



ARIZONA TRIBAL WORKFORCE

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ARIZONA TRIBAL WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD (ATWDB)

MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, June 25, 2025

11:00 am – 1:00 am

Virtual Meeting

Prepared by: Nadine Talayumtewa

I. Call to Order – Crystal Banuelos, ATWDB Chair

Chairwoman Banuelos called the meeting to order at 11:11 am

II. Roll Call- Connie Fraijo, ATWDB Executive Director

Connie Fraijo conducted a roll call; a quorum was present

Members' Present: Crystal Banuelos, Erin Pazos, Neil White, Winifred Begay, Wallin Gustin, Kelli Patton, Christopher Kawabata

Members' Absent: Ronald Quasula Sr., Aaron Brown, Brent Kurth, Genevieve Datsi, Raeanne Patch, Bernadette Kniffin

Staff Present: Connie Fraijo and Nadine Talayumtewa

III. Approval of June 11, 2025, Meeting Minutes

The meeting minutes of June 11, 2025, were presented on screen for review. Wallin Gustin motioned to approve and seconded by Wendy Begay. Motion carried.

IV. Presentation by Danielle Manygoats – The presentation was recruitment on Boiler Makers Union. Presentation will be sent to everyone attending the meeting.

Crystal moved old business – Discussion explained that the vote on Scope of Work for the local plan consultant which was presented at the last meeting some board members asked for more time to review. Connie did send it out to all the members to review; no responses were received. Crystal asked for a motion which was made by Wallin Gustin to approve the Scope of Work for the local plan consultant, seconded by Erin Pazos. Motion was approved unanimously. Motion passed.

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- V. Executive Director Report Connie Fraijo, ATWDB Executive Director Local Board
Recertification was due on January 6, 2025. We asked for an extension to June 1, 2025, we didn't meet that timeline due to outstanding items that are required, we are still working on those items.

One Stop Operator SOW was approved at the last meeting, still pending the decision to have a FT or PT position and the salary. That includes the amount that we will pay for the local plan consultant. These two items are also part of the board certification. I will be working with the fiscal agent on the procurement process.

We have most of the tribes registered with Central Registry. This is a requirement for our contracts to move forward. The staff from Central Registry did a presentation at the Training Academy and some tribes were able to get their questions answered and they walked thru the process.

Board Membership, we still have Hopi and Gila River who still need to appoint a member. Hopi's selection resigned. We are over the 120 day period to get our board members certified. I am currently working with Lana to get Gila River's person on board by June 30. We also have members whose terms will expire at the end of this program year.

ATWDB has been updating our program policies. The Rapid Response, Adult Priority of Service and Training Services are being worked on.

All our Program Audits for PY24 have been completed. Hualapai is the only one left to receive a closure letter. Data Validation is still on going, we should be getting a letter on the outcome. Last quarter we were at 100%.

EO monitoring has started, some tribes have already been notified of an upcoming audit. PY24 Performance is still ongoing. We still need some clean-up to do. Our Performance we are close to meeting 90% of our negotiated targets, except for the DW program that we only have 1 participant for all tribal areas and 0 exited. Measures for PY25 will remain the same as this year. In PY26 we will need to negotiate new measures.

We will working on strategies to enroll more dislocated workers. We provided technical assistance to Colorado River this month to enter data into AJC and get enrollments up. Thanks to Pascua Yaqui staff who have helped both Colorado River and Hualapai with entering data.

We were required to sign a data share agreement amendment to change our name and for the new application for UI. Chair signed and that was sent timely. I also met with Local First to partner with business opportunities in WMAT, Brent Kurth who is the board representative for White Mountain referred that individual to me. Adam Gerrard, the Executive Director for Northeastern Workforce met with me to discuss providing space to

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Hopi and White Mountain in Pinetop and Winslow to provide services to tribal members that are coming into the offices in Winslow and Pinetop.

This morning I shared information on NAWB requesting nominations, please review.

VI. Call to Public – None

VII. Next meeting July 9, 2025, 10-11:30 a.m.

VIII. Adjournment at 12:00 p.m. Board went into Executive Session.

Executive Session called to order at 12:00

Present members: Crystal Banuelos, Erin Pazos, Winifred Begay, Neil White, WallinGustin, Christopher Kawabata

Board Chair Banuelos shared with the ATWDB that OEO is seeking an updated Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) which would be between ATWDB and OEO. Executive Director and Board Chair shared previous IGA and Proposed New IGA. It was shared there could be some new responsibilities of the ATWDB so discussion would have to continue on arrangement. The ATWDB agreed to have further discussion in a future meeting.

Discussion held regarding the current ATWDB staff agreements that will end June 30, 2025. The ATWDB motioned to extend both staff, Executive Director and Program Coordinator for six more months from July 1, 2025 to December 31, 2026 based on existing terms. Wallin Gustin made the motion and it was second by Erin Pazos. The motion passed unanimously.