

**JOB TRAINING INCENTIVE PROGRAM  
MONTHLY BOARD MEETING**

**Virtual Meeting**

**MEETING SUMMARY – August 8, 2025**

**ATTENDEES:**

**Board Members**

Mark Roper, EDD Division Director & JTIP Board Chair – NM Economic Development Department

Monica Sandoval-Johnson, Co-Founder & CEO, Stem Boomerang – representing private sector

Kathleen Sena, Education Administrator, Academic Affairs & Policy Division – NM Higher Education Department

Marc Duske, Special Projects Manager, College & Career Readiness Bureau – NM Public Education Department

Kelley Allen, President, The Office of Professional Employees International Union, Local 251 – representing organized labor

Marcos Martinez, Deputy Secretary -NM Department of Workforce Solutions

**Absent Board Members**

**JTIP Staff Present**

Patrick Gannon, JTIP Program Manager

Avelina Borrego, JTIP Marketing Coordinator

Lynette King, JTIP Program Administrator

**Guests**

Samantha Brendible, Special Projects – Franklin Mountain Packaging, LLC

Patricia Cedeno, HR – Franklin Mountain Packaging, LLC

Roxanna Myers, President – Century Sign Builders

Eliza Carter, Accounting Manager – Century Sign Builders

Denise Holmquist, Sr. Director Product Operations – Quantinum, LLC

Miranda Sanchez, Operation Manager – BlackVe, Inc.

Todd Bisio, General Manager – Redwire Space, LLC

Karin Avery, Quality Manager – Redwire Space, LLC

Robert Tillung, Director of Operations – Valkyrie Machining

Kevin Pope, CEO – YEEO Eco-Safe, Inc.

**I. Introduction**

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 am. The introduction of the board and JTIP 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) Franklin Mountain Packaging, LLC. – 2025-0052**

*The company is requesting \$34,121.36 for 1 trainee. Franklin Mountain Packaging LLC is requesting funds to add a Director of Customer Relations. This position is a high wage job and is eligible for an additional 5% reimbursement.*

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

**b) Century Sign Builders –**

*The company is requesting \$49,032.80. Century Sign Builders has been approved for JTIP on five previous occasions. The company is requesting funds for training three employees as Project Managers. Century Sign Builder is looking to add these three additional Project Managers due to product demand and continued growth within the company.*

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

**c) Quantinum, LLC -**

*The company is requesting \$191,624.00 for 5 trainees. This is the first JTIP application for Quantinum, LLC. The company is requesting funds for training these five employees in the following job classifications: Advanced Physicist, Lead Photonics Scientist, Photonics Engineer, Advanced Optical Engineer, and R&D Technician. These five positions are all high-wage jobs and are eligible for an additional 5% reimbursement.*

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

**d) BlackVe, Inc. -**

*The company is requesting \$284,329.44 for 8 trainees. BlackVe, Inc. has been approved for JTIP on two previous occasions. The company is requesting funds for training the eight employees in the following job classifications: Mid-level Program Manager, Senior Electrical Engineer, Senior System Integration and Test Engineer, Senior Spacecraft Production Lead, Software Engineer, Physical Security Officer, Senior Aerospace Engineer, and Infrastructure Test Engineer. Seven of 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 Marc Duske. Motion passed unanimously.

**e) Redwire Space, LLC -**

*The company is requesting \$129,056.00 for 4 trainees. Redwire Space LLC has been approved for JTIP on ten previous occasions. The company has requested funds for training four employees in the following job classifications: Mechanical Engineer – Jr. and Mechanical Engineer – Sr. These two positions are high wage jobs and are eligible for an additional 5% reimbursement.*

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

**f) Valkyrie Machining -**

*The company is requesting \$28,309.20 for 3 trainees. Valkyrie is requesting funds for training three employees in the following job classifications: CNC Machinist and Coating Technician (2). This is Valkyrie's first JTIP application. The training plan is specific to the position and meets the requirements for hours requested.*

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

**g) YEEO Eco-Safe, Inc. -**

*The company is requesting \$31,566 for 1 trainee. This is YEEO Eco-Safe's first JTIP application. The company is requesting funds for training one employe for a R&D Scientist. Training plans are specific to each position and meet the requirements for hours requested.*

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

**IV. Approval of Minutes**

- a. Approval of JTIP Board meeting minutes for July 11, 2025 - a motion was made by Kathleen Sena and seconded by Kelley Allen. Motion passed unanimously.

**V. Other Items**

- a. Financial/ Fiscal Update by Patrick Gannon
- b. Jobs Report – Patrick Gannon
- c. Next Board Meeting
  - i. September 12, 2025; 9:00 am -12:00 pm; Virtual

**VI. Adjourn**

A motion to adjourn was made by Chairman. The motion passed unanimously, and the meeting adjourned at 11:20 am.