

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

Tuesday, June 30, 2020
2:00 pm
Via Zoom

Members Present

David Martin – Arizona Chapter of the Associated General Contractors
Dennis Anthony – Arizona Apprenticeship Advisory Committee
Jeff Fleetham – Arizona Registrar of Contractors
Drew Thorpe – APS
Gretchen Kitchel – SRP

No Members Absent

1. Call to Order

The Performance Excellence Committee was called to order by Chair, David Martin at 2 pm

2. Welcome and Meeting Logistics

Welcome was provided by Committee Chair David Martin. Ashley Wilhelm, Council Manager, went over the meeting logistics and protocol as a virtual meeting.

3. Call to the Public

Teri Drew, Executive Director, Arizona Workforce Association, offered assistance to the Committee from the consortium of local areas
Gabe Loyola stated the Committee has been really active and since it is the responsibility of the Council to make recommendations to the Governor he recommends the Council review Rapid Response and make a recommendation to the Governor.
Julie Stiak, Maricopa County Workforce Development Board member, stated that it was her last day as a local board member and encouraged the Council and other local boards to find ways to collaborate with education on a continual basis.

4. Local Plan Extension Request – Discussion and Possible Action

Ashley Wilhelm explained that the Local Boards are required to create Local Plans every 4 years. The 2020-2023 Local Plans are due from the Local Boards July 15th. There are 5 Local Boards who are seeking an extension to develop and submit their Local Plan until August 15th. Those Local Boards seeking an extension are; Coconino County, Maricopa County, Nineteen Tribal Nations, Santa Cruz County, and Yuma County. Gretchen Kitchel moved to grant the Local Boards the extension requested until August 15th. Jeff Fleetham seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.

5. Local Board Recertification – Discussion and Possible Action

a. Local Board Recertification Next Steps

Moriah Robles, Technical Assistance Coordinator, DES, explained that the Southeastern Arizona Workforce Board has completed the required documents and DES is recommending them for recertification. Gretchen Kitchel moved to approve Southeastern Arizona for Recertification. Drew Thorpe seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Chair Martin then invited the Maricopa County Board Chair to discuss the areas of concern that are still outstanding. Mark Lashinske, Maricopa Workforce Board Chair, explained that there is still a Shared Governance Agreement that has not been agreed upon by both the Board and the Board of Supervisors. He gave the history on the Board's steps that have led them to the point they are at now. He explained that their board members have raised concerns that the draft agreement from the Board of Supervisors does not follow WIOA Law and Regulations, specifically, 20CFR 681.400. Mr. Lashinske stated that the Board is looking into filing a grievance with the U.S. Department of Labor due to the efforts that have hindered them from coming into compliance and being recertified. Several other Maricopa Board members also spoke to the validity of the documents and had concerns with if the documents met the requirements that were laid out in the checklist DES had provided to the Board to follow when developing the agreement.

Chair Martin then asked the County spokesperson to discuss their areas of concern regarding the outstanding items prohibiting the recertification of the Board. LeeAnn Bohn, Assistant County Manager, expressed her concerns with the multiple documents that have been reviewed by the Board and the confusion it has caused. She explained that she felt the Chair was in agreement with the Shared Governance Agreement that the Board of Supervisors signed but there has since been issues brought up by the Board and their members regarding the agreement after the approval of the Board of Supervisors.

Gretchen Kitchel asked if there were other issues the Board members had with the agreement other than the specific regulation that was cited. She explained she wanted to try and see how far off the two parties are to an agreement.

David Martin asked when the next Board of Supervisors meeting will be held so that there may be another agreement that can be signed. LeeAnn explained that the next one is scheduled for July 22nd but they have been calling quite a few special sessions and could do so for this item.

The Committee members wanted to get a better understanding on what the responsibility of the Council is for the next steps of this process. Chair Martin asked staff to prepare the following for the next Committee meeting:

1. Identify the decertification process
2. Identify if non-certification is the same as decertification and how long the local boards can be in a non-certified state.

3. Identify if being uncertified jepordizes the funding for the local board and only that local board or the rest of the board/state.

6. Adjournment

Gretchen Kitchel moved to adjourn the meeting, it was seconded by Drew Thorpe. The motion passed, meeting adjourned.

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