



**MINUTES OF PUBLIC MEETING OF THE MARICOPA COUNTY WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD
Regional Workforce Initiatives Committee**

Thursday, April 25, 2024 – 1:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Teams

The Agenda for the meeting is as follows:

Members Present: Bonnie Schirato, LaSetta Hogans, Liz Valdez, Ruben Baldenegro, Joel Millman, Harold Christ (joining at 9:42), Sam Wolo (joining at 9:47)

Members Absent: Angela Creedon, Grenee Martacho, Matt McGuire, Scott Sudhalter

MEETING

Call to Order.

Committee Chair Bonnie Schirato called the meeting to order at 9:32 a.m. and requested a roll call.

Roll Call.

MCWDB Board Liaison Lisa Mehaffey took roll. A quorum was not present.

Welcome and Opening Remarks.

Chair Schirato welcomed everyone to the meeting. An overview of the meeting was presented.

Consent Agenda.

(The agenda item was not presented; a quorum was not obtained.)

- a. Meeting Minutes: February 1, 2023, will be reviewed at the next meeting

Meeting Objectives

- Understand the current regionally focused workforce projects taking place between the City of Phoenix, Maricopa County, and Pinal County, as well as potential areas for future collaboration.
- Provide input into the 2024 Central Arizona Regional Workforce Forum.

Chair Report.

Chair Schirato expressed her gratitude to the committee and the discussions that are presented.

Information/Discussion Only

a. Success Story

A Success Story was not offered separately but included within section 6.b. presentation.

b. Regional Workforce Collaboration Update

Moriah Robles, Pinal County, Deb Furlong, City of Phoenix, and Tina Luke, Maricopa County shared their collaborative successes. Below are highlights from this presentation.

Regional Workforce Collaboration

<p>Workforce Boards</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regional Summit • Develop Talent Pipeline within <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Arizona@work ○ City of Phoenix ○ Arizona@work Maricopa County ○ Maricopa County Community Colleges ○ Central Arizona Colleges ○ Pinal High Schools ○ Maricopa County High Schools • ETPL Support <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Central Arizona College ○ PSB Trucking ○ City of Phoenix ○ Maricopa County • Meetings Quarterly <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Share best practices ○ Upcoming projects ○ Discuss AJC/tableau reporting ○ Changes in policy ○ Build relationships 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discuss Best Practices • Policy Changes • Business Services <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ In-person on-site with marketing and employer connection ○ Weekly job blast • Rapid Response <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Transition on-site support ○ Virtual rapid response sessions • Participant referral <p>Apprenticeships</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Present at events together • Employer Engagement Meetings • Funding Collaboration • Partnering on grants • Employer and apprentices’ referrals • Support apprenticeship accelerators
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Chair Schirato thanked the presenters. The Committee provided the following questions and comments.

Question/Comment	Response/Comments
Is the virtual training for Rapid Response new?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Yes, It was implemented when American Airlines had 300 jobs of remote workers in need. The Rapid Response Coordinator put together a training to accommodate the workers. ○ The response has been positive.
The regional approach is the trendsetter and impactful.	
Congratulations to Deb Furlong, Tina Luke, and Moriah Robles for all the positive work they have done.	

c. 2024 Central Arizona Regional Workforce Forum

MCWDB Executive Director Steve Clark provided an overview of the draft Central Arizona Regional Workforce Forum agenda. Below are the highlights from the agenda overview.

2024 Central Arizona Regional Workforce Forum

Date/Location/Funding

- September 20, 2024
- Desert Willow Conference Center
- DES Grant Funding of \$40,000
- Agenda
 - Morning - Working on Speaker agenda
 - Late Morning - Leaders from the State
 - Afternoon - Regional perspective on local Workforce Board
 - Message from local elected officials

Chair Schirato thanked the presenters and opened the Committee floor to questions and comments. The Committee shared the following comments/discussion.

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When does the committee meet next	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Next meeting is in September ○ Communication will continue before the next meeting to keep everyone informed
Committee members might receive a request to volunteer on a panel for the Forum.	

d. MCWDB Committee Member Forum: FY 25 Committee Priorities

Chair Schirato opened the Committee floor for discussion on FY25 areas of focus.

MCWDB Committee Member Forum: FY 25 Committee Priorities

- What would the board like to focus on moving into FY25?
- Possible Grant opportunities
- Local Plans are due at the beginning of 2025. This would be an opportunity to talk about
- Continue reporting on collaboration work within the different counties
- Transportation opportunities available
- Housing
- K12 between youth and carrier gap

Chair Schirato thanked the presenters.

Call to the Public.

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

Adjourn.

Chair Schirato adjourned the meeting at 10:15 a.m.

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