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**YUMA COUNTY WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD**

Yuma Private Industry Council, Administration Building  
3834 W. 16<sup>th</sup> Street, Yuma AZ 85364

Meeting Link:

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June 12, 2024

9:00 a.m.

**MINUTES**

**I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

Samuel G. Loveless called the meeting to order at 9:07 a.m.

**II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Patrick Goetz led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**III. ROLL CALL**

The roll was called, and those present and absent were:

<b>Members Present (Virtually)</b>	<b>Members Absent</b>
1. Judith Castro	1. Ryan Barto
2. Brandon Culpepper	2. Maria Chavoya (Excused)
3. Jesus Garcia	3. Daniel Corr (Excused)
4. Carla F. Gonzalez	4. Jesus G. Figueroa (Excused)
5. Karen King	5. Frank Grijalva
6. Samuel G. Loveless	6. Wallin Gustin (Excused)
7. *Sandra Navarrete	7. Gregory LaVann (Excused)
8. Michael J. Sabath	
9. Tonya Tacker	
10. Laura Wisniewski	
11. Antonio Zuniga	

**Thereby a quorum was established.**

**Staff/Guests (Virtually)**

Steve Barba, YPIC  
Beatriz Aguilar, YPIC

Nidia Herrera, YPIC  
Patrick Goetz, YPIC

**IV. \*CALL TO THE PUBLIC**

There were no comments from the public.

**V. INTRODUCTIONS**

Samuel G. Loveless introduced Sandra Navarrete, Regional Sales Manager at

National Bank of Arizona who was appointed by the Board of Supervisors on June 3, 2024.

**VI. PERFORMANCE REVIEW COMMITTEE AND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT**

Samuel J. Loveless informed the Board, the following information regarding the Performance Review Committee and Executive Committee meetings.

- The Performance Review Committee met to review the Service Provider Contracts, 1 Year Renewal
- There has been budget cuts
- The committee decided to renew the contracts for Adult Services and One Stop Operator
- Due to the budget cuts the committee has decided to not renew the Youth program with Arizona Western College, it is not based on their performance
- Will definitely continue the partnership as they offer valuable services to the community
- Interested in renewing the Limited Basic Education and High School Equivalency for Out of School Youth contract with Arizona Western College and possibly increase funds for this contract

**VII. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS:**

**A. Approval of the Consent Agenda**

- 1. Meeting Minutes (May 8, 2024)**
- 2. Performance Review Committee Recommendation: Service Provider Contracts, 1 Year Renewal**

Samuel G. Loveless asked for a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Carla F. Gonzalez made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda; Seconded by Tonya Tacker.

A vote was taken by an Action Without a Meeting by Consent dated June 17, 2024.

**B. Discussion and Action Items**

- 1. Additions to the Eligible Training Provider List (ETPL)**
  - Google Digital Marketing & E-Commerce (Non-Credit Program)
  - IT Automation with Python (Non-Credit Program)
  - Google Project Management Professional Certification (Non-Credit Program)

Nidia Herrera recommended to the Workforce Development Board the approval of the listed additions to the ETPL. Arizona Western College will be providing the trainings.

Samuel G. Loveless asked for a motion to approve the additions to the ETPL. Carla F. Gonzalez made a motion to approve the additions to the ETPL; Seconded by Jesus Garcia.

VOICE VOTE: The motion carried 10-0 (Yes: Judith Castro, Brandon Culpepper, Jesus Garcia, Carla F. Gonzalez, Karen King, Samuel G. Loveless, Michael J. Sabath, Tonya Tacker, Laura Wisniewski & Antonio Zuniga)

\*Sandra Navarrete has not submitted her signed and notarized oath of office therefore she did not vote at this meeting.

**2. 2024-2025 Yuma County Workforce Development Board Elections**

Samuel G. Loveless presented the nominations. Nomination results:

- Chair: Samuel G. Loveless
- Vice-Chair: Laura Wisniewski
- Secretary/Treasurer: Michael J. Sabath

Samuel G. Loveless asked for a motion to approve the nominations as presented.

Carla F. Gonzalez made a motion to approve the slate as presented; Seconded by Brandon Culpepper.

VOICE VOTE: The motion carried 10-0 (Yes: Judith Castro, Brandon Culpepper, Jesus Garcia, Carla F. Gonzalez, Karen King, Samuel G. Loveless, Michael J. Sabath, Tonya Tacker, Laura Wisniewski & Antonio Zuniga)

**VIII. PRESENTATIONS AND INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:**

**1. Financials as of April 30, 2024**

Steve Barba, Finance & Accounting Manager presented the financials as of April 30, 2024. Adults are at 85%, Dislocated Workers are at 85%, Youth Services are at 78% and overall is at 82%.

**IX. WDB MEETING SCHEDULE**

A. Proposed Next Meeting Date: Wednesday, July 10, 2024 at 9:00 a.m.

**X. OTHER INFORMATION AND/OR COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**A. Economic Development Issues Report**

The Economic Development Issues Report was not provided.

**B. Educational Opportunity Center Charter High School Board Report**

*Michael J. Sabath reported:*

- The academic year ended with 36 to 40 graduating students
- The school Board reviewed a draft policy for body worn cameras that will be implemented to improve safety on the campus and teacher performance
- Approved the school's expenditures, 87% at 88 of the fiscal year
- The school is fortunate for having a good principal who is engaged with the school and students

**XI. GOOD OF THE ORDER**

Nidia Herrera informed the Board the following information:

The Yuma County 4 Year Plan is currently under public comment. Therefore, anyone that is interested can review and provide comments on the local plan. The public

comment period ends July 5, 2024.

The Department of Economic Security will be providing a hybrid 1 day workshop on grant funding on July 30, 2024. If anyone is interested, please inform Board staff to submit attendance information.

Carla F. Gonzalez asked if the workshop will be local? Nidia Herrera replied it will take place in Phoenix, AZ.

**XII. ADJOURNMENT**

Samuel G. Loveless called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. A motion was made by Carla F. Gonzalez; Seconded by Judith Castro. The motion carried  
The meeting adjourned at 9:28 a.m.

**Respectfully submitted by Beatriz Aguilar, Clerk of the Board.**