Sierra Jobs First Governing Council

Governance Model: The Sierra Jobs First Governing Council is composed of up to 29 voting members, and will include representation from the large geography of our Eastern Sierra region and all of the required and suggested collaborators. A non-voting participant will chair the Governing Council meetings. The Council will conduct all of its meetings in a transparent public forum, in a hybrid-meeting format, with each collaborator enjoying equal status and authority. Meeting times and locations for 2025 are as follows:

March 21st 2025 Virtual Meeting

June 13th 2025 In Person Meeting at the Motherlode Job Training Board Room (197 Mono Way B, Sonora, CA)

September 12th 2025 In Person Meeting at the Mono County Civic Center - Mono Room on the 1st Floor (1290 Tavern Rd Mammoth Lakes, CA)

December 12th 2025 Virtual Meeting

In-person attendance at both the June and September 2025 meetings is expected of all council members.

Decision making is based on a modified consensus model. Council members may vote: Support, Abstain, Oppose.

Voting Process:

1. Straw Poll
2. Discussion
    - If consensus of support or acceptance: Measure passes
    - If no consensus: Formal vote triggered

Operational decisions require a simple majority vote of Council members. Project decisions require a ⅔ vote of Council members.

Goals and Objectives: The Governing Council's primary task is to coordinate with the Regional Convener to support implementation of the Catalyst Grants. Support may include designing the solicitation, scoring applications, selecting projects to award, and/or determining priority sectors. Additionally, continue to identify and prioritize projects and outside funding opportunities, for other needs in the region as outlined in the strategic plan.

The Council will also review other information as submitted by the industry coordinators, potentially including but not limited to: analyses of industry sector job creation and growth, project vetting criteria, regional partner feedback, and climate and equity principles.

Role of SBC Staff: SBC's primary role is to **(1)** Maintain the Jobs First Collaborative, which may include a distinct governance structure, to help balance interests across partners through September 30, 2026, **(2)** Represent regional and Collaborative interests to the State, **(3)** Disseminating information from the State, including the California Jobs First Council, to the region, **(4)** Engage employers from priority sectors. Regions should use Sector Investment Coordinators for outreach and coordination, **(5)** Review projects proposed under the Regional Investment Initiative's Implementation Phase. If a project aligns with the Collaborative's state approved plan, the Regional Convener will issue letters of support to the applicants pursuing state implementation dollars through the implementation funding opportunity.

Staff will ensure regular communication and distribution of all materials, notes, and minutes, and provide meeting location/virtual access information.

Approximate Expected Time Commitments: Council members will be expected to participate in one 2.5 hour-long hybrid meeting per quarter for 18-24 months, commit to approximately 3 hours per month for document review and comment, and occasionally meet with community collaborators and partners.

Proposed Number of Council Members: 29

Note: Mileage and lodging costs (2025 GSA rates) will be reimbursed for all participating voting members for the June and September in person meetings if approved in advance.

Alternates: In the event that a council member is unable to attend a meeting, an alternate must be present.

Council Member Name: _____

Council Member Signature: _____

Alternate Name: _____

Alternate Email: _____