

Minutes of the Maricopa County Workforce Development Board Youth Committee Meeting

Thursday, February 25, 2021 – 9:30 a.m.

GoToMeeting: <https://www.gotomeet.me/MaricopaCountyWDB>
Phone: +1 (872) 240-3212; Access Code/Meeting ID: 167-097-701

Members Present: Elizabeth E. Cole, Pedro Huerta, Shawn Hutchinson, Sherie Steele, Susan Morris **(Note: All members present attended via GoTo meeting)**

Members Absent: Breanne Bushu, Felix Moran, Traci Ayre

Call to Order.

Youth Committee Chair, Elizabeth E. Cole, called the MCWDB Youth Committee meeting to order at 9:34 a.m.

Roll Call.

WDB Liaison Nancy Avina took roll. Quorum was present.

Welcome and Opening Remarks.

Chair Cole welcomed attendees to the meeting, provided brief opening remarks and open meeting reminders.

Consent Agenda.

Chair Cole asked for a motion to approve the consent agenda. Shawn Hutchinson made a motion to approve. Sherie Steele seconded the motion.

In favor: Elizabeth E. Cole, Pedro Huerta, Shawn Hutchinson, Sherie Steele, Susan Morris.

Opposed: None.

The motion passed.

Chair Report.

- **Youth Impact Story** – Chair Cole asked committee member, Sherie Steele to share some of the youth testimonials from a Youth Reengagement Center survey. Chair Cole additionally provided brief background information on Opportunities for Youth, reengagement centers and the survey. Ms. Steele read multiple positive youth testimonials. A brief question was asked regarding how many responses were received.
- **Updates relative to this Committee** – Chair Cole shared various updates from the February Full Board meeting including on, personnel and a board staff promotion, collaboration projects, the 2021 One Stop Operator (OSO), and on an update provided by the current OSO. Chair Cole asked staff to share the OSO performance dashboard link with committee members.

Executive Director Report.

- **Updates Relative to this Committee** – Executive Director, Mr. Clark shared on cooperative efforts with the City of Phoenix including on educational initiatives, marketing and technology, as well as the potential of sharing of vendors. Mr. Clark also provided a brief update on meeting held with the Greater Chamber of Commerce build your future. Brief discussion and comments shared on collaboration efforts.

Maricopa County Community College District Presentation on CTE Month and Activities.

Ms. Cole shared brief high-level information on Career and Technical Information (CTE), shared some CTE facts and introduced Kimberly Faust. Ms. Faust from the Maricopa County Community College District presented on Career and Technical Education, including on CTE month and upcoming virtual sessions. Brief discussion held on the topic.

HSE PLUS Career Readiness Pathway Presentation: A New Pathway to a High School Equivalency Diploma.

Ms. Cole shared a brief introduction on multiple pathways towards a high school equivalency (HSE) diploma and introduced Christian Garibay. Mr. Garibay from Arizona Department of Education presented on the HSE system and the multiple pathways to achieving a HSE diploma. Discussion held on the topic, including on clarifying the equivalency of the pathways and financial aid options.

Ms. Cole inquired on what the committee would like to see in future meetings including any relevant presentations. Discussion held amongst the committee including on how the committee can help support and market programs as well as, other initiatives.

Call to the Public

Chair Cole called for public comment. No public comment made.

Adjourn Meeting

Chair Cole adjourned the meeting at 11:06 a.m.

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