



MINUTES OF PUBLIC MEETING OF THE MARICOPA COUNTY WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD
Youth Committee

Thursday, September 8, 2022 – 9:30 a.m.

GoToMeeting: <https://www.gotomeet.me/MaricopaCountyWDB>

Phone: +1 (872) 240-3212; Access Code/Meeting ID: 167-097-701

Members Present: Joe Veres, Darcy Renfro, Sherie Steele, and Tina Drews
(Note: All members present attended via GoTo meeting)

Members Absent: Jason Walker, Stan Chavira

MEETING

Call to Order.

Chairman Joe Veres, called the meeting to order at 9:35 a.m., and requested roll call.

Roll Call.

MCWDB Board Liaison, Deseret Romero took roll. A quorum was not present. (Note: A quorum became present during the start of the Information/Discussion Only – Youth Committee Areas of Focus portion of the meeting.)

Welcome and Opening Remarks.

Chairman Veres welcomed everyone to the Youth Committee meeting.

Consent Agenda.

(Note: Item was heard out of order. After Item #6 - Information/Discussion Only – Youth Committee Areas of Focus.)

Meeting Minutes: September 2,2021

Meeting Minutes: January 6,2022

Meeting Minutes: March 3,2022

Chairman Veres asked for a motion to approve the MCWDB Youth Committee’s consent agenda as presented. Darcy Renfro made a motion; Tina Drews seconded the motion.

Chairman Veres called for an all-in favor vote:

In Favor: Joe Veres, Darcy Renfro, Sherie Steele, and Tina Drews

Opposed: None

Abstained: None

Motion passed.

Chairman Report.

Chairman Veres provided a summary of the 2022 MCWDB Retreat, noting the opportunity to expand the MCWDB Youth Committee and introducing potential member Dr. Meredith Critchfield with Grand Canyon University.

Informational/Discussion Only.

Youth Committee Areas of Focus

- What do you see as some of the most significant gaps between job seekers and employers, and what ideas do you have to bridge these gaps?

Responses:

- *Employee soft skills*
- *Educating students on trade job opportunities (i.e. CTE, apprenticeship and pre-apprenticeship programs)*
- *Hiring part-time staff*

- If funding was not an option, what are some ideas for this committee to consider as areas of focus for this FY?

Responses:

- *Billboards – advertising of the trade career opportunities and the benefits*
- *Educating the community of the ARIZONA@WORK services available.*

- Considering the Strategic Planning goals and committee focus, what resources can the MCWDB staff provide to assist the committees better?

Responses:

- *Staff can explore Committee’s global approach to innovative ideas, career pathways, and informative presentations.*
- *Enhance community partnerships (including K-12 schools)*

- What innovative ideas might be used to create the committees’ focus areas?

Responses:

- *Enhancing partnerships*
- *Engaging with K-12 Schools and Phoenix Chamber’s current engagement with the schools*
- *Packaging Career Pathways (tying career education with employment)*
- *Former students share their experiences with incoming students*
- *Invite Phoenix Chamber and Elevate Ed to the Youth Committee Membership*
- *Host Maricopa County Community College – Quick Start Program Presentation*
- *Host an Elevate Ed Program Presentation*

- What are the committees’ focus for this fiscal year?

Responses:

- *Creating personal connections – sharing career pathway stories*
- *Approach Phoenix Chamber to join them on their current work with the K-12 schools*

MCWDB Executive Director Steve Clark noted that staff would create an agenda for the next meeting.

Call to the Public.

No one spoke.

Adjourn.

The Committee requested that a revised meeting time be considered due to several conflicts. Chairman Veres adjourned the MCWDB Youth Committee meeting at 10:16 a.m.

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