



SOUTHEASTERN ARIZONA

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Minutes

Cochise College – Downtown Center
2600 E. Wilcox Drive, Room A102
Sierra Vista, Arizona 85635

Zoom Online Virtual Meeting

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Wednesday, December 19, 2024
10:00 AM

Members Present

Ron Curtis
Wick Lewis
Tony Boone
Kathleen Bullock
Martha Lujan 10:19
Kevin Peck
Doris Tolbert
Rebekah Kimmel
Sam Curtis
Steven Garate 11:26
Elizabeth Kinder
Mary Ann Hockstad
Teresa Celestine

Members Absent

Matt Bolinger
Jacob Williams
Kim Henderson
Joshua De Spain
Mary Merino
Jenny Howard
Samuel Kolapo
Lance Baxter

Staff Present

Vada Phelps
Vickie Simmons
Bobbie Reed
Michelle Huff
Lori Baron
Robert Archer
Nia Morgado
Silva Thorp
Alberto Encinas
Kevin Abril
Marina Morales

Guests Present

Jim Mize
Jordan Dodeward
Krista McGarvey
Vaughn Croft
Joann Bueno
Coy Trujillo
Jerry Currier
Job Rains
Deanna Johnson
Christina Nelson
Norma Galindo
Deanna Villalobos
Connie Thomas
Alejandro Garcia

A. Call to Order

The ARIZONA@WORK Local Workforce Board meeting was called to order at 10:00 AM on December 19, 2024.

B. Roll Call

Lori Baron conducted roll call. The names of present and absent members, as well as guests and staff are listed above. A quorum was established.

"If such a conflict does arise, I will declare that conflict before the board and refrain from discussing and voting on matters in which I have conflict."

C. Call to the Public

No comments

D. Action Item: To Approve/Disapprove December 19, 2024 Agenda

Motion to Approve: Rebekah Kimmel

Seconded: Tony Boone

Approved

Ayes: R. Curtis, Lewis, Boone, Bullock, Lujan, Peck, Tolbert, Kimmel, S. Curtis, Garate, Kinder, Hockstad, Celestine

Nays: 0 Abstain: 0

E. Action Item: To Approve/Disapprove September 19, 2024 Minutes

Motion to Approve: Tony Boone

Seconded: Kathleen Bullock

Approved

Ayes: R. Curtis, Lewis, Boone, Bullock, Lujan, Peck, Tolbert, Kimmel, S. Curtis, Garate, Kinder, Hockstad, Celestine

Nays: 0 Abstain: 0

F. Action Item: To Approve/Disapprove MOU between Cochise Community College Adult Education Services and Southeastern Arizona Workforce Development Board and Southeastern Arizona@Work Title IB Adult, Dislocated Worker and Youth Programs

Vickie Simmons gave an overview of the MOU.

Motion to Approve: Tony Boone

Seconded: Doris Tolbert

Approved

Ayes: R. Curtis, Lewis, Boone, Bullock, Lujan, Peck, Tolbert, Kimmel, S. Curtis, Garate, Kinder, Hockstad, Celestine

Nays: 0 Abstain: 0

G. Arizona@Work Clients

Deanna Johnson shared her vocational journey made possible by AZ@Work.

Job Rains shared his path to supervisor made possible by AZ@Work.

H. President to Appoint a Board Retreat Committee

MaryAnne Hockstad, Kathleen Bullock, Tony Boone, Sam Curtis and Rebekah Kimmel volunteered for the Board Retreat Committee.

I. Committee Reports

Tony Boone suggested defining the objectives and make an Action Plan.

MaryAnne Hockstad would like to create a survey for Businesses and follow-up with placements.

J. Annual Report

Vada Phelps highlighted a few pages in the Report:

- page 7 Allocation Formula will decrease our funding by -1.2 million
- page 8 Exceeded Performance Standards
- page 20 Success Stories
- page 33 Auditor Findings: There were no findings. We are Low Risk

K. Financial Report: Budget and Expenditures

The report is in the packet

Wick Lewis: there are no concerns.

Michelle Huff: everything is as expected.

L. One-Stop Operator Report

Jim Mize's report is in the Packet.

M. Core Partner Reports

One-Stop Employment and Training Reports was presented by Vickie Simmons.

Vickie's report is in the Board packet.

- There has been a little increase in traffic.
- We are out & about more in the committee.
- We continue to be monitored.
- AZ@W has put 21 new Police Officers through the academy.

Tony Boone has seen the shooting range. AZ@Work is solving the police shortage.

Rehabilitation Services report was presented by Elizabeth Kinder.

Elizabeth's report is in the Board packet.

- Referrals have been good.

Employment Services

Teresa Celestine 's report is in the Packet.

- The Tool Kit is going strong.
- She introduced her staff: Nia Morgado, Silvia Thorp, Deanna Vilalobos, Norma Galindo, Jerry Currier and Coy Trujillo

Adult Education report - Cochise

Lance Baxter's report for Cochise County is in the Board packet.

- Vada Phelps: All Adult Education funding will be going to Cochise County.
- Dr. Perey is the new President of Cochise College. He is supportive of AZ@W, we collaborate well.

N. Executive Director's Report – Vada Phelps

- A new Bill for Stronger Workforce of America Act has not been voted on yet.

L. President's Report – Ron Curtis

- Thank you to all of the staff in the trenches.
- Ron and Kathleen will attend the Conference in D.C. We learn a lot by collaborating with other States.

Board Announcements

Wick Lewis: There are new jobs coming to Mining in Texas Canyon and the new Port of Entry.

Vada Phelps: Happy New Year!

Next Board Meeting

Thursday, March 20 @ 10:00 a.m. in Benson

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 11:39 p.m.

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Report Submitted by: *Lori Baron*