



COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

For the meeting of: 1/9/2024

File #: 24-12

To: Board of Supervisors
From: County Administrative Office
Agenda Section: Consent

Vote Requirement: Majority

SUBJECT:

New Appointments to the Humboldt County Workforce Development Board

RECOMMENDATION(S):

That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Review the attached membership application from Lisa Gaetje and Aaron Sweat (attachments 1 and 2); and
2. Appoint Lisa Gaetje and Aaron Sweat to the Humboldt County Workforce Development Board (HCWDB) for a two-year term effective immediately pursuant to HCWDB Bylaws.

SOURCE OF FUNDING:

Economic Development (1120)

DISCUSSION:

The Humboldt County Workforce Development Board (HCWDB) is an advisory board to the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors and is required by the Workforce Investment Opportunity Act (WIOA) to oversee Humboldt's workforce system and funding opportunities. The mission of the HCWDB is to offer resources that meet employer and employee needs for the county's continued prosperity. Under WIOA law, HCWDB must be composed of certain public agencies and labor unions, including but not limited to private sector businesses, community-based organizations providing workforce services, and vocational rehabilitation.

On Nov. 17, 2023, the HCWDB unanimously approved the applications Lisa Gaetje and Aaron Sweat for board membership which helps the board retain its compliance to WIOA law. The appointment of Lisa Gaetje diversifies the higher learning representation while appointing Aaron Sweat fulfills the underrepresented private business section of the Board.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

There are no financial impacts by appointing these two individuals to the HCWDB.

STAFFING IMPACT:

There is no impact to staffing by appointing these two individuals to the HCWDB.

STRATEGIC FRAMEWORK:

This action supports the following areas of your Board's Strategic Framework.

Core Roles: Support business, workforce development and creation of private-sector jobs

New Initiatives: Engage in discussions of our regional economic future

Strategic Plan: 3.1 - Improve the economy of Humboldt County

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

N/A

ALTERNATIVES TO STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

Your Board may choose not to appoint these individuals and instead direct the HCWDB to conduct an additional search for applicants. This action is not recommended as these applicants have already been vetted through the appropriate process as directed by HCWDB Bylaws and approved by the HCWDB.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Lisa Gaetje Application
2. Aaron Sweat Application

PREVIOUS ACTION/REFERRAL:

Board Order No.: N/A

Meeting of: N/A

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