



COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

For the meeting of: 7/7/2026

File #: 26-696

To: Board of Supervisors

From: Clerk of the Board

Agenda Section: Consent

Vote Requirement: Majority

SUBJECT:

Reappointments to the Humboldt County Workforce Development Board

RECOMMENDATION(S):

That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Ratify the Humboldt County Workforce Development Board re-appointments of Chris Albright, Leslie Castellano, Lee Cunningham, Madison Flynn, Cody Freitas, Kevin Lennox, Dennis Leonardi, Shelley Nilsen, Cedar Reuben, Treston Shull, Aaron Sweat, Tanya Trump, Ashley Vellis and Kerry Venegas to the Humboldt County Workforce Development Board for a term of two years effective immediately, in accordance with the Humboldt County Workforce Development Board Bylaws (Attachment 1); and
2. Ratify the nominations to the Humboldt County Workforce Development Board Executive Committee of Chair, Shelley Nilsen; Vice Chair, Kerry Venegas; At-large General Seat, Madison Flynn; At-Large General Seat, Dennis Leonardi; At-large Higher Education Seat, Amber Cavanaugh; At-large Business Seat, Daniel Dixon; At-large Labor Seat, Cody Freitas; and At-large General Seat, Lee Cunningham; and
3. Ratify the resignation from the Humboldt County Workforce Development Board of Scott Thompson.

STRATEGIC PLAN:

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

Area of Focus: Workforce & Operational Excellence

Strategic Plan Category: 3001 - Support a well-trained workforce

DISCUSSION:

The purpose of the Humboldt County Workforce Development Board is to bring together resources to meet employer and employee needs and advance the prosperity of local communities. This Board is appointed by the Board of Supervisors and is mandated by the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) to oversee workforce system operations and related funding in Humboldt County.

WIOA requires that certain public agencies and labor organizations appoint members to the Humboldt County Workforce Development Board. WIOA also mandates that at least 51% of the Board's membership comes from the private sector and that the Chair be a representative of the business community.

The Humboldt County Workforce Development Board received and approved the attached reappointments, nominations, resignations and appointment for Fiscal Year 25-26 at its May 16, 2025 meeting.

The Humboldt County Workforce Development Board new reappointments are as follows:

- Chris Albright
- Leslie Castellano
- Lee Cunningham
- Madison Flynn
- Cody Freitas
- Kevin Lennox
- Dennis Leonardi
- Shelley Nilsen
- Cedar Reuben
- Treston Shull
- Aaron Sweat
- Tanya Trump
- Ashley Vellis
- Kerry Venegas

The Humboldt County Workforce Development Board Executive Committee nominated:

- Chair, Shelley Nilsen
- Vice Chair, Kerry Venegas
- At-large General Seats, Madison Flynn and Dennis Leonardi
- At-large Higher Education Seat, Amber Cavanaugh
- At-large Business Seat, Daniel Dixon
- At-large Labor Seat, Cody Freitas
- At-large General Seat (Chair Appointed), Lee Cunningham

The Humboldt County Workforce Development Board resignations are as follows:

- Scott Thompson

The proposed nominations, reappointments and resignations are consistent with the Humboldt County Workforce Development Board Bylaws.

SOURCE OF FUNDING:

Economic Development (1120) Workforce (287)

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

There is no financial impact to this agenda item.

STAFFING IMPACT:

There is no impact to staff.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

None

ALTERNATIVES TO STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

Board discretion

ATTACHMENTS:

2026-2027 Reappointments and Resignations
2026-2027 Executive Committee Nominations

PREVIOUS ACTION/REFERRAL:

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