

**WORKFORCE ARIZONA COUNCIL – PERFORMANCE EXCELLENCE
COMMITTEE AND QUALITY WORKFORCE COMMITTEE MINUTES**

Friday, June 19, 2020

10-12 pm

Via Zoom:

<https://azcommerce.zoom.us/j/91156533789?pwd=QVEzTGpkcEh2NGRMSitLZHNqcVNLZz09>

Performance Excellence Members Present

David Martin – Arizona Chapter of the Associated General Contractors

Dennis Anthony – Arizona Apprenticeship Advisory Committee

Jeff Fleetham – Arizona Registrar of Contractors

Gretchen Kitchel – SRP

Quality Workforce Members Present

Mark Gaspers – Boeing

Larry Lucero – Tucson Electric Power

Thomas Winkel – Arizona Coalition for Military Families

Committee Members Absent

Drew Thorpe – APS

Susan Anable – Cox Communications

Thomas Longstreth – Ventana Medical Systems

Todd Graver – Freeport McMoRan

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Committee Chairs, David Martin and Mark Gaspers at 10:02 am

2. Welcome and Meeting Logistics

Welcome was provided by Committee Chair David Martin. He explained that the two committees are meeting to review and understand the current state of the Eligible Training Provider List (ETPL). The hope is that after this meeting the Committee members will have a full picture of the program and identify next steps in moving forward in ensuring the effective and efficient use of the ETPL in Arizona by meeting the industry needs through policy development.

3. Call to the Public

There were no public comments received.

4. Eligible Training Provider List (ETPL) Overview

Nancy Meeden, Workforce Policy Manager, and Nicole Schnakenberg, Education Coordinator from the Department of Economic Security (DES) walked the Committees

through the current ETPL including the number of providers and programs on the list, the roles and responsibilities associated with the ETPL, and the current state of the policy and the development of an updated policy.

5. Training Provider List Process Flow – Discussion and Possible Action

Nancy Meeden walked the Committees through the current process flow to add a provider and a program on the ETPL. She provided insight to the Committee members on how a program is removed from the list as well. Nancy also presented a proposed updated process flow that provides less steps in the approval process. Prior to an updated process being implemented there must be a public comment period. That public comment period has not been held so the State is looking for the Committees to provide any insights on the development in order to have a final draft to post for public comment.

6. ETPL Policy Process Flow – Discussion and Possible Action

Nancy Meeden also walked the Committees through the current process of updating the current ETPL policy. This policy establishes the roles and responsibilities of the State and local areas in the ETPL program. There is a need to update this policy due to additional guidance that has been released by the U.S. Department of Labor (USDOL). DES has developed a draft and has released it for public comment. Due to the public comments received there is a need to take another look at the development of the draft policy in order to ensure the ETPL program is meeting the vision of the State.

7. ETPL Emergency Policy Needs – Discussion and Possible Action

Nancy Meeden explained to the Committees that there may need to be an emergency policy approved in order to meet the State's compliance with the USDOL and lessen the confusion between the state and local areas' responsibilities and interaction with the providers on the ETPL.

8. Next Steps; Long-Term Strategy

The Committees discussed the current state of the ETPL and expressed concern with developing an emergency policy to address immediate needs and not spending the time to look into the ETPL program to identify decision points that will determine how the ETPL program will be utilized and leveraged throughout Arizona. The Committees asked staff to put together an engagement meeting with stakeholders to identify the fundamental questions surrounding the responsibilities and the goals of the ETPL. The Committees asked staff to research how other states are utilizing their ETPL to drive training progress and leverage their funding to address the training and employment goals. The Committee members had concern over continuing to update the current policy and had a desire to look at the entire ETPL program and how it may be developed to address the needs of the industries and job seekers.

9. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:55 am.