


MEMORANDUM

Kathy Gallagher, Director

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Date: December 21, 2020
From: Kathy Gallagher, EHSD Director 
Subject: Interim Executive Director – Workforce Development Board (WDB) and Workforce Investment Opportunity Act (WIOA) Program



I am pleased to announce the appointment of Patience Ofodu, effective January 4, 2021, as the Interim Executive Director for the Workforce Development Board (WDB) and Workforce Investment Opportunity Act (WIOA) program.

Patience currently serves as the WIOA Business Services Manager and as staff to the WDB's Business and Economic Development Committee. She also supports the county's economic development activities on behalf of the WDB.

Before joining the Contra Costa WDB, Patience served as the one-stop site manager for the San Pablo Career Center and One-Stop Career Center Case Manager where she gained important experience in customer service. She also worked for Alameda County's Workforce Development Board (NUMMI Reemployment Center) as Business Services lead and as a Business Services Coordinator for City of San Jose's Office of Economic Development, Work2future.

Patience is very active in the community, serving on numerous economic development committees and boards, including the City of San Ramon Economic Development Advisory Committee; board member for the Concord Chamber of Commerce; member of the California Association for Local and Economic Development (CALED); East Bay Leadership Council's (EBLC) Business Task Force; and East Bay Economic Development Alliance (EBEDA) Directors' Council, former Executive Board Member with San Ramon Chamber of Commerce, where she chaired the Workforce and Economic Development Workgroup.

Patience has a bachelor's degree in Mass Communication and a Master of Public Administration from California State University-East Bay. She is a graduate of the California Workforce Association Executive Boot Camp and the CALED Keys to Economic Development Certificate Program and currently is participating in the Leadership Contra Costa Program.