



MINUTES OF PUBLIC MEETING OF THE
MARICOPA COUNTY WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD YOUTH COMMITTEE

Thursday, March 6, 2025 – 1:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.

The Agenda for the meeting is as follows:

Members Present: Anne Landers, JakinDee Kosaka, Che Collins, Tina Drews, Marie Raymond, Robert Garcia

Members Absent: Liz Valdez, Barbara Coakley, Brittany Holmes, Meredith Critchfield, Jessica Putton, Jessica Rivera-Garcia, Nancy Stanford

Call to Order.

Chair Anne Landers called the meeting to order at 1:35 pm and requested roll call.

Roll Call.

MCWDB Executive Assistant, Amy Tidwell, called roll. A quorum was not present.

Welcome, Opening Remarks, and Meeting Objectives.

Chair Landers welcomed everyone to the meeting and reviewed the objectives and goals for the committee.

Consent Agenda.

The Committee did not vote on the consent agenda.

Chair Report.

Chair Landers reported that the last meeting was held in conjunction with the Employer Connection Committee and stated that we could maximize our shared efforts by aligning with our other committees. She also stated that we could find other points of intersection ongoing to leverage the work we are doing.

Information/Discussion Only.

MCWDB Youth Success Story

Workforce Development Division Career Advisor, Sandy Watkins, presented a recent success story.

Strategic Planning Update

Samantha Chase, Service Designer with Maricopa County's Innovation Studio, gave an update on the 2025 Strategic Planning: Below is a highlight of their presentation:

- February 20, 2025, held first strategic planning session to explore what values can be defined
- Presented the Value Ecology Map process and what previous brainstorming sessions produced
 - Committee refined and dissected the value statements

Pre-Apprenticeships at Grand Canyon University

Shelly Seitz, Director, Center for Workforce Development at Grand Canyon University, presented pre-apprenticeship opportunities at GCU. Below are some highlights from the presentation:

- Two years into grassroots trades program
- Current pre-apprenticeships:
 - Electricians – Arizona and Texas
 - CNC Machinists
- Provides marketing, information sessions, recruitment and enrollment services for industry partners
- Collaborates with industry to hire students for formal apprenticeships
- Approved through the AZ Department of Education, starting with summer cohort, will be offering certifications
- Courses provide college credits
- Projected enrollment for 2024-2025 is 600+

Call to Public.

Chair Landers made a call to the public for comments. No one spoke.

Adjourn.

Chair Landers adjourned the MCWDB Youth Committee meeting at 2:33 pm.
