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## FORUM COMMITTEE MEETING Minutes

Chairperson Paul Von Berg  
Wednesday, February 3, 2021

### I. Call to Order/Roll Call

Meeting was called to order at 3:01p.m.

Present: Paul Von Berg, Jack Buckhorn, Larry Hopkins, Chip Martin, and DAS Chief Eric Rood

Absent: Christopher Christophersen, Nick Esquivel, and Susan Anderson

### II. Review/approve previous Minutes

A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes from December 2, 2020. The minutes were approved as submitted.

### III. Discussions and suggestions on future Forum topics.

- DAS Chief Eric Rood stated that the Forum speaker scheduled for the CAC meeting tomorrow is from the Equal Rights Advocates. The Equal Rights Advocates fights for gender justice in workplaces and schools across the country. Since 1974. They have been fighting on the front lines of social justice to protect and advance rights and opportunities for women, girls, and people of all gender identities through groundbreaking legal cases and bold legislation that sets the stage for the rest of the nation.

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- DAS Chief Eric Rood discussed the new agency that is being developed Department of Better Jobs and Higher Wages. The Governor’s budget for 2021-22 proposes to consolidate state workforce programs under a new Department of Better Jobs and Higher Wages. Specifically, the Governor proposes to consolidate employment, training, and data collection services currently conducted at various entities—workforce services at the Employment Development Department (EDD), workforce training at the California Workforce Development Board, apprenticeship programs at the Division of Apprenticeship Standards within the Department of Industrial Relations, and employer-sponsored training programs at the Employment Training Panel. Currently, these entities all reside within the state’s Labor and Workforce Development Agency, which integrates policy to align the state’s workforce programs.
- Discussed the Department of Better Jobs and Higher Wages as a possible topics for next quarter.
- Discussed a Forum on RSI and Distance Learning during this Covid-19 pandemic once mission critical documents are approved through the Chancellors office.
- Commissioner Yvonne De La Pena shared information on a presentation that she attended on the importance of getting the Covid-19 Vaccine.
- Discussed ability to approve regulations with the CAC or a speaker on Rulemaking and best practices. This could possibly be a study session. Suggested that the Standards, Rules, Regulations & Operating Procedures committee review this possible topic.

All approved the motion as submitted.

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IV. Other Items of Interest

- None

V. Adjournment

- Meeting Adjourned at 3:23p.m.