

WORKFORCE ARIZONA COUNCIL – EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES *DRAFT*

Thursday, November 26, 2019

2 p.m. – 4 p.m.

100 N. 7th Avenue, Suite 100, Camelback Room, Phoenix, AZ 85007

Via Conference Call: 1-240-454-0879 Access Code: 280-993-715

Members Present

Dawn Grove – Chair - Karsten Manufacturing

Mark Gaspers – Boeing

Supervisor Bill Gates – Maricopa County Board of Supervisors

Members Present by Phone

John Walters – Liberty Mutual

Members Absent

David Martin - Arizona Chapter of the Association of General Contractors

1. Call to Order

Dawn Grove, Committee Chair, called the Executive Committee meeting to order at 2:02 p.m. Quorum was present.

2. Welcome

Committee Chair Dawn Grove provided a welcome to Executive Committee members and guests and introduced Paul Hughes, Executive Vice President, Business Development for the Arizona Commerce Authority, who shared a little about his role and the importance of integration of workforce on his team.

Mark Gaspers moved to suspend the rules to allow item #8, Title II Funding Competition, to be completed prior to the Chair Report as the presenter has time constraints. The motion was seconded by Bill Gates; motion was adopted unanimously.

3. Title II Funding Competition

Sheryl Hart, Deputy Associate Superintendent, Arizona Department of Education, Adult Education Services shared her PowerPoint and reviewed each slide. Committee members had a few questions that she was able to address and then stated that it was important that the Local Plans for each Local Area be readily available online prior to the competitive process so those applying can find and address information in those plans for their competitive bids. Karen Nelson Hunter, WIOA Coordinator for DES stated 11 of the 12 are available online at the ARIZONA@WORK site, and the 12th she will send the link to Sheryl to share.

4. Chair Report

Dawn Grove thanked the many who have been working diligently together developing Arizona's new 2020-2024 State Plan and completing the Annual Report, two significant statutory responsibilities of the Workforce Arizona Council. She also discussed highlights of the Governor-declared Manufacturing Month (October) and Arizona receiving a Policy Academy grant from NIST to develop a statewide strategy to spur further manufacturing growth. She further shared statistics about manufacturing's growth, higher wages for Arizonans and ability to help the state better weather recessionary times.

5. Call to the Public

There were no comments made by the public.

6. Approval of Minutes

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

7. Council-Endorsed Projects Updates

Kolu Wilson, Deputy Workforce Program Administrator with OEO shared that each Project Manager would provide information on three of the five Council-endorsed projects.

- Oleg Shvets, Projects Manager provided updates on the Maryvale Initiative. He reported that since its inception, there have been 8,290 individuals hired out of that community, that ASU Watts School of Public Policy is working with CompTIA to bring A+ training to the community, and the MCCCDC for Entrepreneurial Innovations plans to create an Incubator within the Maryvale area to assist Small Business Entrepreneurs.
- Andy Ridley, Program Manager-ACRC provided an update on the Arizona Career Readiness Credential. He challenged each of the Executive Committee members to become Advocates for ACRC and concluded by stating the Town of Gilbert would become a pilot program for utilizing ACRC to upskill their current workforce and use in new hire process in the future.
- Monica Magoon, Program Manager-Navigator provided an update for the Arizona Advanced Technologies Corridor and stated that there are currently 384 students enrolled in the three community college programs, that Estrella Mountain Community College will be starting in Fall 2019, and that 55 manufacturing companies have been engaged. She reported about efforts to make this a statewide network versus just the corridor which encompasses 130 miles.

All Committee member questions were answered by each Program/Project Manager for their given projects.

8. State Plan Strategies

Rachael Tashbook from the Department of Economic Security went through a PowerPoint on the Goals that were agreed upon in September for the new WIOA State Plan, then shared the Strategies that have been developed to integrate into the State Plan. Mark Gaspers motioned to approve the developed strategies, and Bill Gates seconded; the motion was adopted unanimously.

9. Workforce Arizona Council Annual Report

Kolu Wilson went through the report with the committee members and answered all questions asked. Dawn Grove recommended integrating in the opening narrative a brief summary of the workforce development successes in Arizona; Molly Bright from DES suggested that the ARIZONA@WORK letterhead be utilized when submitted to the governor and legislative bodies if appropriate. Kolu indicated she would explore these suggested changes. Mark Gaspers moved to approve the Annual Report and cover letter with suggested changes if appropriate and then submit to the governor and legislative bodies before December 1, 2019. The motion was seconded by Bill Gates; motion was adopted unanimously.

10. Committee Reports

a. Quality Workforce Committee

- i. Mark Gaspers shared that his committee was unable to meet this past quarter but are planning for and looking forward to their first meeting in early 2020.

b. Performance Excellence Committee

- i. Due to David Martin's absence, Karen Nelson Hunter from DES shared the results of recent Committee meeting. The Executive Committee members asked many questions and Karen responded. Mark Gaspers moved to send all the recommendations for Local Board Re-certifications to the full Council for approval at their meeting on December 4th, Bill Gates seconded the motion; the motion was adopted unanimously.

c. Strategic Communication and Partnerships Committee

- i. Bill Gates provided an update for the upcoming Workforce Leaders Convening to be held in February 2020. He also indicated the committee will be working with Ashley to schedule quarterly meetings with Local Boards and Council members to update and share information with them, and that they will be developing an outreach plan for businesses in Arizona.

d. Measuring Effectiveness Committee

- i. John Walters shared that his committee is focusing on the next phase of the Performance Dashboard and understanding what technology or data is needed at both the State and Local levels to make informed decisions on the continuous improvement of the system.

11. Council Agenda

Dawn Grove asked Committee members for any additions or changes to the draft agenda for the upcoming Workforce Arizona Council meeting. There were no additions or changes suggested.

12. Adjournment

Mark Gaspers moved to adjourn the meeting and Bill Gates seconded the motion; the motion was adopted unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 3:33 p.m.