

**WORKFORCE ARIZONA COUNCIL – PERFORMANCE EXCELLENCE
COMMITTEE MINUTES**

Wednesday, September 23, 2020

2:00 p.m.

Via Zoom:

<https://azcommerce.zoom.us/j/92818111650?pwd=SDVORzZqbVJtSVVvQ1M3eXhkSzZJUT09>

Members Present

David Martin – Arizona Chapter of the Associated General Contractors

Dennis Anthony – Arizona Apprenticeship Advisory Committee

Jeff Fleetham – Arizona Registrar of Contractors

Gretchen Kitchel – SRP

Members Absent

Drew Thorpe – APS

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 2:00 p.m.

2. Welcome and Meeting Logistics

Committee Chair, David Martin, welcomed everyone to the meeting and reviewed the zoom protocols.

3. Call to the Public

There were no public comments received.

4. Local Board Recertifications Update – Discussion and Possible Action

Ashley Wilhelm, Council Manger, explained that at the last Committee meeting the Arizona Department of Economic Security (DES) stated that three local areas were not currently in compliance and were required to submit Corrective Action Plans to explain how they will come into compliance by the dates prescribed through the monitoring process completed by DES. If they are unable to complete this Action Plan they will be considered in substantial violation and subject to decertification or other sanctions.

Nancy Meeden, Workforce Policy Manager, walked the Committee through the current areas where the three local areas (Santa Cruz, Maricopa and the Nineteen Tribal Nations) are out of compliance. She explained that DES has been in discussions with the U.S. Department of Labor and is developing a policy to address substantial violations, sanctions, decertification and reorganization of local areas. The policy will be finalized

by November 2020. Nancy explained that the Council will be asked to assist with the next steps. The Governor is the final authority on what, if any, sanctions are imposed.

The Committee members discussed their areas of concern regarding non-compliance and agreed that the policy DES is developing is key to identifying what the next steps will be and who has the responsibility to make the decisions regarding each step. The Committee members encouraged the local areas to continue working on making progress towards compliance and DES to continue with next steps in case additional decisions need to be made.

5. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 3:02 p.m.