



SOUTHEASTERN ARIZONA

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Minutes

Eastern Arizona College
615 North Stadium Ave., Room 111
Thatcher, Arizona 85552

Zoom Online Virtual Meeting

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Thursday, September 16, 2021

10:00 AM

Members Present

Ron Curtis
Kathleen Bullock
Doris Tolbert
Jason Bowling
Tony Boone
Amanda Baillie (*Ex Officio*)
Sam Curtis
Jelensky Irons
Rebekah Kimmel
Elizabeth Kinder
Jacob Williams
Susan Wood

Members Absent

Wick Lewis
Jack Bauer
Matt Bolinger
Evonne Cummins
Edward Dummit
Merrit Essig
Mark Gallego
Martha Lujan

Guests Present

Jim Mize

Staff Present

Vada Phelps
Vickie Simmons
Michelle Huff
Breona Mouton
Lori Baron
Robert Archer

A. Call to Order

Vice President Kathleen Bullock called to order the regular meeting of the ARIZONA@WORK Local Workforce Board at 10:14 AM on September 16, 2021 in person as well as on Zoom online website.

B. Roll Call

Lori Baron conducted roll call. The names of present and absent members, as well as guests and staff, are listed above. Quorum was established.

"If such a conflict does arise, I will declare that conflict before the board and refrain from discussing and voting on matters in which I have conflict."

C. Call to the Public

No Comments were made.

D. Welcome New Board Members

Ms. Bullock welcomed new board members Rebekah Kimmel and Dr. Susan Wood

E. Action Item: To Approve September 16, 2021 Agenda

Motion to Approve: Doris Tolbert

Seconded: Tony Boone

Approved: Unanimously

F. Action Item: To Approve June 16, 2021 Minutes

Motion to Approve: Doris Tolbert

Seconded: Tony Boone

Approved: Unanimously

G. Action Item: To Approve 2021-2022 Budget

Motion to Approve: Susan Wood

Seconded: Doris Tolbert

Approved: Unanimously

H. Financial Report: 2021 Budget and Expenditures

Michelle Huff: Expenditures are really well in line. There will be inflation when the minimum wage is raised to \$12.80 from the current \$12.15.

I. One-Stop Operator Report

Jim Mize referred to his report which is in the packet.

J. Core Partner Reports

- One-Stop Employment and Training report presented by Vickie Simmons.
 - We change people's lives. There are success stories in the board packet.
- Rehabilitation Services report presented by Elizabeth Kinder.
 - Her report is in the board packet. (She was having sound issues on Zoom).
- Employment Services report presented by Jelensky Irons.

- The Sierra Vista Mall job fair had 63 employers and 350 job seekers
- There has not been an influx of job seekers.
- Adult Education.
 - Vada Phelps stated that Brad Dale has resigned from the AZ@Work Board. Cochise College will appoint a new member for Adult Education.
 - Cochise College has been given a \$90,000 grant for Adult Education.

K. Business Needs Survey

Amanda Baillie: The needs of businesses change so quickly. Replies to the survey are not abundant. She is thinking of holding an event to collect more surveys. Also, does the survey need to change the focus to why are people not looking for jobs?

Vada Phelps: We can partner with the Chamber of Commerce. We will talk to Melany at the Chamber. We can figure out what we need for informed Events.

L. Report on NAWB Conference

Ron Curtis, Vickie Simmons and Kathleen Bullock gave an overview on their trip to the NAWB conference. Arizona's challenges are similar to other counties nationwide.

M. Executive Director's Report

- Vada Phelps attended the Meeting of the Mind Conference in California. The work at home shift is the new normal. Chef Jeff was an inspirational speaker. He likes helping young people. Vada spoke with him about the CAS Douglas campus.
- Senate Resolution 346 established National Workforce Development Month.
- We need AZ@Work Board members in Greenlee and Graham counties.
- Vada brought a newspaper article highlighting Tony Boone's son in a bicycle race in Pennsylvania.
- Arizona@Work video done by Buena students is on Youtube.
<https://youtu.be/ByJJr2c1fIY>
[Cochise@Work2019 v10 - YouTube](#)
- She gave a report on performance standards.

N. President's Report given by Kathleen Bullock

Workforce operations are thriving. Our employees are engaged and proactive. They put the jobseeker first.

O. Board Announcements

Board members gave a brief status of their companies.

Next Board Meeting

December 16, 2021 at 10:00 a.m.

Cochise College Downtown Center, Arizona@Work Job Center

2600 E. Wilcox Drive, Sierra Vista, AZ 85635

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 12:07 p.m.

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Report Submitted by: *Lori Baron*