



## MINUTES OF PUBLIC MEETING OF THE MARICOPA COUNTY WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD

Thursday, April 18, 2024 – 9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

Teams

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**Members Present:** Angela Creedon, Bonnie Schirato, Heather Carter, Liz Valdez, Gregg Ghelfi, Grenee Martacho, Jason Walker, John Soto, Che' Collins, Konrad Robichaud, Loren Granger, Eddie Baldenegro, Shawn Hutchinson, Tim Willenborg, Anne Landers, Leah Hill (arrived at 9:58 a.m.)

**Members Absent:** Anne Landers, Jacob Evenson, Marcia Veidmark, Matt Clark, Noelle Trinder, Scott Sudhalter, Tina Drews

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### MEETING

#### **Call to Order.**

Vice-Chair Bonnie Schirato called the meeting to order at 9:36 a.m. and requested a roll call.

#### **Roll Call.**

MCWDB Board Liaison Lisa Mehaffey took the roll call. A quorum was present.

#### **Welcome and Opening Remarks.**

Vice-Chair Schirato welcomed everyone to the meeting and shared an overview of the meeting. Vice-Chair Schirato introduced new MCWDB Member Heather Carter, Senior Vice Chancellor External Affairs, Maricopa County Communication Community College District. Introduction to Ruben Eddie Baldenegro, Customer Experience Manager with Concord Servicing. Introduction to Tim Willenborg, Vice President of Product Management with Brenntag North America-Scottsdale

Thank you to Darcy Renfro, Subhash Chandra, and Scott Holman for their service to the Board.

MCWDB Executive Director Steve Clark welcomed two new staff members to the workforce board staff. Lisa Mehaffey, Board Liaison, and Laura Malhoit, Compliance and Policy Manager.

#### **Consent Agenda.**

- a. Meeting Minutes: February 1, 2024\*
- b. Fiscal Reports\*
- c. Jobs Report\*
- d. Executive Director Report\*
- e. Careers Pathway Strategist Report\*
- f. One-Stop Operator Report\*
- g. Service Provider Update\*
- h. Title IB 3rd Quarter Report\*

**MOTION:** Vice-Chair Schirato asked for a motion to approve consent agenda items with the removal of the Service Provider Update. Heather Carter made a motion; Grenee Martacho seconded the motion.

**All in favor vote held:**

**In favor:** Angela Creedon, Bonnie Schirato, Heather Carter, Liz Valdez, Gregg Ghelfi, Grenee Martacho, Jason Walker, John Soto, Che' Collins, Konrad Robichaud, Loren Granger, Eddie Baldenegro, Shawn Hutchinson, Tim Willenborg, and Anne Landers.

**Opposed:** None

**Abstained:** None

Motion passed with correction.

### **Chair Report.**

Vice-Chair Schirato does not have a Chair Report. Mr. Clark opened the discussion to share experiences from the March 2024 NAWB Conference.

Mr. Robichaud noted a takeaway that job seekers can receive credentials and placement into a job within a few weeks to a month.

### **Information/Discussion/Possible Action.**

a. One-Stop Operator Contract Renewal Presentation

MCWDB Executive Director Steve Clark, provide an update on the One-Stop Operator Contract Renewal.

- Current Contract Details
- Performance Update
- Contract Renewal Recommendation
- OSO Contract Renewal Recommendation

Vice-Chair Schirato asked for motion to approve the One-Stop Operator Contract for a period of 18 months starting July 2024 as stated; Shawn Hutchinson made a motion; Loren Granger seconded the motion.

### **All in favor vote held:**

**In favor:** Angela Creedon, Bonnie Schirato, Heather Carter, Liz Valdez, Gregg Ghelfi, John Soto, Loren Granger, Tim Willenborg, Anne Landers

**Opposed:** None

**Abstained:** None

Motion passed.

### **Information/Discussion Only.**

a. ARPA Reconciliation

Human Services Director Ms. Jacqueline Edwards provides an update on the ARPA funding and programs.

- Maricopa County Board of Supervisors received about \$850 Million related to the pandemic's impact.
- Funding must be obligated by December 31, 2024, and spent by December 21, 2026.
- The County is fully obligated.
- Two programs will continue to operate past the September 30, 2024 date
  - Maricopa Community College District Route to Relief
  - ARPA Apprenticeship Program

Chair Hill has joined the meeting and Chair duties have been passed to her from Vice-Chair Schirato.

Mr. Clark announced that this will be the last meeting for Jacqueline Edwards, who has resigned from Maricopa County.

Ms. Edwards expressed her gratitude and well wishes to achieve amazing things that will continue to impact the community.

b. Apprenticeship Funding Model

Development Division Assistant Director, Mr. Jared Beard provided an update on the Apprenticeship Funding Model.

- Unprecedented growth within the Apprenticeship Program
- Connecting with 6 new Apprenticeship Programs within the last 3 months

- On track with 50% of ARPA funds expended
- Currently working on budget confirmations for next year
- How to best allocate Apprenticeship funding

Question/Comment	Response
Mr. Hutchinson expressed his interest in being part of discussions moving forward	Mr. Beard looks forward with connecting and hearing ideas
Mr. Clark asked for a short synopsis of the ABA2 Grant	-The overarching objective of that application was to work with us, Phoenix and Pinal County to become a regional workforce hub here in central Arizona. - Up to 50% of funding can be used for Employer incentives. - The goal was to create a regional coalition of industry partners that's representative of not just the local workforce areas, but also within healthcare advanced manufacturing. Also being able to provide a support to anyone interested in developing registered apprenticeship programs.
Mr. Willenborg asked the timeline for the grant	Hopeful to receive a response by early June.

Chair Hill thanked Mr. Beard for his presentation.

c. FY24 MCWDB Committee Membership/Appointments Update

Announcements made by Chair Hill.

I. Executive Committee Appointments

- Anne Landers, Vice President, Junior Achievement of Arizona (MCWDB Board Member, New Executive Committee Member)

II. Youth Committee Appointments

- Anne Landers, Vice President, Junior Achievement of Arizona (MCWDB Board Member, New Youth Committee Chair)
- Heather Carter, Senior Vice Chancellor, External Affairs, Maricopa County Community Colleges District (MCWDB Board Member)
- Brian Jones, ACE Academic Director, Grand Canyon University (Non-Board Member)

MCWDB Committee Updates

I. Executive Committee

- Chair Leah Hill recognized the last Executive Committee meeting schedule in March was canceled and does not have any updates at this time.
- Ms. Landers recognized the last Youth Committee meeting schedule was canceled and does not have any updates at this time.

II. Employer Connection Committee

- Mr. Robichaud shared a brief review of the Employer Connection Committee from April 11, 2024
- Moved forward with eight industries, adding an additional two from last year.
- Review of In-Demand Occupations
- Chair Hill thanked Mr. Robichaud for serving as Chair and providing updates.

III. Regional Workforce Initiatives Committee

- Bonnie Schirato recognized the last meeting schedule was canceled and does not have any updates at this time.

**Call to the Public.**

Chair Hill made a call for public comment. No one spoke.

**Adjourn.**

Chair Hill adjourned the MCWDB meeting at 10:23 a.m.

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