

# **YUMA COUNTY WORKFORCE INVESTMENT BOARD**

Regular Meeting

Martin Luther King Center

April 8, 2015

## **MINUTES**

### **I. CALL TO ORDER**

Ken Rosevear called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

### **II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Ed Ford led the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **III. ROLL CALL**

Roll was called and those present and absent were:

<b>Members Present</b>	<b>Members Absent</b>
1. Abel Almanza	Skip Avery
2. Ramona Corrales	Marisol Canales
3. Betty DeNise	Maria Chavoya
4. Julie Engel	Valencia R. Fisker
5. Ed Ford	Allen Hagedorn
6. Shari Frabasilio	Glenn Mayle
7. John "Bud" Johnson	Dave McDowell
8. Tom Kiley	Sam Pepper
9. Steve Miller	Kim Rodriguez
10. Nancy Ngai	Kevin Wilkins
11. Ray Ochoa	
12. Jesus Quintana	
13. Rick Rohrick	
14. Patricia Ray	
15. Ken Rosevear	
16. Tom Tyree	
17. Clinton Underhill	

**Thereby a quorum was established.**

#### **Guests (From Sign in list)**

Patrick Goetz, YPIC

Raul Canal, YPIC

#### **Staff:**

John Morales, Executive Director

Alicia Huizar, Clerk to the Board

Mia Armenta, Somerton School  
District  
John Curtis, Yuma Chamber  
John Dewitt, DES  
Marla Duran, AWC  
Mercedes Mendivil, YPIC  
Mary Jo McIntyre, Yuma County  
Grace Wehrle, DES  
Veronica Peña, DES  
Norma Avila, YPIC  
Nidia Herrera, YPIC  
Lorena Zaragoza, YPIC  
Santini Omidvar, YPIC  
Carrie Zaragoza, ALPS  
Kelly Crawford, AZ Dept. of Ed.  
Frank Atondo, YPIC  
Jennifer Steele, ACA

**\*IV. CALL TO THE PUBLIC**

There were no comments from the public.

**V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES (from March 11, 2015)**

Ken Rosevear asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the Workforce Investment Board meeting of March 11, 2015.

Steve Miller made a motion to approve the minutes of the Workforce Investment Board meeting March 11, 2015; Seconded by Tom Tyree. The motion carried.

**VI. Director's Report and Information Items**

**A. Washington D.C Update**

*John Morales reported:*

- Patricia Ray and John Morales attended the National Association of Workforce Boards Conference in Washington, DC on March 28 through March 31, 2015.
- Tom Perez, Secretary of Labor presented at the conference. He informed the audience that the regulation will be out soon.
- A staff member for Senator Patty Murray, Scott Chaney, indicated that the WIOA Act has enough flexibility that every demand should be met.

**B. State Update**

*John Morales reported:*

- Local areas continue to work on different Task Forces with the State.
- The state allowed each local area to submit the Local Area Designation Letter for approval with the approval of each area's Local Elected Officials.

**C. Update on Board of Supervisors Meeting**

*John Morales reported:*

- A presentation on the Introduction of WIOA was presented to the Yuma County Board of Supervisors on Monday, April 6, 2015
- The Local Area Designation Letter was approved by the Board of Supervisors on Monday, April 6, 2015.
- John Morales asked the board members to thank the members of the Board of supervisors for approving the Local Area Designation Letter and for having confidence on the WIB Board.

**D. IBEST Project**

*Carrie Zaragoza from Adult Literacy Plus of Southwest Arizona and Kelly Crawford from AZ Dept. of Education reported:*

- Integrated Basic Education and Skills training (I-BEST) is a nationwide model developed to provide basic literacy education as well as post-secondary skills in a contextualized and collaborative learning environment to allow students to quickly move from being basic skills deficient into the workforce and livable wage jobs.
- Arizona I-BEST takes this model one step further by incorporating the partnership with the Arizona Workforce Connection to target individuals whose low literacy skills prevents them from participating in post-secondary training for which they would otherwise qualify for.
- This model allows for success among all partners and most importantly, improves the lives of the participants by giving them the education needed for unsubsidized employment.
- Arizona Department of Education had a competitive grant solicitation last fall that all 25 grant funded programs could apply for.
- ALPS applied for the AZ I-BEST grant and was awarded the grant to work in partnership with YPIC and AWC for their Certified Nursing Assistant program.
- The I-BEST Model is to have 2 teachers in the classroom co-teaching at all times, the ABE Instructor (ALPS) and the College Professor (AWC).
- They are currently working to create this model and the first step toward this goal is the GED and I-BEST Academy. Once this is completed, students will transition to the CNA Course with a clear advantage over the other students.

- John Morales recognized Mia Armenta from the Somerton District for working with low income participants.
- Carrie Zaragoza has been recommended by the Arizona Department of Education to serve as part of the WIB board.

**E. Rapid Response/Business Outreach Update**

*Patrick Goetz reported:*

- Patrick Goetz from YPIC presented a power point on Rapid Response and Business Services.
- Patrick Goetz explained that the Sea Food companies offer seasonal employment for 3 to 4 months.
- Seaboard Food Company offers permanent employment.

**F. Update National Association of Workforce Boards Conference.**

*John Morales reported:*

- Information on the National Association of Workforce Board Conference was provided along with the Washington report.

**G. Southwest Arizona Futures Forum.**

*John Morales reported:*

- The Southwest Arizona Future Forum will be held at Arizona Western College on Thursday, April 16, 2015.
- The forum will be based on a Poverty Simulation. Mr. Morales encouraged the board members to attend.

**H. GYEDC Investor’s Luncheon.**

*John Morales reported:*

- The GYEDC Investor’s Luncheon will take place on Tuesday, April 21, 2015.
- John Morales introduced Jenifer Steele from Arizona Commerce Authority.

**I. Proposed Next Meeting Date – May 13, 2015** at the Martin Luther King Center located at 300 S. 13<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Yuma, AZ.

**VII. Discussion/Action items**

There were no discussion/action items to be addressed at the meeting.

**VIII. Other information and/or Committee Reports**

**Economic Development:**

*Julie Engel reported:*

- There was no report for Economic Development.

**Finance & Personnel Committee:**

*Ken Rosevear reported:*

- The Finance and Personnel Committee did not meet.

**Charter High School:**

Ed Ford *reported:*

- Enrollment is at 105: attendance is at 92%
- 78 students will be graduating in May.
- Graduation is set for May 21, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. at the Historic Yuma Theater.
- The students will start testing on the AzMerit Test on Monday, April 13, 2015.

**JTED:**

Tom Tyree *reported:*

- The next JTED board meeting will be taking place on Monday, April 13, 2015 at Yuma Union High School Governing Board room at 5:30 p.m.
- An advisory committee has been formed where the committee has the responsibility to take a look at all the career technical education courses that are offered in the high school districts and determine which would be the criteria for funding for JTED.
- A Business Industry Advisory Board will be formed.
- JTED will be creating a website and a logo.

**Youth Council:**

Patricia Ray *reported:*

- The Youth Council did not meet.

**IX. Call for Executive Session**

There was no call for an Executive Session.

**X. Good of the Order**

Jesus Quintana informed the board members that the agriculture industry has relied on H2A program to employ people to work the agricultural fields. 280 people were hired this season. New regulations came out and his firm is busily working on making changes in order to comply with them.

John Morales explained to the board that the WIB is in the process of reconstituting the board based on the WIOA guidelines. The number of members in the board will be downsizing.

**XI. Adjournment**

Ken Rosevear called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. A motion was made by Julie Engel; Seconded by Ken Rosevear. The motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 10:10 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by Alicia Huizar, Clerk to the Board,  
and YPIC Executive Assistant/Contract Manager