

MINUTES OF PUBLIC MEETING OF THE MARICOPA COUNTY WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD

Thursday, February 18, 2021 – 9:30 a.m.

GoToMeeting: <https://www.gotomeet.me/MaricopaCountyWDB>
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Members Present: Bonnie Schirato, Brent Downs, Christine Colon, Christopher Tafoya, Collin Stewart, Elizabeth E. Cole, Erik Cole, Gregg Ghelfi, Loren Granger, Marcia Veidmark, Mark Wagner, Matt McGuire, Shawn Hutchinson, Tina Drews (**Note: All members present attended via GoTo meeting**)

Members Absent: Stan Chavira, Vanessa Andersen

Call to Order.

Interim Chairman, Matt McGuire, called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m., and requested roll call.

Roll Call.

Board Liaison, Nancy Avina took roll. Quorum was present.

Welcome and Opening Remarks.

Interim Chairman McGuire provided brief welcoming remarks, open meeting reminders and reviewed the board's vision, values and goals.

Workforce Impact Statement.*

Interim Chairman McGuire read a workforce impact statement on a gentleman named Nelson, who participated in the ARIZONA@WORK Adult program and completed their Class A CDL training program successfully.

In addition, two (2) YouTube video articles were shared on the ARIZONA@WORK free virtual employment academy and the success story of Leigh Dillman, who also participated in the program. Chairman McGuire expressed his gratitude on the great work being done. Brief discussion held on whether the center have seen more traffic after the airing of those videos.

Consent Agenda.

Interim Chairman McGuire asked for a motion to approve consent agenda items. Christopher Tafoya made a motion; Gregg Ghelfi seconded the motion. Roll call vote held:

In favor: Bonnie Schirato, Brent Downs, Christine Colon, Christopher Tafoya, Collin Stewart, Elizabeth E. Cole, Erik Cole, Gregg Ghelfi, Loren Granger, Marcia Veidmark, Mark Wagner, Matt McGuire, Shawn Hutchinson, Tina Drews.

Opposed: None

Abstained: None

Motion carried.

Chairman Report.

Interim Chairman McGuire, began by recognizing Executive Director, Steve Clark for his work as he started in his role.

Status of 2018 and 2020 Re-Certification – Interim Chairman McGuire provided a brief status update on the 2018 re-certification and informed of the conditional approval by the WAC Performance Excellence committee. The 2020 re-certification packet, which includes the local plan has been extended into the spring and is still awaiting DES feedback; once feedback is received it will be brought forth to the board for hopeful approval.

Executive Director Report.

Executive Director, Steve Clark began by sharing brief remarks on the success stories shared and the uplifting impact of those.

Personnel - Executive Director, Steve Clark formally introduced Nancy Avina in her new role of Management Analyst and shared various remarks on her current dual role and work ethic. Mr. Clark informed on current

recruitment efforts to fill the Board Liaison role, as well as the second Management Analyst position in late spring/early summer. Mr. Clark further informed on Workforce Development Division Assistant Director, Tom Colombo's departure and acceptance of new position with DES.

COP collaboration projects – Executive Director, Steve Clark shared an update on collaboration efforts/initiatives with the City of Phoenix including, working together and looking at initiatives toward the educational aspect in bridging connection gaps between school and careers. Plan is to create a plan in the next 5 months. A second initiative discussed in working together with the City of Phoenix is in marketing of services provided and marketing approach, including on the technology front and website design. Mr. Clark also brought forth the idea of the sharing of board members for consideration. Interim Chairman McGuire shared brief remarks regarding joining the City of Phoenix board and asked interested board members to reach out to WDB staff or Chairman McGuire. Mr. Clark informed further collaboration efforts with other partners would be shared in the future.

Brief discussion was held on the importance of collaboration efforts and regionalism, especially for other title programs (Title II). Comments were also added regarding not losing the perspective of Adult Education providers on high school equivalency. Mr. Clark acknowledged discussion comments, importance of including all groups and briefly informed of future topics that will be brought forth, such as labor market outlooks.

Greater Phoenix Chamber of Commerce (Build Your Future) involvement – Executive Director, Steve Clark informed of invitation to meet and greet with build your future and shared information on best practices of build your future. He further informed on plan to be involved with build your future initiatives.

Brief comments were expressed by board members on looking forward to partnering and outcomes as well as, ensuring all opportunities are being explained and promoted. Mr. Clark acknowledged discussion comments and added comments on sharing information on other relationships in hopes of educating the client. Mr. Clark further shared of goal of educating the board at every meeting. Further comments were added by board members on transitioning of careers and identifying skillsets and a DES program that identifies UI participants exhausting benefits to get them into the workforce system – the program will be launched March 1st.

2021 One Stop Operator – Executive Director, Steve Clark asked Management Analyst, Nancy Avina to share an update on the One Stop Operator. Ms. Avina shared information on current OSO contract expiring on June 30, 2021 and the need to re-procure, she briefly reviewed the basic function of the OSO, and discussed the two (2) avenues being pursued including using City of Phoenix RFP and creating our own contract with the selected proposer and option two (2) working with our own Office of Procurement office to develop a scope of work. The hope is to provide the board with a formal recommendation at the next board meeting on how to move forward.

One Stop Operator Report and Update. *

One Stop Operator Representative, Gretchen Carraway presented an overview on performance accountability and reporting. She briefly reviewed the last meeting recommendations and focused on performance reporting and accountability. She reviewed the performance accountability dashboard. She covered and reviewed WIOA programs primary indicators and performance goals, as well as explained target levels of performance and reporting timelines. The OSO asked that the board consider developing a performance reporting workgroup that would be facilitated by the OSO, to tackle requirements. Clarification was asked around the requested workgroup; WDB staff will be doing research on the committee idea and next steps. Discussion held on performance measures/KPI's.

Interim Chairman McGuire asked WDB staff to ensure link and presentation is sent to board members.

Committee Reports.

Youth Committee – Youth Committee Chair, Elizabeth E. Cole provided an update on the content of January youth committee meeting, including the new committee schedule, reading a youth impact story and committee member introductions to Executive Director, Steve Clark. Ms. Cole shared thoughts on youth influencers, as well as sharing of national accolades around apprenticeships. Further, Ms. Cole shared information on expanding conversations on funds (75%) needed to be expended on out-of-school youth.

Ms. Cole shared on current work being done for the next youth committee agenda including adding the topic of CTE's to the meeting agenda.

Call to the Public.

Chairman McGuire made a call for public comment.

Workforce Development Division Assistant Director, Tom Colombo shared on Apprenticeship success in Maricopa County and informed on US DOL work-based learning state practices webinar through Workforce GPS on March 16th at Noon; and Deb Furlong will be sharing on method and style of apprenticeships in Maricopa County.

Adjourn.

Chairman McGuire adjourned the MCWDB meeting at 10:53 a.m.

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