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**SPECIAL PROJECTS COMMITTEE MEETING**

**Monday, July 15, 2024**

**10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.**

**In-person and online via Zoom**

**MINUTES**

**MEMBERS:**

Keith DeMello, Committee Chair, Vice President of Communications & External Affairs, Ulupono Initiative

Dion Dizon, Vice Chair, Business Representative, International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers

David Rodriguez, State's Equal Opportunity Officer, Director's Office, Dept of Labor and Industrial Relations

**GUEST:**

Cary Miyashiro, President, Quad D Solutions LLC

Lea Dias, Administrator, Division of Vocational Rehabilitation, Department of Human Services

Tui Scanlan, President, International Association of Stage and Theater Employees (IASTE) Mixed Local 665

Irish Barber, IATSE 665

Kevin Aki, Jr., Hawaii County Workforce Development Board

Claire Carroll, Maui AJC

Andrea Gaines, Oahu AJC

Lyndon Redona, Job Resource Specialist, City & County of Hawaii

Denise Pacheco, DLIR, Workforce Development Division Hilo

Rossella Guardascione, Director of Human Resources, Kona Beach Hotel

Dane Wicker, DBEDT

Cristal Garan, WorkHawaii

Roxsana Okuna, WorkHawaii

Leina'ala Nakamura, Administrator, WorkHawaii Division, Dept of Community Services, City & County of Honolulu

Doug Adams, Director, Hawaii County Research & Development Management

Nalani Brun, Kauai, DBEDT

Matt Stevens, Executive Director, Hawaii Workforce Funders Collaborative

Carla Kurokawa, Manager, Employment and Training, Alu Like, Inc.

Daven Kawamura, Oahu Workforce Development Board

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Cathy Ledered, AFL-CIO  
Michele Rigo, Kauai Office of Economic Development  
Mark Menard, Business Services Coordinator, American Job Center, City and County of Honolulu  
Nisa Tokunaga, Manager, Dept of Community Services - WorkHawaii Youth Program, City and County Honolulu AJC  
Tamber Miller-Garcia, Supervisor, American Job Center Hawaii, WorkHawaii Division  
Dan Miyamoto, Adult Education, Department of Education

**STAFF:**

Bennette Misalucha, Executive Director, Workforce Development Council  
Kevin Kimizuka, Maui Branch Manager, Workforce Development Division

- I. Call to Order**  
Video [00:07:39] Committee meeting was called to order at 10:02 a.m. by Chair Keith DeMello
- II. Approval of Minutes**  
Video [00:17:45] by Chair Keith DeMello. Cary Miyashiro motioned for approval, Rossella Guardascione seconded. Minutes unanimously approved.
- III. A Presentation on the American Job Centers current performance statewide, the status of PY 2022 expenditures for local funds (including American Job Centers) and the projected amount to be returned to the State for PY 2022 (Recaptured funds)**  
Video [00:19:48] by local area directors/managers
- IV. Roundtable Discussion**  
Video [00:36:40] Facilitated by Chair Keith DeMello and Vice Chair Dion Dizon
- V. Executive Director's Report**  
Video [01:34:18] by Executive Director Bennette Misalucha
- VI. Announcements and Constituent Comments**  
Video [01:38:03] No announcements or comments
- VII. Next Meeting**  
Video [01:38:47] The next meeting is scheduled for October 22, 2024, at 1:00 p.m.
- VIII. Adjournment**  
Video [01:39:10] Chair Keith DeMello adjourned the meeting at 11:34 a.m.