

**JOB TRAINING INCENTIVE PROGRAM  
MONTHLY BOARD MEETING**

**Virtual Meeting**

**MEETING SUMMARY – July 11, 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

**Absent Board Members**

Marcos Martinez, Deputy Secretary -NM Department of Workforce Solutions

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

**JTIP Staff Present**

Patrick Gannon, JTIP Program Manager

Avelina Borrego, JTIP Marketing Coordinator

Lynette King, JTIP Program Administrator

**Guests**

John Williamson, CEO/Principal – KiloNewton, LLC

John Stuecker, Vice President – Robocasting Enterprises, LLC

Michelle Bunyard, Human Resources Manager – Amfabsteel, Inc

Kairos Power, Recruiter – Kairos Power, LLC

Michelle Fraumeni, Senior Manager, People Operations – Kairos Power, LLC

John Zivnuska, Chief Operating Officer – Hoonify Technologies, Inc.

Jason Kirkman, Co-Founder - Tumbleroot Brewing, LLC

Angela Smith Kirkman, Owner – Paseo Pottery

**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 Kelley Allen and seconded by Karen Huladek. Motion passed unanimously.

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

### **a) KiloNewton, LLC. – (Step-Up) STP-2026-0001**

*The company is requesting \$2,542.50 for 2 trainees. KiloNewton is requesting funds for training two employees in the following training programs: AutoCAD Certificate Program, Introduction to Finite Element Analysis and Advanced Finite Element Analysis. Training has not yet been completed; however, wage increases will be provided upon completion.*

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

### **b) KiloNewton, LLC – 2026-0001**

*The company is requesting \$141,623.88.*

A motion to approve this request was made by Kelley Allen and seconded by Marc Duske. Motion passed unanimously. KiloNewton has been approved for JTIP on nine previous occasions. KiloNewton is requesting funds for training four employees and three interns in the following job classifications: Civil/Structural Engineer – Renewable Energy, Renewable Energy Engineer Intern, GIS Analyst Intern – Renewable Energy, Senior Civil/Structural Energy Engineer and Renewable Energy Engineer. Three of the five 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 Karen Huladek. Motion passed unanimously.

### **c) Robocasting Enterprises, LLC – 2026-0002**

*The company is requesting \$21,044.20 for 2 trainees. Robocasting has been approved for JTIP on one previous occasion. Robocasting is requesting funds for training two employees in the following job classifications: Engineer and Inspection. The Engineer position is high wage jobs and is eligible for an additional 5% reimbursement. Hours for each position have been reduced because the minimum entry wages do not meet the requirement for full funding for the respective job zones.*

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

**d) Amfabsteel, Inc. – 2026-0003**

*The company is requesting \$417,949.00 for 35 trainees. Amfabsteel has been approved for JTIP on six previous occasions. Amfabsteel is requesting funds for training thirty-five employees in the following job classifications: Accounting Assistant, Project Coordination Assistant, Payroll Specialist, Shop Assistant, Fabricator, Quality Control Inspector, Facility Maintenance Technician, HR Coordinator, Shop Safety Officer, Heavy Equipment Mechanic, and Machine Operator. 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 Kathleen Sena and seconded by Kelley Allen. Motion passed unanimously.

**e) Kairos Power, LLC – 2026-0004**

*The company is requesting \$821,552.00 for 32 trainees. Kairos Power has been approved for JTIP on fourteen previous occasions.*

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

**f) Hoonify Technologies, Inc. - 2026-0005**

*The company is requesting \$32,138.00 for 1 trainee. Hoonify has been approved for JTIP on one previous occasion. Hoonify is requesting funds for training one employee in HPC Field Engineer. The position is a high wage job and is eligible for an additional 5% reimbursement. The training plan is specific to the position and meets the requirements for hours requested.*

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

**g) Tumbleroot Brewing, LLC. - 2026-0006**

*The company is requesting \$14,462.16 for 2 trainees. Tumbleroot has been approved for JTIP two previous occasions. Tumbleroot is requesting funds for training two Assistant Brewers. 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.

**h) Paseo Pottery - 2026-0007**

*The company is requesting \$22,907.60 for 2 trainees. Paseo Pottery has been approved for JTIP on three previous occasions. Paseo Pottery is requesting funds for training two new Potter positions. 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.

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**IV. Approval of Minutes**

- a. Approval of JTIP Board meeting minutes for June 13, 2025 - a motion was made by Kelley Allen and seconded by Kathleen Sena. Motion passed unanimously.

**V. Other Items**

- a. Financial/ Fiscal Update by Patrick Gannon
- b. Next Board Meeting
  - i. August 8, 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 10:41 am.