

Yavapai County Workforce Development Board (WDB)

Youth Council

April 5, 2023 Meeting Minutes

Attendees	Present/Absent	Number of Absences in 2023
Mel Ingwaldson, Chairman	Present	0
Corey Marshall, Vice-Chairman	Present	1
Linda Brannock	Present	0
Brenda Bratton	Present	0

Staff: Leah Cickavage, Operations Manager, NACOG
Kathi Miers, Sr. Administrative Assistant, 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. Leah Cickavage introduced Kathi Miers, NACOG Senior Administrative Assistant, as an observing guest.

II. Approval of October 12, 2022 and January 4, 2023 Meeting Minutes

Chairman Mel Ingwaldson called for a review of the October 12, 2022 meeting minutes and a **motion to approve the minutes as drafted; so moved by Vice-Chairman Marshall, seconded by Ms. Brannock. The motion carried unanimously.**

Chairman Mel Ingwaldson called for a review of the January 4, 2023 meeting minutes and a **motion to approve the minutes as drafted; so moved by Ms. Brannock, seconded by Vice-Chairman Marshall. The motion carried unanimously.**

III. Chairman's Report

Chairman Ingwaldson turned to Ms. Cickavage to provide updates and status on discussions on membership, role changing, and board approval for Youth Council.

Ms. Cickavage reported the Workforce Development Board has a Request for Proposals for One-Stop operators and Youth Services, wherein the Workforce Board will review and select providers in May 2023.

Ms. Cickavage noted that the Workforce Arizona Council recently updated their sub-committees to work groups. Ms. Cickavage then discussed the advantages of updating the council to a workgroup, such as not being restricted to having a quorum or following open meeting law requirements as attendance has not been strong recently. Ms. Brannock and Vice-Chair Marshall stated would like more time to review and asked Ms. Cickavage to forward any information that may assist in determining the best steps for Youth Council.

Ms. Cickavage reported the Youth Council Scope of Work was finalized last year and it may be an opportunity to review to prioritize goals to move forward if the decision is made to be a work group.

Ms. Cickavage reported on membership updates and acknowledged Ms. Bratton as the newest member from AmeriCorps. Ms. Brannock stated she has a recommendation from Yavapai College, and Ms. Cickavage stated she met with Solari who may have a potential interest. They offer various resources, and services in crisis prevention and run the suicide prevention line for the State. Ms. Brannock stated she has an application from an individual at Polara Health Services.

IV. AmeriCorps Presentation

Ms. Bratton gave an informational presentation: AZ Serves – AmeriCorps of Prescott College. The members of the Youth Council praised AmeriCorps and its programs and added that it may be a good opportunity for potential referrals once individuals completed their term with AmeriCorps for further education, employment opportunities, or other assistance they may need to be successful. Chairman Ingwaldson, Vice-Chairman Marshall, and Ms. Brannock all complimented the presentation.

V. Operations Manager Report

Ms. Cickavage updated her program report, identifying 67 In School Youths enrolled, ages 16-21, currently attending secondary/post-secondary education; 98 Out of School Youths, ages 16-24, successively completed high school, post-secondary education or alternative education, with a total of 165 youths enrolled.

Ms. Cickavage reported Outreach updates included Prescott Unified School District TSW program, Career and Tech Expo at Bradshaw Mountain High School, Juvenile Justice Center, Quad City News, Radio, Social Media, Yavapai College Adult Education, Yavapai College Career Technical Education, Solari, Camp Verde School District, Cottonwood and Camp Verde Libraries, Pinerock Camp, YMCA, Chino Valley High School, Arizona Youth Partnership, Family Involvement Center, Youth Matforce, Pace Academy and Ed Options.

Ms. Cickavage continued and reported on planned and upcoming outreach to include the Juvenile Detention Center quarterly presentation, continued outreach to school districts, presentation to Yavapai College Career Advisors, Re-entry, Prescott Unified School District, outlining communities, Yavapai College Adult Education, Prescott Valley Job Fair, Camp Verde Career and College Day, Equus Education and Training, and Yavapai College All Advisors meeting.

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

Ms. Cickavage concluded her report.

VI. Member Comments

Chairman Ingwaldson asked for member comments. Ms. Brannock asked if culinary education is offered in Prescott. Ms. Cickavage noted various culinary opportunities. Ms. Bratton suggested adding AmeriCorps website to the list of resources.

VII. Public Comments

Chairman Ingwaldson called for public comments. Ms. Cickavage mentioned that NACOG is still servicing youth employment and employers during the summer with no change in function.

VIII. Adjournment

Chairman Ingwaldson adjourned the informational meeting at 11:08 AM.