



Innovative Workforce Solutions

YUMA COUNTY WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD

Regular Meeting

Martin Luther King Center

March 14, 2018

MINUTES

I. CALL TO ORDER

Ed Ford called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Ed Ford led the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. ROLL CALL

The roll was called, and those present and absent were:

Members Present	Members Absent
1. Magnolia Alonzo	1. Marisol Canales
2. Randal Etzler	2. Maria Chavoya
3. Judith Castro	3. Jesus Garcia
4. Daniel Corr	4. Gilbert Gonzalez (Excused)
5. Ed Ford	5. Thomas Lund
6. Kevin Imes	6. Rose Lugo (Excused)
7. Greg LaVann	7. Geoff Nance (Excused)
8. Dave McDowell	8. Sam Pepper (Excused)
9. Steve Miller	9. Tracy Shultz
10. Michael Moyer	10. Tom Tyree (Excused)
11. Nancy Ngai	11. Eulalia Tinoco
12. Anne Powell (phone)	
13. Jenny Torres	
14. Tony Zuniga (phone)	

Thereby a quorum was established.

Guests (From Sign-in list)

Patrick Goetz, YPIC

Patricia Ray, YPIC

Martha Marquez, UI San Luis

Alicia Huizar, YPIC

Maria Aguirre, AWC

Alma Norman, YPIC

Lorena Garcia, DES

Mercedes Mendivil, YPIC

Nidia Herrera, YPIC
Shavon M. Knox, YPIC
Maria Gomez, DES

***IV. CALL TO THE PUBLIC**

There were no comments from the public.

V. Discussion and Action Items

A. Approval of the Consent Agenda:

1. Approval of Minutes (From February 14, 2018, meeting)
2. Approval for the Chair to sign a Letter to be included in comments to the State Plan regarding Performance Measures

Dave MacDowell asked for a motion to approve the Consent Agenda.

Ed Ford made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda; Seconded by Steve Miller. The motion was approved unanimously.

VI. Director's Report and Information Items

Patricia Ray reported;

- **YPIC Board of Directors-** Patricia Ray informed the board members that a webpage was created for the board members to obtain all the documents presented at each meeting. The synopsis and the PowerPoint of the Strategic Planning Session conducted on January 19, 2018, was been added to this webpage. The webpage address and password will be provided to the members via email.
- **Board Certification** – Nancy Ngai and Tony Zuniga conducted the Board Certification. On March 1, 2018, the Workforce Arizona Council approved the Board Certification for Conditional Approval. The Comprehensive Center attained a 98% and Redondo Center Affiliate site obtained a 93%. Eleven local areas received Conditional Approval.

VII. Presentations and Information Items:

A. Workforce Development Survey Presentation

Patrick Goetz reported:

- Patrick Goetz from YPIC presented a power point on the Workforce Development Survey. Workforce Survey conducted in January 2018, consisting of 39 respondents; Members of the Workforce of the Development Board and Workforce Professionals. Workforce Survey was to develop strategies to improve and deliver workforce services in Yuma County. All results were sent to the Chamber of Commerce.
- The Office of Economic Opportunity is introducing a new program starting this month. The Arizona Career Readiness Credentials

(ACRC) is designed in direct response to input from Arizona's business community and is a validation of foundational skills that are relevant to the world of work, regardless of the type of career. ACRC is designed to provide an alternative path back to the labor force for these individuals who may be well-removed from his/her last educational accomplishment or successful employment. The desired effect is that job seekers, especially those who have been unsuccessful for a long time in efforts to rejoin the workforce, will be able to demonstrate to potential employers that they have mastered the skills that are most important to success in the roles they are trying to fill.

- The new Arizona Career Readiness Credential will validate an individual's cognitive mastery of seven (7) core skill areas that are relevant to a large majority of jobs in the American workplace:
 - Applied mathematics
 - Reading for information
 - Workplace data and graphics
 - Professionalism
 - Teamwork and collaboration
 - Communication
 - Critical thinking and problem solving

VIII. WDB Meeting Schedule

- A. Proposed Next Meeting Date: April 11, 2018, at 9:00 am at the Martin Luther King Center located at 300 S. 13th Avenue, Yuma, Az.

IX. Other Information and/or Committee reports

A. Economic Development Issues, Report

Greg LaVann reported;

- A Fortune 500 Food Company is in town finalizing the design for their architectural plans for final approval from their board of directors. An announcement will be made at a later date.
- GYEDC is conducting a Business Retention Expansions Survey. The survey is conducted annually. This year the survey is focused on Professional Services, Banking Institutions, Medical Health Care, and Engineering. The survey report will be shared with the board in June 2018.
- On May 8, 2018, State Congress Department will be conducting an Alternative Workforce Development Summit. An official invite will be provided to the board members.

B. Workforce Leadership and Investment, Report

The Workforce Leadership and Investment did not meet. Therefore, no report was provided.

C. Charter High School Board, Report

Ed Ford reported;

- Enrollment is at 110

- Attendance is at 88.6%
- The board had an extensive discussion regarding the Emergency Response Readiness.
- The High School Budget expenditures are at 67% of the school year.

D. STEDY, Report

Kevin Imes reported;

- STEDY Governing Board has approved the Arizona Career Readiness Credential and will start implementing in the Fall.
- STEDY is relocating to 899 E. Plaza Circle. Yuma, AZ 85365. Ribbon cutting on July 1, 2018.

X. Good of the Order

Greg LaVann reported that he attended the Board Strategic Planning, where he volunteered on the task force to assist Arizona@Work to be more engaged in the community and educate the community what partners do as a whole. It is the hope that more partners will participate in the task force. Mr. LaVann invited the board members to join in the task force. The first meeting will be taking place on April. Invitations will be sent out.

On January 19, the board had the Workforce Development Board Strategic Planning, and part of the process was to set up committees. Last month at the board meeting Maria invited the board members to select a committee. Patricia Ray asked board members to volunteer and choose a committee they would like to serve in. An email will be sent out to the board members. The committees are as follow:

- Workforce Leadership and Investment
- Workforce System Improvement, and
- Community Engagement.

XI. Call for Executive Session

There was no need to call for an Executive Session.

XII. Adjournment:

Ed Ford called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. A motion was made by Kevin Imes; Seconded by Nancy Ngai. The motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 09:27 am.

Respectfully submitted by Alma Norman, Clerk to the Board and Procurement Specialist