom)

2. Public Comment

- All visitors in attendance introduced themselves.

3. (Informational) Guest Speaker: Joshua Zebley

- Discussion on outreach plans by Veterans Office being difficult to reach targeted audience. Current outreach method is word-of-mouth.
- Many benefits are unused by older generations veterans in the County. There is a low percentage of homeless veterans in the County compared to neighboring counties.
- In 1 month, 950 veterans were seen by 16 workers across 3 locations (Brentwood, Danville, and San Pablo). The majority were seen in person by walk-ins/appointments, while a small amount were seen by virtual appointments.

4. (Action Item) Review and Approve for July 26, 2024, Minutes

- There was a motion by Lara to approve the July 26, 2024, Minutes. All in favor, none opposed. The July 26, 2024, Minutes were approved.

5. (Informational) Update on Veterans Affairs project

- Tabled until next meeting.

6. (Informational) Discuss Future of Expiring Member Seats

- Discussion on what to do for expiring seats. If wanting to renew seat when term is up, resubmitting the application to the Clerk of the Board dictating renewal is required. The final decisions will be made by October meeting.

7. (Informational) Equity Team Update Labor/Trade

- Recommended motion to update Labor-Trade seat to Business Seat was presented to the Equity Committee. The motion was denied. The Equity Committee suggested to look at alternatives to

advertise the vacant seat to reach more people. Therefore, the seat name will remain as Labor-Trade until further notice.

8. (Informational) Review Member Training Certifications

- Training certifications to be completed and turned in as soon as possible for members who have not yet completed.

9. (Informational) Roundtable Discussion/Public Comment

- Interested guests wanting to join are asked to attend at least 2 meetings just to make sure that they are fully interested.
- Guests informed of the mission statement and purpose of ACEEO. Some guests expressed interest in open seats, but to make decision in October meeting.

10. Adjourn

- The next ACEEO meeting will be on September 27, 2024.
Adjourn: The meeting adjourned at 10:36 a.m.