

YUMA COUNTY WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD

Yuma Private Industry Council, Administration Building

3834 W. 16th Street, Yuma AZ 85364

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September 14, 2022

9:00 a.m.

MINUTES

I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Samuel G. Loveless called the meeting to order at 9:01 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. Judith Castro	1. Ryan Barto (Excused)
2. Maria Chavoya	2. Daniel Corr (Excused)
3. Jesus G. Figueroa	3. Karen King (Excused)
4. Carla F. Gonzalez	4. Gregory LaVann (Excused)
5. Samuel G. Loveless	5. Tonya Tacker (Excused)
6. James Luft	6. Antonio Zuniga (Excused)
7. Dave Miller	
8. Steven M. Miller (In Person)	
9. Miguel Ramos	
10. Michael J. Sabath	
11. Laura Wisniewski	

Thereby a quorum was established.

Staff (Virtually)

Nidia Herrera, YPIC

Patrick Goetz, YPIC

Beatriz Aguilar, YPIC

IV. *CALL TO THE PUBLIC

There were no comments from the public.

V. INTRODUCTIONS

Samuel G. Loveless introduced and welcomed Carla F. Gonzalez, Human Resource Director for Cocopah Indian Tribe who was appointed on August 15, 2022 to the Board.

VI. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

Samuel G. Loveless informed the Board the Executive Committee met on August 11, 2022 to review and approve the Modified Local Plan, Revised By-Laws, Revised Shared Governance Agreement, FY2022/2023 Budget and Revised Support Services Policies for Youth & Adult/Dislocated Workers.

VII. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS:

A. Approval of the Consent Agenda

- 1. Meeting Minutes (June 16, 2022)**
- 2. Action to Ratify the Executive Committee's August 11, 2022 approval of the**
 - Modified Yuma County Workforce Development 4 Year Plan 2020-2023**
 - Revised Yuma County Local Workforce Development Board By-Laws**
 - Revised Shared Governance Agreement Between the Yuma County Board of Supervisors and Yuma County Local Workforce Development Board**
 - FY2022/2023 Yuma County Workforce Development Board Budget**
 - Revised Support Services Policies for Youth & Adult/Dislocated Workers**
- 3. Authorization to Submit Documentation to the Arizona State Board for Charter Schools to Remove Diane Poirot as a Charter Holder Governance**
- 4. Authorization to Submit Documentation to the Arizona State Board for Charter Schools to Add Samuel G. Loveless as a Charter Holder Governance**
- 5. Authorization to Submit Documentation to the Arizona State Board for Charter Schools to Remove Blanca G. Garza as a School Governing Body Member**
- 6. Authorization to Submit Documentation to the Arizona State Board for Charter Schools to Add Michael J. Sabath as a School Governing Body Member**

Samuel G. Loveless asked for a motion to approve the Consent Agenda.

Steven M. Miller made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda; Seconded by Maria Chavoya.

VOICE VOTE: The motion carried 10-0 (Yes: Judith Castro, Maria Chavoya, Jesus G. Figueroa, Carla F. Gonzalez, Samuel G. Loveless, Dave Miller, Steven M. Miller, Miguel Ramos, Michael J. Sabath and Laura Wisniewski)

B. Discussion and Action Items

1. Approval for the Additions to the Eligible Training Provider List
 - AWC-Broadband Fiber Optic Technician Certificate
 - AWC-Broadband Fiber Optic Technician & Apprenticeship Certificate

Nidia Herrera informed the Board, the additions to the Eligible Training Provider List is due to ARIZONA@WORK working on a project with Arizona Western College and Allo Fiber. Board approval of the two certificate programs, will allow participants to get certified and employed by Allo Fiber.

Samuel G. Loveless asked for a motion to approve the additions to the Eligible Training Provider List.

Steven M. Miller made a motion to approve the additions to the Eligible Training Provider List; Seconded by Samuel G. Loveless.

Board member, James Luft entered the meeting at 9:11 a.m.

Judith Castro asked, what will the participants be able to do with the certificates. Nidia Herrera replied the Office of Economic Opportunity and Arizona Western College are partnering with Allo Fiber to find individuals that can be hired through Allo, in order for the individuals to be hired through Allo, the individuals will be required to have the Broadband Fiber Optic Technician Certificate which is a three-credit course.

The following comments were made,

- Steven M. Miller commented, fiber optics is the next thing that will spread throughout the entire county and according to numbers it can possibly employ statewide up to over 3,000 individuals
- Nidia Herrera commented, once the two certificate programs are added to the Eligible Training Provider List any other local area in the State of Arizona can access the training
- Maria Chavoya commented, it is in partnership with La Paz, Mohave County, therefore it includes both colleges
- The training will be for any individual who is interested in fiber optics
- Short certificate classes

Samuel G. Loveless asked how long are the programs. Nidia Herrera replied the Broadband Fiber Optic Technician Certificate is a three-credit course and it is about a week. The Broadband Fiber Optic Technician & Apprenticeship Certificate will be added to the Eligible Training Provider List but the main focus is on the Broadband Fiber Optic Technician Certificate for now.

Judith Castro asked would the certificate program be available for adults and youth. Nidia Herrera replied both adults and youth are eligible as long as they meet the age requirement.

Nidia Herrera will provide detailed information based on questions that Board members asked regarding the number of positions, salary and educational requirements as soon as the information becomes available.

VOICE VOTE: The motion carried 11-0 (Yes: Judith Castro, Maria Chavoya, Jesus G. Figueroa, Carla F. Gonzalez, Samuel G. Loveless, James Luft, Dave Miller, Steven M. Miller, Miguel Ramos, Michael J. Sabath and Laura Wisniewski)

VIII. DIRECTORS REPORT

Nidia Herrera presented a PowerPoint. PowerPoint is attached.

Samuel G. Loveless asked a question regarding performance, what would be the consequences if the numbers are not met. Nidia Herrera replied State would look at the measures that were not met, look at the previous year, if the same measure was not met two consecutive years State can re-organize the organization and make changes to the program.

IX. PRESENTATIONS AND INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

1. Board Member Resignation

Samuel G. Loveless informed the Board, Charles Grube submitted his resignation letter effective July 19, 2022.

2. Business Services/Rapid Response

Patrick Goetz, Operations Director presented a PowerPoint. PowerPoint is attached.

3. Financials as of July 31, 2022

Steve Barba, Finance & Accounting Manager presented the financials report and informed the Board expenses are at 5% spent.

X. WDB MEETING SCHEDULE

A. Proposed Next Meeting Date: Wednesday, November 9, 2022 at 9:00 a.m.

XI. OTHER INFORMATION AND/OR COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Economic Development Issues Report

The Economic Development Issues Report was not provided.

B. Healthcare Sector Strategy Committee Report

The Healthcare Sector Strategy Committee Report was not provided.

C. Educational Opportunity Center Charter High School Board Report

Steven M. Miller reported:

- Expenses are at 14%, at 15% of the school year
- Had an issue at the school that resulted in a short-term suspension and one long term suspension
- Enrollment is at 107

XII. GOOD OF THE ORDER

Patrick Goetz thanked Mr. Dave Miller from KYMA, they have done a really good job in supporting the agricultural and community job fairs.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

Samuel G. Loveless called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. A motion was made by Steven M. Miller; Seconded by Maria Chavoya. The motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 9:54 a.m.

VOICE VOTE: The motion carried 11-0 (Yes: Judith Castro, Maria Chavoya, Jesus G. Figueroa, Carla F. Gonzalez, Samuel G. Loveless, James Luft, Dave Miller, Steven M. Miller, Miguel Ramos, Michael J. Sabath and Laura Wisniewski)

Respectfully submitted by Beatriz Aguilar, Clerk of the Board.