

**NOTICE AND AGENDA OF MEETING OF THE MARICOPA COUNTY WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD
YOUTH COMMITTEE**

Pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.02, notice is hereby given to the members of the **Youth Committee** of the Maricopa County Workforce Development Board and to the general public, that the **Youth Committee** of the Maricopa County Workforce Development Board will hold a meeting open to the public on:

Thursday, January 28, 2021 – 9:30 a.m.

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

The Agenda for the special meeting is as follows:

****Indicates materials attached, please review/read prior to meeting.***

1. Call to order.

2. Roll Call.

3. Welcome and Opening Remarks.

4. Consent Agenda.

Possible action.

The Youth Committee will consider and vote on the items on the consent agenda. Consent agenda is established to efficiently dispense the business of the MCWDB. These items will not be discussed unless a Member of the Board asks to remove the item from the consent agenda.

- Meeting Minutes: December 9, 2020*
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5. Chair Report.

Chair, Elizabeth E. Cole will provide the Committee a summary of events in and related to the MCWDB since the last meeting, including on:

- Youth Impact Story
 - Summarize current Youth Committee initiatives in place
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6. Executive Director Report.

Executive Director, Steve Clark will provide the Committee a summary of events in and related to the MCWDB since the last meeting, including on:

- Board Updates Relative to this Committee
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7. Call to the Public.

8. Adjourn.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION AND ACCESS: "The public must be allowed to attend and listen to deliberations and proceedings taking place in all public meetings, A.R.S. § 38-431.01(A); however, Open Meeting Law does not establish a right for the public to participate in the discussion or in the ultimate decision of the public body." Note: Agenda items may be taken out of order

"Equal Opportunity Employer/Program." "Auxiliary aids and services are available upon request to individuals with disabilities." A sign language interpreter, alternative format materials, or infrared assistive listening devices will be made available within 72 hours' notice. Additional reasonable accommodations will be made available to the extent possible within the time frame of the request. Arizona@Work: Maricopa County products and services are made available through federal funding provided by the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA); serving Employers by aiding job seekers, adults, dislocated workers and youth.

Youth Success Story

Daniela

Daniella is a 20-year old female whose barriers to education and employment include having both physical and learning disabilities, being low income and an English language learner. Daniela sought assistance from ARIZONA@WORK after reporting that she found other programs were challenging to work with. She was feeling discouraged about the lack of resources and guidance available to her to create an independent future for herself. With Daniela's agreement, an appointment was scheduled with a Vocational Rehabilitation Transition Specialist to meet with Daniela, her mother and her career advisor Nancy. The purpose of the meeting was to support Daniela in having a voice regarding needed services and to maximize future prospects. The meeting was so successful, it has become an ongoing conversation with Daniela's assigned case manager from Vocational Rehabilitation in order to support her goals.

Prior to being placed in a Work Experience externship in a Physician's office, Daniela completed financial literacy training and learned about labor market information. The information she learned further confirmed her desire to work in the medical field. Daniela began Nursing Assistant classes at Accord Healthcare Institute. This training provider expressed an interest in assisting Daniela by anticipating and addressing barriers that she might have in successfully completing her education. Daniela successfully completed the educational component of the Nursing Assistant program but was unable to complete the clinical component due to lack of confidence when being observed. Eventually, Daniela decided to forego the Nursing Assistant Certification and we were able to work with her to transfer her credits to receive a Certificate of Completion for a Caregiver Training Program, which did not require the clinical skills observation.

Daniella has been participating in Comprehensive Guidance and Counseling, as well as Adult Mentoring and continues to improve her communication and self-advocacy skills. She reports that she has always wanted personal counseling and finds it to be a tremendous support. She is starting to see the personal strengths that she can bring to the workforce and expresses herself in a much more confident manner. Daniela reports that she sees opportunities in her future that she could have only dreamed about before.

Daniella has expressed her appreciation for all of the support that she has received from ARIZONA@WORK, including extensive assistance from Business Services Representative, Verily Keenan, and Trainer Eboni Farmer. Daniela's confidence is growing daily, and she is planning to apply to Estrella Mountain Community College to pursue a nursing degree. Daniela said she wishes all of her friends with disabilities could have the same assistance that she has had at ARIZONA@WORK.

Minutes of the Maricopa County Workforce Development Board Youth Committee Meeting

Wednesday, October 14, 2020 at 9:30 a.m.

REMOTE MEETING

WebEx: <https://mcwdb-1095-9b71.my.webex.com/meet/mcwdb>

Phone: 1-510-338-9438; Access Code/Meeting ID: 625 125 871

Members Present: Breanne Bushu (Ph.), Elizabeth E. Cole (Ph.), Pedro Huerta (Ph.), Sherie Steele (Ph.), Susan Morris (Ph.), Traci Ayre (Ph.)

Members Absent: Felix Moran, Shawn Hutchinson

Call to Order/ Welcome and Opening Remarks

Youth Committee Chair, Elizabeth E. Cole, called the MCWDB Youth Committee meeting to order at 9:31 a.m.

She provided brief introductory comments, welcomed attendees to the meeting and provided brief open meeting reminders.

Roll Call

WDB Liaison Nancy Avina took roll. Quorum was present.

Consent Agenda

Chair Cole asked for a motion to approve the consent agenda. Traci Ayre made a motion to approve. Pedro Huerta seconded the motion.

In favor: Breanne Bushu (Ph.), Elizabeth E. Cole (Ph.), Pedro Huerta (Ph.), Sherie Steele (Ph.), Susan Morris (Ph.), Traci Ayre (Ph.)

Opposed: None.

The motion passed.

Center for the Future of Arizona Presentation and Q/A

Chair Cole briefly introduced presenter Kristi Tate with the Center for the Future of Arizona (CFA) and provided introductory comments on CFA and CFA projects.

Ms. Tate presented on a youth progress meter report recently released by CFA. She shared CFA's mission and vision and touched upon the different progress meters measured via a survey, and several data point results. She provided information on overall themes of the survey. She further shared opportunities for engagement and action. Discussion was held – the committee discussed pieces of the presentation that resonated with them, ideas for the youth committee and next steps.

Youth Committee Recurring Meeting Schedule

Chair Cole informed on the need to revisit the youth committee meeting schedule and the need to reposition them. Brief discussion was held on a new youth committee meeting schedule – the committee agreed to move meetings to the 4th week of the month on Thursday's from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Susan Morris made a motion to move the youth committee meetings to the 4th Thursday of the month. Breanne Bushu seconded the motion.

In favor: Breanne Bushu (Ph.), Elizabeth E. Cole (Ph.), Pedro Huerta (Ph.), Sherie Steele (Ph.), Susan Morris (Ph.), Traci Ayre (Ph.)

Opposed: None.

The motion passed.

Chair Report

Chair Cole informed on desire to have conversation on other organizations to engage and ask present to the committee to determine overlap and interconnections as well as, help support as a committee. Discussion was held including on coordination, enhance and supporting organizations as well as communication with youth parents. Thoughts were also shared in engaging post-secondary education providers include colleges and private providers.

Executive Director Report

Interim Executive Director, Bill Wiley shared an update on the approval of the proposed budget and potential for adding new staff to assist with committee work, the Executive Director search, re-certification efforts for 2018 and 2020 including new policies, the OSO procurement including, potential for collaborating with City of Phoenix, and draft training packages for the board.

Service Provider Report

Youth Workforce Program Manager, Tina Luke provided a Workforce Development Division Youth Program update on outreach focus and efforts, participants enrolled, work-experience participants, occupational skills training participants, caseloads and success stories/testimonials. Chairman Cole provided a few comments based on the update shared.

Call to the Public

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

Adjourn Meeting

Chair Cole thanked committee members, shared brief holiday remarks and adjourned the meeting at 11:08 a.m.

**For More Information Contact MCWDB Staff at: MCWDB@maricopa.gov*