

## **WORKFORCE ARIZONA COUNCIL**

Wednesday, June 5, 2019

1:00 pm – 3:00 pm

1700 W. Washington Avenue, Suite 200, Phoenix, AZ 85007  
Conference Line: 1-240-454-0879, Access Code: 280-993-715

### **Members Present**

Dawn Grove, Chair – Karsten Manufacturing  
Audrey Bohanan – Adelante Healthcare  
Rosalyn Boxer (Proxy for Director Sandra Watson) – Arizona Commerce Authority  
Mark Gaspers – Boeing  
Sheryl Hart – Arizona Department of Education  
Tom Jenkins – Advanced Business Services  
Larry Lucero – Tucson Electric Power  
David Martin – Arizona Chapter, Association of General Contractors  
Johnathan Schmitt – Arizona State University  
Drew Thorpe – APS  
John Walters – Liberty Mutual  
Michael Wisheart (Proxy for Director Michael Traylor) – Arizona Department of Economic Security  
Thomas Winkel – Arizona Coalition for Military Families

### **Members Present via Phone**

Susan Anable – Cox Communications  
Randall W. Gibb – Grand Canyon University  
Allison Gilbreath – Arizona Chamber of Commerce  
Alex Horvath – Tucson Medical Center

### **Members Absent**

Governor Doug Ducey – State of Arizona  
Dennis Anthony – Arizona Apprenticeship Advisory Committee  
Naomi Cramer – Banner Health  
Jeff Fleetham – Arizona Registrar of Contractors  
Todd Graver – Freeport McMoRan  
Thomas Longstreth – Ventana Medical Systems  
Stephen Macias – Pivot Manufacturing

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

Dawn Grove, WAC Chair, called the meeting to order at 1:06 p.m.

### **II. Roll Call**

Quorum was present.

### **III. Welcome**

Welcomed WAC members and partners in attendance at the meeting.

### **IV. Introductions**

None at this time.

## V. **Chairman's Report**

Dawn Grove shared the following items:

- Thanked Keith Forte and Trevor Stokes, who both recently left the OEO Workforce team, for their work with the Council on the Maryvale, SkillBridge, Arizona Career Readiness Credential as well as other workforce projects throughout the years.
- Success stories about the Arizona Workforce system,
  - Coconino/Navajo work with the individuals effected by the Navajo Generating Station closure.
  - Yavapai connecting individuals to employment in response to a business closure.
- Announced the Council nominated Ashley Wilhelm for the Gabe Zimmerman Spirit of Service Award
- Continuing the connection of the workforce programs with Achieve 60
- Council participation in the Arizona Advanced Technology Corridor Celebration Summit
- Spoke about the media contributions she has participated in during the last quarter and reminded the Council to have all media requests go through the Arizona Commerce Authority Director of Public Relations, Connie Weber.
- Stated changes to the Arizona Open Meeting Law that require those on the phone to identify their vote.

## VI. **Manager's Report**

Ashley Wilhelm reported on all the activities and events she has been working on and attended over the last quarter. She also reviewed some items that will be coming up over this next quarter including a Convening on July 29, 2019, location and time TBD.

## VII. **Call to the Public**

- Patricia Ray from Yuma provided a background from the adoption of WIOA to where we are at today. In conclusion she stated that local areas and all partners need to work together.

## VIII. **Discussion & Possible Action**

### A. **Vote to Approve Meeting Minutes – February 28, 2019**

Mark Gaspers moved to approve the minutes, Thomas Winkel seconded the motion; the motion was approved unanimously.

### B. **Presentation: Arizona Workforce Association**

Teri Drew, ARIZONA@WORK Yavapai County, shared her gratitude and appreciation to all Council members and the Local Areas for their efforts. She then introduced Joel Millman, ARIZONA@WORK Pinal County Workforce, to provide details on what was discussed during the AWA's meeting that morning. Joel shared that they appreciate the opportunity they have been given to weigh in on defining the policies and being able to provide comments. They wanted the council to know that the AWA is a partner moving forward with creating policies, work on the State Plan and the future vision of the Arizona Workforce System.

### C. **U.S. Department of Labor Compliance Review**

Karen Nelson Hunter, WIOA Coordinator, at the Arizona Department of Economic Security, Division of Employment and Rehabilitation (DERS) and David Steuber, Business Administrator, at DERS discussed the Noted Practices and Findings from the compliance review conducted by the U.S. Department of Labor (DOL) that occurred during March of 2019. They stated that a response is due back to DOL by July 21, 2019 to discuss the process that will be put into place on fixing each of the findings.

### D. **WIOA Waiver Requests**

Karen Nelson Hunter explained the waiver request for Individual Training Accounts (ITA) and the changes that will be in effect if the waiver is approved by DOL. Thomas Winkel moved to approve the ITA waiver request be sent to DOL, David Martin seconded the motion; the motion was approved unanimously.

Karen then explained the waiver request for WIOA Title 1-B Eligible Training Provider List (ETPL) and the changes in reporting that would result if the waiver request is approved by DOL. Mark Gaspers moved to approve the ETPL waiver request be sent to DOL, Drew Thorpe seconded the motion; the motion was approved unanimously.

**E. WIOA PY19 Funding Allocation**

David Steuber discussed Program Year 19 funding allocations from DOL, which increased by 20.8% from last year. He explained why there was an increase in funding when it seems that the economic momentum in Arizona is going well. He discussed the allocations for each of the programs within Title 1b and which options are being recommended by the local areas. Randy Garrison moved to approve Option 2 for Title 1 Adult Program, Option 2 for Title 1 Youth Program and Option 4 for Title 1 Dislocated Worker and Rapid Response program, Larry Lucero seconded the motion; the motion was approved with two individuals abstaining.

**F. Discussion : 2020-2024 State Plan**

Karen Nelson Hunter provided an update to the process that will be utilized for the 2020 State Plan, she also provided the current Vision, Governor's State priorities and current State Plan goals and strategies. She asked the Council for their thoughts on connecting with the Chambers of Commerce. Allison Gilbreath will work with Karen.

**G. Committee Reports**

**1. Quality Workforce Committee**

Mark Gaspers stated that the committee met on 4/24/19 and they heard from the following individuals:

- Representative Jeff Weninger about House Bill 2657, which did not make it into this year's Budget but they would stay up to date on continued efforts.
- Leah Palmer from Mesa Community College spoke about the Arizona Advanced Technology Corridor and how they are working with businesses to develop Bootcamps to meet their training needs.
- Jeff Ryan, U.S. Department of Labor, shared practices on how to create and align high quality Business Engagement efforts.
- Christopher Tafoya from DERS about the JVSG Grant and how they are meeting the needs of the Veteran population they serve.

**2. Measuring Effectiveness Committee**

John Walters stated they have not met yet as a group but he has met with Tom Jenkins who will be on this committee and the whole committee should be meeting during the Summer. Some upcoming project they will working on is the Dashboard and they hope to have a prototype ready for the September Council Meeting.

**3. Performance Excellence Committee**

Committee Chair, David Martin, stated that the committee met on 5/31/19 and heard from the following individuals:

- Karen Nelson Hunter discussed Local Board Re-Certifications and Local Plans and gave an update as to where each Local Workforce Development Board is in

the process of each. Chair Martin explained that the items that were discussed in the DOL report are all items that the Committee has been working with Karen and DERS on.

- Karen Kurtz, Writer, Facilitator, and Consultant, reviewed the two revised policies with the Committee focusing on specific areas in which the public comments addressed to ensure all comments were addressed during the meeting.

**a. Policy Updates**

**(1) 01 WIOA Local Governance Policy**

Thomas Winkel moved to adopt this policy as provided to the Council, Drew Thorpe seconded the motion; the motion was approved unanimously.

**(2) 04 Job Center One Stop Operator/Service Provider Selection Policy**

Mark Gaspers moved to adopt this policy as provided to the Council, Tom Jenkins seconded the motion; the motion as approved unanimously.

**H. 2019 Council Meeting Schedule**

**1. Thursday, September 5, 2019, 1:00-3:00 p.m.**

**2. Wednesday, December 4, 2019, 1:00-3:00 p.m.**

Chair Dawn Grove shared the remaining council dates and thanked everyone for attending and donating their time for the WAC and for all they do for the Arizona Workforce System.

**I. Council Member Remarks**

No remarks were provided.

**IX. Adjournment**

- A. Audrey Bohanan moved to adjourn the meeting, Larry Lucero seconded the motion; the motion was adopted; meeting adjourned at 2:51 p.m.