



## **WORKFORCE ARIZONA COUNCIL – EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES**

Thursday, May 14, 2020  
1:00 pm – 3:00 pm  
Virtual Meeting via Zoom

### **Members Present**

Dawn Grove, Chair – Karsten Manufacturing  
David Martin – Arizona Chapter of the Associated General Contractors  
John Walters – Liberty Mutual  
Bill Gates – Maricopa County Board of Supervisors

### **Members Absent**

Mark Gaspers – Boeing

#### **1. Call to Order**

Dawn Grove, Committee Chair, called the Executive Committee meeting to order at 1:03 p.m.

#### **2. Welcome/Chair Report**

Chair Grove welcomed the Executive Committee members and public to the meeting. She provided a report on economic recovery efforts that are underway across Arizona amid COVID-19.

#### **3. Call to the Public**

Audrey Bohanan, Chair, Phoenix Workforce Development Board, stated that their Local Workforce Development Board has done a lot of work to understand the federal funding rules and the process for the allocation of funds. She asked if the Board certification timeline will impact the statewide current or future funding. She also inquired about the ability for local areas to request additional funding after the upcoming program funding allocations have been approved.

Joel Millman, Pinal County Workforce Board Director, asked that formal notification of the funding allocations that are approved be sent to the local boards for record keeping.

#### **4. Approval of February 18, 2020 Executive Committee Minutes**

Mark Gaspers moved to approve the minutes of the previous meeting, Bill Gates seconded the motion; the motion was adopted unanimously.

#### **5. ACA/OEO/Council Staff Updates**

- **WIOA Title I-b Funding Allocations**

Kolu Wilson, Workforce Program Administrator, presented the Program Year 21 funding allocations. She explained the funding amounts at the State level and the amount of funds that will be provided to the local areas, per local area. Kolu explained the three programs that the funds cover; Adult, Dislocated Worker and Youth programs. She explained that the Rapid Response funds that are held at the State level are held from the total Dislocated Worker funds that are provided to the State. She stated that this year the State will hold the maximum amount of Rapid Response funds of 25% as was held the previous year.

- **Covid-19 Statewide Workforce Response and Economic Recovery**
- **UI Claims Data Summary**

Doug Walls, Arizona LMI Director, provided a presentation reviewing the economic recovery to date surrounding COVID-19. He explained that there are less unemployment claims being filed although there is still a large number of jobs going unfilled. Doug stated that they will continue to track the COVID-19 workforce data to view emerging trends as well as track the economic recovery as it continues to improve. Doug will provide updates at future Council meetings.

## 6. DES Updates

- **WIOA Waiver Plan**

During the Development of the State Plan there is an opportunity to apply for waivers from having to provide program requirements within WIOA. The U.S. Department of Labor (USDOL) has provided the ability to apply for additional waivers during the pandemic that may have provided additional hardships. At this time the State is not recommending the Council request any waivers from the USDOL on any WIOA program requirements including COVID-19 pandemic relief efforts.

- **Local Planning Process**

The Local Workforce Development Boards must create their local plans in alignment with the State Plan. The State has put a team together to review the local plans and ensure this alignment. This review is underway and the results will be provided to the Performance Excellence Committee as they become available and ready for approval.

## 7. Committee Reports

- **Quality Workforce Committee**

Committee Chair, Mark Gaspers, provided an update on the work the Committee is working on.

- **Performance Excellence Committee**

Committee Chair, David Martin, provided an update on the work of the Committee.

- **Local Board Recertification Approval**

David Martin explained that the Committee has been provided an update of the review of Local Board Recertification that is being conducted by a state team. This is a continuation of previously recertified boards. The Committee is recommending the recertification of Coconino County. The Committee is also working with DES to create a process improvement plan and timeline to

get the final boards recertified. The Committee will review the process that DES develops and provide recommendations and follow-up on the timeline developed.

- **Strategic Communication and Partnerships Committee**  
Committee Chair, Bill Gates, provided an update on the work of the Committee.
- **Measuring Effectiveness Committee**  
Committee Chair, John Walters, provided an update on the work of the Committee.

## **8. Council Agenda**

The Council agenda was reviewed and approved as presented.

## **9. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 3:36 p.m.