



**AGENDA**  
**Workforce Development Board (WDB) Executive Committee**  
**Special Meeting**  
**Location: Virtual via Zoom**  
**May 26 2022, 10:30AM**

*In accordance with Executive Order N-08-21 the Workforce Development Board Executive Committee meetings will be held virtually until further notice.*

*Email Public Comment: To submit public comment to the Workforce Development Board Executive Committee please email [gohumco@co.humboldt.ca.us](mailto:gohumco@co.humboldt.ca.us) provide your name and the agenda item on which you wish to comment. All public comment submitted after the agenda has been published will be included with the administrative record after the fact.*

*Zoom Public Comment: When it is time for public comment on the item you wish to speak on, the Workforce Development Board Executive Committee Chair will ask for public comment. You may virtually raise your hand using the raise hand function on Zoom and staff will unmute your phone. Staff will then ask you to state your name and begin your comment. You will have 3 minutes to comment.*

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| Agenda Item  | Who            | Action   |
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| 1. <b>Opening</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Meeting Called to Order</li> <li>• Roll Call</li> <li>• Public Comment on Non-agenda items</li> </ul>   | Chair<br>Staff | Discussion   |
| 2. <b>Executive Committee to appoint Nomination Ad Hoc Committee which must include two general members of the full WDB and direct the Ad Hoc to fulfill their obligations regarding nomination of applicants to the full WDB, EC membership, and officer nomination.</b><br><br><b>Staff recommendation is to appoint two members of the full WDB and one member of the executive committee who is not currently seeking reappointment or nomination as an officer on the EC.</b> | Chair          | Discussion<br>Public Comment<br>Action: Appoint Nomination Committee Ad Hoc members and direct the Ad Hoc to bring forward nominations for full WDB vacancies, EC membership, and EC officers as per the WDB Bylaws. |
| 3. <b>Review and possible action on WDB seat Application for Leslie Castellano (Attachment A)</b>  | Chair          | Discussion<br>Public Comment<br>Action: Recommend approval of Leslie Castellano to the full WDB for Formal Nomination to the Board of Supervisors.   |
| 4. <b>Meeting Adjourned</b>  | Chair          |  |

**Next Meeting: June 15, 2022**



**APPLICATION FOR APPOINTMENT**

| PART I - Personal Information  |  |  |              |
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| Applicant Name (Last, First, and Middle Initial)<br>CASTELLANO, LESLIE A | Home Telephone<br>[REDACTED]           | E-Mail Address<br>leslie@INKPEOPLE.ORG |              |
| Mailing Address<br>627 3RD ST. (INK PEOPLE)                              | City<br>EUREKA                         | State<br>CA                            | Zip<br>95501 |
| [REDACTED]   | [REDACTED]                             | State<br>CA                            | [REDACTED]   |
| Name of Business, Agency, or Tribe<br>INK PEOPLE                         | Occupation/Title<br>EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR |  |              |
| Business Address<br>627 3RD ST.  | City<br>EUREKA                         | State<br>CA                            | Zip<br>95501 |
| Business Phone<br>707-442-8413   | Business Fax                           |  |              |

Please provide three references (name, address, phone # and e-mail)

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| 1. GREGG FOSTER, RREDC [REDACTED]  | [REDACTED] | GREGG@RREDC.COM             |
| 2. KRISTI PATTERSON, Director Trajectory, [REDACTED]                       | [REDACTED] | KRISTI.TRAJECTORY@GMAIL.COM |
| 3. CONNIE STEWART, EXEC. DIRECTOR INITIATIVES, CALDWY HUMBOLDT, [REDACTED] | [REDACTED] | CONNIE.STEWART@HUMBOLDT.EDU |

Please indicate which industry you represent

**PRIVATE INDUSTRY (please specify which sector you represent)**

- Diversified Health Care Specialty Food, Flowers, and Beverages Building and Systems Construction
- Investment Support Services
- Management and Innovation Services Niche Manufacturing
- Forest Products Tourism ART & CULTURE
- Other:

**PUBLIC INDUSTRY (please specify which sector you represent)**

- Wagner-Peyser Act Economic Development
- Board of Supervisors Representative Vocational Rehabilitation
- Assembly/State Representative Labor Organization
- Education (specify)
  - Adult K-12 Higher Education YOUTH PROGRAM DEV'T.

Community Based Organization (specify)

Native American Employment Development Child Care

Employ People with Barriers Youth Employment, Training, or Education Train People with Barriers

Federally Fund Programs/Services for Low Income Residents

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## **PART II – Guidelines**

**The following guidelines have been developed to assist the Board of Supervisors in the process of recruiting and appointing new Workforce Development Board members.**

To become a member of the Workforce Development Board, you must:

1. Represent the sector for which you are applying (be an owner of a business, a chief executive/operating officer of a business or agency, or other business executive or employer with optimum policy-making or hiring authority).
2. **Private Sector** seats require a formal nomination by an open-membership business organization (i.e., a chamber of commerce or a professional or business organization such as Kiwanis or Rotary), a business trade association, or an agency board of directors. **Labor Union** seats require a formal nomination from a local labor federation. All other seats require no formal nomination. **Your nomination must be secured prior to submitting this application by completing Part III below.**
3. Forward the completed application and a copy of applicants resume to:

Workforce Development Board  
520 E Street  
Eureka, CA 95501  
Attn: Cara Owings, WDB Executive Director  
[cowings@co.humboldt.ca.us](mailto:cowings@co.humboldt.ca.us)

**Applicants selected for appointment will be required to file Form 700, Statement of Economic Interest.**

For questions or additional information, please call (707)445-7745  
or visit our website @ <http://humboldt.gov/1709/Workforce-Development-Board>

## **PART III – Nomination**

**PLEASE NOTE: Private Sector, Adult Education, Higher Education and Labor Union applications must secure the nomination and signature as described in Part II - #2 above, prior to submitting the application to the Workforce Development Board.**

*Ink People Center for the Arts*

(Agency/Organization/Association/Institution Name) hereby formally

nominates;

*Bealle Castellano*

(Applicant's Name)

for appointment to the Workforce Development Board of Humboldt County

3/7/2022

Signature of Chair/Director/Chief of Nominating Agency Date

## **PART IV – Applicant Certification and Signature**

***I hereby certify all answers and statements are true and complete to the best of my knowledge. I understand the County may verify information and that untruthful or misleading answers are cause for rejection of this application.***

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be the initials 'JA' with a stylized flourish.

5/20/2022

Signature of Applicant Date

**FOR OFFICE USE ONLY:**

Date Rec'd: Staff: Submittal Date:

# Leslie Castellano

**Ink People Executive  
Director  
Eureka City  
Councilmember**

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**Leslie Castellano**

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## Skills

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Management of diverse community benefit programs.  
Excellent oral and written communication skills. Successful grant writing.  
Project design and implementation.  
Volunteer recruitment and organization.  
Fundraising and resource building campaigns.  
Coalition building for critical issues.

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## Experience

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### **Ink People/ Executive Director**

DECEMBER 2021- PRESENT, Eureka, CA

Director of programming and initiatives. Oversees all aspects of Ink People programming, including staffing, initiatives, fundraising, and program development.

### **City of Eureka/ Elected Councilmember**

DECEMBER 2018- PRESENT, Eureka, CA

“Together We Thrive”

- Accomplishments:

Councilmember during the Return of Duluwat to the Wiyot People.

Advocated for and implemented “Diversity, Equity, Inclusion” trainings for City of Eureka staff

Management and supervision of staff.

Co-founder of the Eureka Poet Laureate Program with Kristi Patterson and members of Art and Culture Commission

Facilitation of town hall meetings

Attendance at weekly COVID Economic Resilience Consortium Meetings throughout the pandemic. As part of this, founded the “Housing Working Group”.

Currently participating in planning for the upcoming Economic Summit and attending meetings of the Broadband Consortium.

Founded “Abundant Housing Humboldt” to educate and advocate about the need for housing in Humboldt County. Conducted a survey of housing

needs in order to develop person-centered strategies to support housing messaging.

League of California Cities "Housing, Community, Economic Development" policy committee.

League of California Cities Redwood Region 2nd Vice President.

Ongoing collaboration with Cooperation Humboldt for their new Street Outreach Program. Supported development and implementation of planning process for program, along with securing \$400,000.00 in funding from DHHS.

Developed and implemented Neighborhood Mini-Grant Program.

Uplift Co-pilot- support person for people who are unhoused.

Board Member, Humboldt Waste Management Authority (Current Board President) and member of the Executive Committee hiring committee.

Board Member, Redwood Region Economic Development Commission (Immediate Past Board President) and member of the Executive Committee.

Board Member Eureka Main Street

Board Member Keep Eureka Beautiful

## **Synopsis/ Founder and Director**

2004-PRESENT, Eureka

### **Accomplishments:**

2021

Shou'r ya Rarutkshouy (We, the people, move like the water): Developed initial concept and built collaborative team for this project where community leaders (a Wiyot anthropologist, an ecologist, two dancers, and a filmmaker) share knowledge and perspectives on the coast with school children.

Outer Roominations- co-founded, organized, developed fundraisers for, curated, and performed at a new site-specific art festival for Humboldt County.

2020/2021

Purchase and renovation of a community hall to become the permanent home of Synopsis Performance and the site for Synopsis Collective activities.

Prior Years

17 years of community-driven cabarets and performances.

Successful grants for work with artists who have experienced addiction, a Street Art Festival and parade, the Eureka People's Mapping Project, and other projects.

Co-organized Eureka's first Fringe Theater Festival

Intensive artist training programs- Form/No Form, Synopsis/Rumblepeg Dance Intensives. Conceived of, organized, and implemented multiple performance and arts-based training intensives, bringing national and international dancers/students and teachers to Eureka.

Director, choreographer, and writer of "Techniques for Landing", "Oceans Deep", and "Cave"- ensemble based full length, original aerial dance theater performances

## **Trajectory/ Arts Facilitator**

JANUARY 2016-2021, Eureka/Humboldt County

Trajectory is a career-path program for artists. In this role, I supported the flourishing of artists beyond the ability/disability spectrum.

Trajectory is a DreamMaker Project of the Ink People.

Support for artists in writing grants, developing art shows, and setting and accomplishing goals for their careers in the arts.

## **Aerial and Dance Instruction & Performance/ Personal Business**

2005-PRESENT, Eureka

Relevant Accomplishments:

Creating supportive environments for learning acrobatic skills.

Teaching and dancing nationally/internationally with Diego Piñon's Butoh Ensemble, Carpetbag Brigade, Karl Frost's "Body Research", Miriam Wolodarski/Sense Object, "Lion's Jaw" contemporary performance festival, and with Kevin Dockery (co-directing) in "Feral Feral"

Co-organizer of "Sierra Contact Festival" international contact improvisation festival

## **Ink People Board Member / Immediate Past President**

2006-2021, Humboldt County

Organized a fundraiser for artist gift cards during the pandemic.

Supported DreamMakers in applying for CAC funding.

Organized and/or co-organized several Ink People fundraisers.

While President, attended training on developing Board President/Executive Director Relationships.

## **All Are Welcome/ Director**

JUNE 2015-PRESENT, Humboldt County

Through this DreamMaker Project of the Ink People, I collaborate with people who are unhoused or who have experienced marginalization to create opportunities to engage with and build inclusive communities.

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## **Education**

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### **New College, the Honors College of the University of South Florida/ Social Sciences**

1995-1999, Sarasota, Florida

National Merit Scholar/Full Scholarship

### **Humboldt State University and College of the Redwoods/ Early Childhood Education**

2000-2003-Arcata and Eureka

Completed coursework while working full time to become a licensed preschool teacher.

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## References

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