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YUMA COUNTY WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD

Yuma Private Industry Council, Administration Building

3834 W. 16th Street, Yuma AZ 85364

Meeting Link:

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March 8, 2023 9:00 a.m.

MINUTES

I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Maria Chavoya called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Steven M. Miller led the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. ROLL CALL

The roll was called, and those present and absent were:

Members Present (Virtually)	Members Absent
1. Ryan Barto	1. Daniel Corr (Excused)
2. Judith Castro	2. Jesus G. Figueroa (Excused)
3. Maria Chavoya	3. Karen King (Excused)
4. Brandon Culpepper	4. Gel Lemmon
5. Carla F. Gonzalez	5. James Luft
6. Gregory LaVann	
7. Samuel G. Loveless	
8. Dave Miller	
9. Steven M. Miller (In Person)	
10. Miguel Ramos	
11. Michael J. Sabath	
12. Tonya Tacker	
13. Laura Wisniewski	
14. Antonio Zuniga	

Thereby a quorum was established.

Staff/Guests (Virtually)

Mariana Martinez, YPIC
Patrick Goetz, YPIC
Steve Barba, YPIC
Nidia Herrera, YPIC
Beatriz Aguilar, YPIC

IV. *CALL TO THE PUBLIC

There were no comments from the public.

Board Member, Tonya Tacker joined the meeting.

V. FINANCE & PERSONNEL COMMITTEE REPORT

Maria Chavoya informed the Board, the Finance & Personnel Committee met on February 13, 2023 to review and approve the On the Job Training Increase Reimbursement Rate, Revised Youth Incentive Payment Policy, Revised Youth Supportive Services Policy, Revised Training Policy (Incumbent Worker Training) and YPIC Cost of Living Adjustment.

VI. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS:

A. Approval of the Consent Agenda

- 1. Meeting Minutes (January 11, 2023)
- 2. Action to Ratify the Finance & Personnel Committee's February 13, 2023 approval of the On-the-Job Training Increase Reimbursement Rate
- 3. Action to Ratify the Finance & Personnel Committee's February 13, 2023 approval of the Revised Youth Incentive Policy
- 4. Action to Ratify the Finance & Personnel Committee's February 13, 2023 approval of the Revised Youth Supportive Services Policy
- 5. Action to Ratify the Finance & Personnel Committee's February 13, 2023 approval of the Revised Training Policy (Incumbent Worker Training)
- 6. Action to Ratify the Finance & Personnel Committee's February 13, 2023 approval of YPIC Cost of Living Adjustment/Inflation

Maria Chavoya asked for a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Steven M. Miller made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda; Seconded by Samuel G. Loveless.

VOICE VOTE: The motion carried 13-0 (Yes: Ryan Barto, Judith Castro, Maria Chavoya, Brandon Culpepper, Carla F. Gonzalez, Samuel G. Loveless, Dave Miller, Steven M. Miller, Miguel Ramos, Michael J. Sabath, Tonya Tacker, Laura Wisniewski and Antonio Zuniga)

B. Discussion and Action Items

- 1. Review and Approve Additions to the Eligible Training Provider List (ETPL)
 - Digital Marketing & E-Commerce Certificate
 - IT Automation with Python Certificate
 - Project Management Certificate
 - CompTIA Security+ Certificate
 - Solid Works Certificate
 - UX (User Experience) Design Certificate

Nidia Herrera recommended the approval of the six certificates listed above to allow job seekers to receive training in those occupations.

Maria Chavoya asked for a motion to approve the additions to the Eligible Training Provider List (ETPL).

Michael J. Sabath made a motion to approve the additions to the Eligible Training Provider List (ETPL); Seconded by Steven M. Miller.

VOICE VOTE: The motion carried 13-0 (Yes: Ryan Barto, Judith Castro, Maria Chavoya, Brandon Culpepper, Carla F. Gonzalez, Samuel G. Loveless, Dave Miller, Steven M. Miller, Miguel Ramos, Michael J. Sabath, Tonya Tacker, Laura Wisniewski and Antonio Zuniga)

Board Member, Gregory LaVann joined the meeting.

VII. DIRECTORS REPORT

Nidia Herrera acknowledged that Board of Supervisors Member, Lynne Pancrazi was present.

Nidia Herrera presented a PowerPoint. PowerPoint is attached.

Maria Chavoya asked Nidia Herrera to reach out to Laura Wisniewski regarding the On-the-Job Training Policy.

Gregory LaVann asked regarding the reevaluation of the Service Providers. Nidia Herrera replied the Performance Review Committee will be evaluating the contractor's performance, outcomes and budget in April.

Maria Chavoya informed the Board, there is a vacancy in the Performance Review Committee and asked Board members to reach out to Nidia Herrera or Patrick Goetz if interested.

Nidia Herrera thanked Gregory LaVann for volunteering to be part of the Performance Review Committee.

VIII. PRESENTATIONS AND INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

1. Business Services/Rapid Response

Mariana Martinez, Employer Engagement & Rapid Response Coordinator presented a PowerPoint. PowerPoint is attached.

2. Financials as of January 31, 2023

Steve Barba, Finance & Accounting Manager presented the financials as of January 31, 2022. Adults are at 51%, Dislocated Workers are at 47%, Youth Services are at 44% and overall is at 47%.

A conversation took place regarding the strategies that have been set in place to spend funds and attract more youth.

IX. WDB MEETING SCHEDULE

A. Proposed Next Meeting Date: Wednesday, May 10, 2023 at 9:00 a.m.

X. OTHER INFORMATION AND/OR COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Economic Development Issues Report

Gregory LaVann reported:

Commended Patrick Goetz and Mariana Martinez for assisting with a solar

panel manufacturing company that is currently seeking a location in Yuma to operate, the company currently operates in Asia along with Europe, this would be the first US base facility, if the company does locate in Yuma it would be the third largest private employer in the community

- Currently working on a childcare task force to assist individuals with childcare needs so individuals can get back into the workforce and find economical and affordable child care providers
- Cobalt Processing Facility is working on the permitting process, they have been approved by the planning and zoning and by the Board of Supervisors, ARIZONA@WORK will be engaged during the hiring phase of this effort

B. Educational Opportunity Center Charter High School Board Report

Steven M. Miller reported:

- Enrollment is at 103 students
- 14 students have attended orientation for the new quarter
- Approximately 28 students will be graduating this year

C. Performance Review Committee Report

Samuel G. Loveless reported:

- The committee met on January 31, 2023
- Discussed the service providers, will meet again in April with more information to make decisions for the new contracts

D. Service Provider Reports

There were no questions regarding the Service Provider reports.

XI. GOOD OF THE ORDER

Maria Chavoya informed the Board, nomination forms will be sent out April 1, 2023 and election of officers will take place in June 2023. Maria Chavoya informed the Board, she will be stepping down from the Chair position and advised the Board members to nominate themselves or other members.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

Maria Chavoya called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. A motion was made by Steven M. Miller; Seconded by Laura Wisniewski. The motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 10:07 a.m.

VOICE VOTE: The motion carried 14-0 (Yes: Ryan Barto, Judith Castro, Maria Chavoya, Brandon Culpepper, Carla F. Gonzalez, Gregory LaVann, Samuel G. Loveless, Dave Miller, Steven M. Miller, Miguel Ramos, Michael J. Sabath, Tonya Tacker, Laura Wisniewski and Antonio Zuniga)



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Executive Director's Report

Nidia Herrera March 8, 2023

COVID-19 Precautionary Measures

Continuity of Operation Plan (COOP)

- Sanitation Stations & Temperature Checks
- Practice Safe Distancing
- Ready to Reinstate COVID protocols

Enforce Safety Measures

- Sanitizing equipment after each use
- Employees choice to use mask



LWDB Action Items

- Local Board & Chief Elected Official Approvals/Board of Supervisors (BOS):
 - Monthly Meetings
- National Workforce Development Board Forum
- Dept. of Labor (DOL) Quest Dislocated Worker Grant
- Broadband Grant/Partnership: State Funding Pending
 - AWC & ARIZONA@WORK: Fiber Optic Technician
- Greater Yuma Economic Development:
 - Child Care Task Force
 - Manufacturing Project
- YUHSD Workforce Alliance
- SkillsUSA Regional Competition Judging
- OJT Interest/Presentations: AWC/City of Yuma/YRMC
- ▶ City of Yuma: Community Conversations- Mar 23rd (5:30 -6:30 pm One Stop Career Center)
- LWDB Memorandum Of Understanding (MOU)/Infrastructure Agreement (IFA)
- Arizona Workforce Association: AAED Legislation Meeting Mar 6th
- San Luis Resource Office
- Transfer VR Updates: In Progress
- LWDB Policy Revisions:
 - Training Policy: Incumbent Worker Training
 - Youth Incentive & Support Services Policy
 - Broadcast: Increase On the Job Training (OJT) Reimbursement 75%



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LWDB Action Items, cont.

- ▶ Performance Review Committee: Jan 31st
 - Next Meeting: April 2023
- Monthly Service Provider Meeting:
 - Jan 26th & Feb 23rd
 - Next Meeting: Mar 30th
- Service Provider Training: by LWDB Staff
 - Policy Update: Training- Incumbent Worker, Youth Incentive & Support Services: Feb 22nd
- ▶ **EEOC Training:** Feb 16th & Feb 17th
 - Anti-Discrimination & Anti-Harassment
 - 88 ARIZONA@WORK
 - 4 Employers: 2 S&A Industries/2-Yuma Crossing National Heritage
- State 2023 Expo Training
 - Networking/Training Opportunities
 - Work Base Learning Panel





On The Job Training (OJT) 75% Reimbursement

Increase Opportunities for Job Seekers & Employers

- Job Seeker Gain Skills
- Job Seeker Earns Wages as they Learn
- Job Seeker is Hired by Employer
- Job Seeker becomes Self Sufficient
- Employer Hire & Retain Job Seeker
- Reduce Cost for Unfilled Positions/Training
- Increase Workplace Productivity
- Employer Wage Subsidized
- Ended June 30th





State of Arizona Workforce Innovation Opportunity Act (WIOA) Updates

Workforce Arizona Council (WAC):

- ▶ WAC Policies Approved: Feb 24th
 - Conflict of Interest, Bylaws, Branding Style Guide
 - Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) & Infrastructure Agreement (IFA)
 - WIOA Statewide Monitoring
 - Job Center Structure

Project & Events

- Broadband
- STEM
- Arizona Career Readiness Credential (ACRC): Yuma Shoutout
- 2023 Arizona Workforce Summit: Jun 29th & 30th

Strategic Planning Workgroup: 2024-2027 State Plan

- Sept Oct 2023: Draft PlanNov 2023: Public Comments
- Feb Mar 2024: Review & Finalize
- In-Demand Industry: Construction, Finance & Insurance, Health Care & Social Assistance,

Transportation & Warehousing, Manufacturing, Information Technology & Retail











State of Arizona Workforce Innovation Opportunity Act (WIOA) Updates, cont.

- Dept. of Labor (DOL)-AZ Quest (Dislocated Worker) Grant:
- ▶ Broadband Project Partnership: (OEO, AWC & ARIZONA@WORK-Yuma County)
- Grant: \$300K (WIOA Reverted Funds)
- Draft Intergovernmental Agreement between OEO/AWC
 - Develop Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between AWC/ARIZONA@WORK
 - Fiber Optic Training, Internships/OJT's & Support Services (i.e. clothing & transportation)
 - Employer Outreach: ALLO, Spectrum, APS, Century Link and others
 - 24 Participants15 Internships/OJT'sSupport ServicesBudget 150K

Dept. of Economic Security (DES):

- Meet & Greet: Sara Agostinho, Program Oversight & Support Administrator: Jan 30th
- Governance Audit (Quarter 1- 2023): No findings
- PY' 22 Data Validation Audit for Jan 30th: 100% Accuracy
- LWDB Public Comments: WAC Policies
- Webinar/Training: Adult Eligibility & Basic Career Services: Feb 8th

MOU & IFA Technical Assistance Session: Mar 8th & Mar 15th



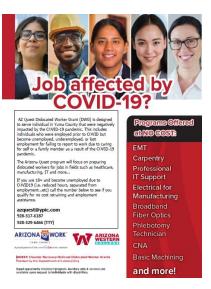






DOL National Quest Dislocated Worker Grant Update

- ▶ Local Partnership: AWC & ARIZONA@WORK-Yuma County (\$2.6 Million)
 - Funding Period: 2 Years
 - Industries: Manufacturing, Healthcare, Logistics, Professional, Scientific & Technical Services
 - Target Population: Dislocated Workers Impacted by COVID-19
 - Focus: Employment & Training/Partnerships & Outreach
- ▶ State of Arizona Intergovernmental Agreement: OEO/AWC-Signed
- Memorandum of Understanding: Signed Feb 15th
- LWDB Staff Location: AWC Re-Skilling Technology Center
- Outreach/Recruitment:
 - AWC Flyer & FAQ's (Script)
 - AWC Student Roster
 - Quechan Housing Authority: Feb 28th
 - Otondo Elementary School: Feb 28th
 - WIOA Dislocated Worker: Co-Enrollments
- Quest Information Session: Mar 1st
 - Service Providers, Goodwill Industries, WIOA Quechan & Cocopah Tribes



Eligible Training Provider List (ETPL)

- **Basic Air Conditioning Technician Certificate
- **Basic Electrical Certificate
- **Carpentry Certificate
- **Electrical for Manufacturing Certificate
- **Phlebotomy Certificate
- Fiber Optic Technician
- Basic Machining
- Basic Plumbing Level 1
- Cloud Architecting Certificate
- Cloud Foundation Certificate
- Data Analytics Professional Certificate
- CompTIA A+ Certification
- Intuit Certified Bookkeeping Professional
- Intuit QuickBooks Certified User
- Fiber Optic Technician Apprenticeship

- Solid Works Certificate
- CompTIA Security+ Certificate
- Digital Marketing & E-Commerce Certificate
- Project Management Certificate
- IT Automation with Python Certificate
- UX Design Certificate

**Fast Track Courses



AWC Law Enforcement WIOA Training Update





▶ **LETA:** Law Enforcement Training Academy

Graduation Date: February 23, 2023

Completed: Ten

Detention Officer Academy (Class #4)

Start Date: February 6, 2023

Enrolled: Three

Youth Services – YPG Tour February 16, 2023





- Youth Career Exposure/Opportunities
- Five Youth Participants









Performance PY' 22/23

(7/1/2022 - 2/28/2023)

Adult

Emp	oloyment Rate (Q2)	Emp	oloyment Rate (Q4)	Median Earnings	Cre	dential Rate	Measi	urable Skill Gains
	Rate		Rate	Earnings		Rate		Rate
	69.9%		67.5%	\$6,585.00		73.6%		60.2%
<u>528</u>	74.16%	<u>439</u>	71 200/	67 021 14	102	62.750/	<u>83</u>	52 210/
<u>712</u>	/4.10%	<u>615</u>	71.38%	<u>\$7,031.14</u>	<u>160</u>	63.75%	<u>156</u>	53.21%

Source of Data: Tableau ~ Yuma County

Performance PY' 22/23 (7/1/2022 – 2/28/2023) Dislocated Workers

Emp	loyment Rate (Q2)	Emp	ployment Rate (Q4)	Median Earnings	Cre	dential Rate	Meası	ırable Skill Gains
	Rate		Rate	Earnings		Rate		Rate
	76.00%		71.5%	\$7,000.00		70.0%		69.0%
<u>55</u>	94 (20/	<u>41</u>	71 029/	\$7,800,00	<u>12</u>	75.00/	<u>15</u>	92 220/
<u>65</u>	84.62%	<u>57</u>	71.93%	<u>\$7,800.00</u>	<u>16</u>	75.0%	<u>18</u>	83.33%

Source of Data: Tableau ~ Yuma County

Performance PY' 22/23

(7/1/2022 - 2/28/2023)

Youth

Pla	cement Rate (Q2)	Pla	(Q4)	Median Earnings	Cre	dential Rate	Meası	ırable Skill Gains
	Rate		Rate	Earnings		Rate		Rate
	74.0%		70.0%	\$5,044.00		65.00%		58.00%
244	72 729/	<u>188</u>	67.140/	\$6,600.45	114	56 160/	<u>57</u>	27.549/
<u>331</u>	73.72%	<u>280</u>	67.14%	<u>\$6,600.45</u>	<u>203</u>	56.16%	<u>207</u>	27.54%

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2022 Yuma's Best Award









Provider preciation Day®

Office Closed: April 14, 2023 12:00 pm to 5:00 pm



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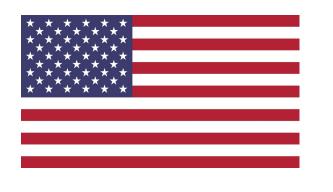
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Questions?

Business Services & Rapid Response

Mariana Martinez

Employer Engagement Coordinator & Rapid Response Coordinator







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Center Activity

Site	January	February	Year-to-Date
Yuma CRC / EOC	985	790	1,775
MLK / Youth Services	177	167	344
Somerton Resource Center	117	120	237
South County Business Resource Center	9	N/A	9
Virtual Contacts / Off Site	261	279	540
Total	1,549	1,356	2,905

2018: 44,163

2021: 22,935

2019: 47,033

2022: 23,000

2017: 34,341

2020: 41,990

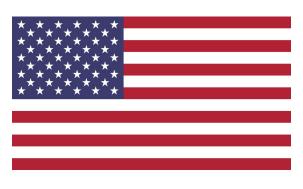


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2022 Rapid Response & Lay-Off Aversion

Company	Month	Closure	Lay-Off	Employees Dislocated
Community Health Associates	January		х	11
NextCare Urgent Care Yuma	January		х	10
Total			2	21

Community Outreach & Recruitments







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Outreach

January

- 13th Training Expo
- 18th Michael Foods Training Opportunities
- 20th Wellton-Mohawk Irrigation & Drainage District Apprenticeships & Training Opportunities



February

- 2nd AWC Training Opportunities
- 6th AWC Continuing Education Reskilling & Technology Center
- 9th Work Readiness Presentation at Gila Ridge High School
- 17th District One Training Opportunities & Custom Recruitment Event
- 22nd City of Yuma Various Departments Training Opportunities
- 23rd YRMC, Materials Management Dept. Training Opportunities
- 23rd Verizon Business Services Information
- 24th Skills USA

Ongoing Monthly meetings:

- Yuma County Economic Development Monthly Meeting
- Yuma County Chamber of Commerce Board Meeting
- Yuma Sun Reports
- State Business Touch Point Call (Weekly Basis)
- State Communications Call (Monthly)

















CTE Early Childhood Education





January



Onsite Interviews conducted at ARIZONA@WORK MLK Business

Annex

Date	Interviews Conducted	Offers
01/03/2023	10	6
01/09/2023	3	3
01/20/2023	12	6
01/27/2023	6	3
Total	31	18

January

24th & 25th



Job Seekers	28
Offers	8







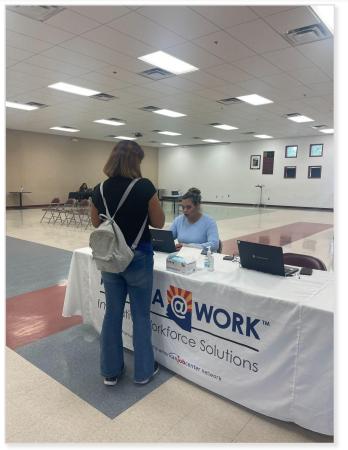
February

16th



Job Seekers	4
Offers	N/A





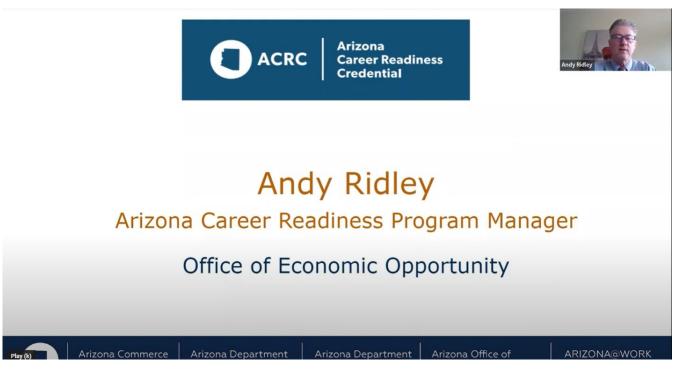
D&H Electric - Customer Service Workshop

15 D&H Electric employees attended



Arizona Career Readiness Credential (ACRC)





Upcoming Events



March 7th & March 8th





Questions?



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