

Minutes of the Maricopa County Workforce Development Board Youth Committee Meeting

Thursday, April 22, 2021 – 9:30 a.m.

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

Members Absent: Felix Moran and Susan Morris

Call to Order.

Youth Committee Chair, Elizabeth E. Cole, called the MCWDB Youth Committee meeting to order at 9:32 a.m.

Roll Call.

Workforce Development Board Liaison Deseret Romero 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. Traci Ayre seconded the motion.

In favor: Breanne Bushu, Elizabeth E. Cole, Pedro Huerta, Shawn Hutchinson, Sherie Steele, and Traci Ayre.
Opposed: None.

The motion passed.

Chair Report.

Chair Cole introduced new Workforce Development Board Liaison Deseret Romero and asked Ms. Romero share a bit about herself. Ms. Romero briefly shared her professional history and noted that she was looking forward to working with the Committee.

Chair Cole asked Tina Luke, Workforce Program Manager – Youth, Maricopa County Workforce Development Division to share with the Committee the recent activity at the Health Services Department. Ms. Luke briefly discussed the recent staffing changes.

- **Youth Impact Story** – Gretchen Holmes read the Youth Impact story from Valarie.
- **Updates relative to this Committee** – Chair Cole noted that April was Community College Awareness Month. Chair Cole and several of the Committee members shared their community college experiences. Chair Cole also reported on the following:
 - Appointment of Matt McGuire as the Chairman of the Full workforce Development Board
 - Workforce Development Board (WDB) Memberships – per the bylaws, applications are being submitted for expiring memberships of WDB members to the Board of Supervisors for consideration and approval. Chair Cole noted that she has submitted her application for consideration.
 - Greater Phoenix Workforce Leadership Academy (fellowship program for workforce development professionals) – The leadership program have selected 24 fellows that will be joining inaugural class.

Executive Director Report.

- **Workforce Development Staff** – Executive Director, Steve Clark, also welcomed Ms. Romero as the Workforce Development Board Liaison and noted the hiring progress for the Management Analyst position.
- **Partnership Update** - Mr. Clark shared the cooperative efforts with the City of Phoenix to enhance our apprenticeship programs. Mr. Clark also provided a brief update on United Way's 5 Year Impact Agenda and their areas of focus, including health, housing/homelessness, education and workforce development.
- **Open Board Seats** - Mr. Clark reported on the applications received to fill the open Workforce Development Board seats and the hope to have Board of Supervisor approval to fill the seats soon.

One Stop Operator Google Referral Platform Presentation

Breanne Wright with Maximus provided a presentation on the referral platform and how it is being used by partners and service providers.

Ms. Wright answered a few questions from the Committee related to the addition of employers.

*Chair Cole's connection was lost at this time. After a few minutes, Mr. Clark proceeded with the meeting.

Call to the Public

Mr. Clark called for public comment. No public comment was made.

Adjourn Meeting

Mr. Clark requested a motion to adjourn the meeting. Shawn Hutchinson made a motion to adjourn. Traci Ayre seconded the motion.

In favor: Breanne Bushu, Pedro Huerta, Shawn Hutchinson, Sherie Steele, and Traci Ayre.

Opposed: None.

The motion passed.

The meeting adjourned at 11:06 a.m.

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