

## Yavapai County Workforce Development Board (WDB)

### Youth Council

### November 1, 2023 Meeting Minutes

Member Attendees	Attendance	Absences in 2023
Mel Ingwaldson, Chairman	Present	0
Corey Marshall, Vice-Chairman	Absent	2
Linda Brannock	Present	0
Brenda Bratton	Absent	1
Dawnette Polland	Present	0

**Guest: Terry Roach**

**Staff: Leah Cickavage, Operations Manager, NACOG**

#### I. Call to Order, Welcome, and Introductions

Chairman Ingwaldson called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM. All members were welcomed to the Zoom Youth Council meeting. Introductions were made.

#### II. Approval of August 2, 2023 Meeting Minutes

Chairman Mel Ingwaldson called for a review of the August 2, 2023 meeting minutes and a **motion to approve the minutes as amended; so moved by Ms. Brannock, seconded by Ms. Polland. The motion carried unanimously.**

#### III. Chairman's Report

Chairman Ingwaldson moved to the discussion of membership consideration of Linda Conn. Ms. Conn, a guest at the last meeting, expressed interest in joining the Youth Council. The members agreed that she would be a valuable addition. Chairman Mel Ingwaldson called for a **motion to approve Ms. Conn as a member of the Youth Council; so moved by Ms. Brannock, seconded by Ms. Polland. The motion carried unanimously.**

Chairman Ingwaldson turned to Ms. Cickavage to provide the Operations Manager report.

#### IV. Operations Manager Report

Ms. Cickavage updated her program report, identifying 77 In School Youth enrolled, ages 16-21, currently attending secondary/post-secondary education; 123 Out of School Youth, ages 16-24, successively completed high school, post-secondary education or alternative education, with a total of 200 youth enrolled.

Ms. Cickavage reported Outreach updates included the Veteran Symposium, Verde Valley and Prescott Valley Job Fairs, Cottonwood and Camp Verde Libraries, Chino Valley High School Career

Day, Humboldt Unified School District Family Resource Coordinator, Central Arizona Fire District, Yavapai College Internship Coordinator, CASA Board Meeting, various employers, training facilities and media outreach.

Ms. Cickavage continued and reported on planned and upcoming outreach to include the Chino Valley Job Fair, School District Family Resource Centers, Adult Education orientations, Chino Valley High School, outlying areas such as Ash Fork, Seligman, Mayer, Black Canyon City, and Wickenburg. Tribal entities/partners, teen pregnancy centers, Pace Academy, CASA, Launch Pad, District Community Meetings, and Step Up 4 Kids.

Ms. Cickavage provided a summary of current employment/education enrollments including C.N.A, Caregivers, Administrative, Cosmetologists/Aestheticians, CDL, Historical Programs, Electricians, Information Technology, Custodial/Maintenance, Roofing, Automotive, Business Owner, Education Services, Retail/Customer Service, HSE Training, Manufacturing Technicians, Construction, and High School graduates/HSE graduates.

Ms. Cickavage noted Ms. Bratton wanted to present an overview of employability skills training at a future meeting. Ms. Cickavage asked the Council for suggestions of organizations that could be invited to give presentations to the Council. Some suggestions included Granite Mountain Behavioral Health, Family Resource Centers, Polara Health, and Spectrum Healthcare.

Ms. Cickavage mentioned the need to create a schedule for 2024. Members commented the current schedule is working well.

Ms. Cickavage concluded her report.

**V. Member Comments**

Ms. Pollard asked about outreach efforts to non-native English speakers. Ms. Cickavage noted that there are radio announcements in Spanish and translation services are available. One staff member is fluent in Spanish and forms, applications, and orientations are available in Spanish.

**VI. Public Comments**

Chairman Ingwaldson called for public comments. Ms. Roach asked how long the Northern Arizona Council of Governments (NACOG) has existed. Ms. Cickavage explained that NACOG was incorporated in 1974 and provided a brief overview of NACOG services. Chairman Ingwaldson noted services to assisting youth.

**VII. Adjournment**

Chairman Ingwaldson adjourned the meeting at 10:40 AM.