

**JOB TRAINING INCENTIVE PROGRAM  
MONTHLY BOARD MEETING**

**Virtual Meeting**

**MEETING SUMMARY of September 13, 2024**

**ATTENDEES:**

**Board Members**

Sara Gutierrez, Acting Board Chair  
Monica Sandoval-Johnson, STEM Boomerang  
Kelley Allen, OPEIU Local 251  
Michelle Doran, DWS  
Marcos Martinez, PED  
Kathleen Sena, HED  
Denise Ojeda, PED

**Board Members Absent**

Sara Gutierrez, EDD Deputy Division Director  
Marc Duske, NM PED

**JTIP Staff Present**

Patrick Gannon, JTIP Program Manager  
Lynette King, JTIP Program Administrator

**Guests**

Peter Wegner – BlackVe, CEO  
Jim Kunz – Mega Corp. Inc, President  
Christina Hurley – Mega Corp. Inc, HR Specialist  
Michal Charles – Sceye, Inc., HR Business Partner  
Pierce Runnels – Geobrug North America, General Manager  
Chris Gonzales – Gonzo Family Farms, CEO  
Daniel Simon – Gonzo Family Farms, COO  
Jason Kirkman – Tumbleroot Brewing LLC., Co-Founder  
Angela Smith Kirkman – Paseo Pottery, Owner  
Michelle Fraumeni – Kairos Power, LLC. Human Resources Manager  
John Stuecker – Robocasting Enterprises, Vice President  
Candice Lee – Sage Botanicals, Owner  
Samantha Brendible – Franklin Mountain Packaging, Special Projects

**I. Introductions**

The meeting convened at 9:00 am. The introduction of the board and staff followed.

**II. Approval of the Agenda**

A motion to approve the agenda was made by Kathleen Sena and seconded by Marcos Martinez. Motion passed unanimously.

### **III. Consideration of Proposals and Amendments**

#### **a) BlackVe, Inc. – (Amendment)**

*The company is requesting \$98,384.00 for 2 trainees. The positions are high wage jobs and are eligible for an additional 5% reimbursement.*

A motion to approve this request was made by Kelley Allen and seconded by Marcos Martinez. Motion passed unanimously.

#### **b) Mega Corp. Inc. - (Amendment) –**

*The company is requesting \$30,160.00 for 2 trainees. Mega Corp is requesting funds to add two Mechanical Engineers.*

A motion to approve this request was made by Marcos Martinez and seconded by Denise Ojeda. Motion passed unanimously.

#### **c) Sceye, Inc – (Amendment)**

*The company is requesting \$40,090.96 for 1 trainee. Sceye is requesting funds to add one Mechanical Engineer.*

A motion to approve this request was made by Kelley Alleyn and seconded by Marcos Martinez. Motion passed unanimously.

#### **d) STEM Boomerang – Step-Up**

*The company is requesting \$49,000.00 for 25 trainees. STEM Boomerang aims to address New Mexico’s workforce recruitment challenges by providing a training program aimed at helping businesses develop successful recruitment strategies to grow and retain their workforce. The training program is designed for representatives from New Mexico-based companies (senior leadership, HR representatives and managers) who experience challenges in recruiting for open positions.*

A motion to approve this request was made by Kathleen Sena and seconded by Denise Ojeda. Motion passed unanimously.

#### **e) Geobrugg North America**

*This is Geobrugg’s first JTIP application. The company is requesting \$410,890.00*

*for 25 trainees. These positions are high-wage jobs and are eligible for an additional 5% reimbursement.*

A motion to approve this request was made by Monica Sandoval - Johnson and seconded by Marcos Martinez. Motion passed unanimously.

**f) Gonzo Family Farms**

*This is Gonzo Family Farms first JTIP application. The company is requesting \$206,988.00 for 19 trainees. The Production Manager and Assistant Production Manager positions are high wage jobs and are eligible for an additional 5% reimbursement.*

A motion to approve this request was made by Marcos Martinez and seconded by Kathleen Sena. Motion passed unanimously.

**g) Tumbleroot Brewing, LLC.**

*The company is requesting \$18,098.00 for 2 trainees. Tumbleroot Brewing, LLC has been approved for JTIP funds on previous occasions.*

A motion to approve this request was made by Kelley Allen and seconded by Denise Ojeda. Motion passed unanimously.

**h) Paseo Pottery**

*The company is requesting \$22,370.00 for 2 trainees. Paseo Pottery has been approved for JTIP funds on two previous occasions.*

A motion to approve this request was made by Marcos Martinez and seconded by Kelley Allen. Motion passed unanimously.

**i) Kairos Power LLC.**

*The company is requesting \$699,660.00 for 27 trainees. Kairos Power has been approved on twelve previous occasions. The positions are high wage jobs and are eligible for an additional 5% reimbursement. Eleven of the positions are reapplications that were not filled within the previous application's six-month hiring period.*

A motion to approve this request was made by Kelley Allen and seconded by Marcos Martinez. Motion passed unanimously.

**j) Robocasting Enterprises**

*The company is requesting \$23,570.00 for 8 trainees. This is Robocasting's first JTIP application.*

A motion to approve this request was made by Kelley Allen and seconded by Kathleen Sena. Motion passed unanimously.

**k) Sage Botanicals**

*The company is requesting \$164,260.00 for 3 trainees. This is Sage Botanicals first JTIP application. The positions are high wage jobs and are eligible for an additional 5% reimbursement.*

A motion to approve this request was made by Kathleen Sena and seconded by Kelley Allen. Motion passed unanimously.

**i) Franklin Mountain Packaging LLC.**

*The company is requesting \$673,550.72 for 63 trainees. Franklin Mountain Packaging has been approved for JTIP on four previous occasions. The positions are high wage jobs and are eligible for an additional 5% reimbursement.*

A motion to approve this request was made by Kelley Allen and seconded by Kathleen Sena. Motion passed unanimously.

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**IV. Approval of Minutes**

a. JTIP Board meeting September 13, 2024 - a motion was made by Kathleen Sena and seconded by Kelley Allen. Motion passed unanimously.

**V. Fiscal Update**

Mr. Patrick Gannon shared the fiscal report and the projects in the pipeline.

a. Next Board Meeting

i. October 11, 2024; 9:00 am -12:00 pm; Virtual

**VI. Adjourn**

A motion to adjourn was made by Chair. The motion passed unanimously, and the meeting adjourned at 11:39 am.