



## **WORKFORCE ARIZONA COUNCIL BOARD MEETING *Draft Minutes***

Tuesday, September 1, 2020

1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Virtual Meeting Via Zoom:

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### **Members Present**

Dawn Grove - Karsten Manufacturing  
Susan Anable - Cox Communications  
Audrey Bohanan - Adelante Healthcare  
Randall Garrison - FinTek Industries  
Mark Gaspers - Boeing  
Todd Graver - Freeport McMoran  
Will James - Centene Corporation  
Tom Jenkins - Advanced Business Services  
Gretchen Kitchel - SRP  
Thomas Longstreth - Ventana Medical Systems  
Larry Lucero - Tucson Electric Power  
John Walters - Liberty Mutual  
Dennis Anthony - Arizona Apprenticeship Advisory Committee  
Allison Gilbreath - Arizona Chamber of Commerce  
David Martin - Arizona Chapter, Associated General Contractors  
Supervisor Bill Gates - Maricopa County Board of Supervisors  
Jonathan Schmitt - ASU

Thomas Winkel - Arizona Coalition for Military Families  
Sheryl Hart - Arizona Department of Education  
Michael Wisehart - Arizona Department of Economic Security  
Ken Burns – Arizona Commerce Authority – Proxy Representative  
Joanne Osborne - Arizona House of Representatives  
Greg Anderson - Summit Healthcare  
Drew Thorpe - APS  
Mayor Jen Miles - City of Kingman  
Karen Molina – Raytheon  
Jeff Fleetham - Arizona Registrar of Contractor

### **Members Absent**

Senator Heather Carter - Arizona State Senate  
Alex Horvath - Tucson Medical Center  
Stephen Macias - Pivot Manufacturing  
Brian Rice - Hensley Beverage  
Daniel Seiden - Intel

### **I. Call to Order**

Chair Dawn Grove called the Workforce Arizona Council meeting to order at 1:03 p.m.

### **II. Roll Call**

Quorum was present after roll call.

### **III. Welcome**

Chair Grove welcomed all those in attendance at the virtual meeting.

### **IV. Chairman's Report**

Chair Grove gave a success story of quick work by so many who managed the Reimagine Workforce Preparation Grant application collaborative effort that would benefit all of Arizona with business incubation centers in all three public universities, ten community colleges and throughout the state. She mentioned that she, Kolu Wilson and Ashley Wilhelm represented Arizona at the National Association of State Workforce Board Chairs and Liaisons Conference.

#### **V. Manager's Report**

Ashley Wilhelm, Workforce Council Manager, reviewed several last quarter projects including committee meetings, COVID-19 efforts, Return Stronger, and the Reimagine Grant. Upcoming will be work on the 10 different strategies in the State Plan, and moving forward the AC4 group and the Reimagine grant.

#### **VI. Call to the Public**

No public comments were received.

#### **VII. Approval of Meeting Minutes – May 28, 2020**

Larry Lucero moved to approve the minutes, seconded by Sheryl Hart; motion was adopted unanimously.

#### **VIII. Arizona Workforce Association**

Teri Drew of Yavapai County and Chair of the Arizona Workforce Association (AWA) informed the Council of their work, challenges and needs.

#### **IX. Arizona Community College Coordinating Council (AC4) Partnership – Discussion**

Ian Roark of Pima Community College gave a brief history of the Arizona Community College Coordinating Council (AC4) including their goals/objectives, principles, successes, and partnerships for workforce and economic development. He spoke on the origin of the AATC/AATN and the expansion in progress presently, along with a number of other projects they are pursuing.

#### **X. Return Stronger Campaign – Update**

Jena Coolidge McGovern of the Arizona Commerce Authority shared results of the outsized impact of Arizona's Return Stronger Upskilling Campaign, kicked-off in May 2020 continuing through July 2020 which have led to 67,000 form submissions, 1600 enrollments, and over 600 certifications to date.

#### **XI. Council Endorsed Projects – Update**

Oleg Shvets of the Office of Economic Opportunity provided updates on the Council-endorsed projects: Arizona Advanced Technologies Corridor, Arizona Career Readiness Credential, Maryvale Workforce Initiative and other Community Impact Strategies.

Thomas Winkel of the Arizona Coalition for Military Families shared updates on the Be Connected Roadmap to Veteran Employment program developments.

Jeremia Garcia Ramadan of the Department of Economic Security provided an update on the Arizona Management System.

#### **XII. Education Stabilization Fund - Reimagine Workforce Preparation Grant Application**

Oleg Shvets of the Office of Economic Opportunity shared the submission process for the Education Stabilization Fund – Reimagine Workforce Preparation (ESF-RWP) grant, which culminated August 24, 2020. The grant application seeks to create or expand small business incubators to help businesses recover, which resulted in the creation of the Small Business Incubator Collective, consisting of 10 community colleges, three universities, 26 affiliated incubators, and nine local workforce areas, and additionally including involvement in diverse organizations across the state.

### **XIII. Committee Reports**

#### **A. Quality Workforce Committee**

Mark Gaspers, Committee Chair, reported that the committee reviewed the Eligible Training Provider List, including potential emergency provisions. The Committee will continue to discuss needed updates to the ETPL policy.

#### **B. Performance Excellence Committee**

##### **1. Local Board Recertification - Approval**

David Martin, Committee Chair, reported that at the beginning of the quarter, four local boards had not met recertification requirements: Maricopa County, Nineteen Tribal Nations, Santa Cruz County, and Southeastern Arizona, and subsequently the Southeastern board has completed the requirements and the committee recommended the recertification of the Southeastern Arizona workforce board. Mark Gaspers moved to recertify the Southeastern workforce board. Audrey Bohanan seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

##### **2. Local Plan - Approval**

David reported that the committee received requests from five of the 12 local boards for extensions on the deadline for submission of their local plans. The remaining local plans were submitted and reviewed in the order they were received. There are currently two local plans the committee recommends for approval, Northeastern Arizona and Pinal County, with the conditions that they provide the signed plan along with their updated and signed IFA/MOU and their negotiated performance measures. Gretchen Kitchel moved to approve the Northeastern Arizona and Pinal County local plans with the stated conditions. Bill Gates seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

#### **C. Strategic Communications and Partnerships Committee**

Committee Chair, Supervisor Bill Gates reported that the committee discussed branding related to ARIZONA@WORK, the State Plan Executive Overview, and the statewide workforce leaders convening, which will probably be virtual in 2020.

#### **D. Measuring Effectiveness Committee**

##### **1. Workforce System Employment and Wage Outcomes – Presentation**

Committee Chair, John Walters reported that the committee is developing an IT summit to understand the technology needs and look at the system performance data in more detail to identify ways the knowledge can be incorporated moving

forward, and that Doug Walls would be presenting Workforce Performance Dashboard results.

Doug Walls of the Office of Economic Opportunity presented the [Workforce Performance Dashboard](#) for the WIOA Titles highlighting Program Year 2019 results.

**XIV. Council Member Remarks**

Dawn Grove encouraged members to carefully review before voting two ballot propositions that could negatively impact workforce development efforts.

**XV. Upcoming Council Meetings**

**December 1, 2020 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.**

**XVI. Adjournment**

Greg Anderson moved to adjourn. Larry Lucero seconded the motion.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:00 p.m.