



Innovative Workforce Solutions

## **WORKFORCE ARIZONA COUNCIL**

### **Full Council Meeting**

Thursday, March 12th, 2026 | 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm

**REMOTE MEETING VIA ZOOM:**

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- 1. Welcome & Call to Order, Chair Mark Gaspers (2 minutes)**
- 2. Roll Call, Giselle Retana (2 minutes)**
- 3. Call to the Public, Chair Mark Gaspers (3 minutes per person)**
- 4. Success Story, SEAZ Deputy Director, Vickie Simmons (5 minutes)**
- 5. Chairman Updates, Chair Mark Gaspers (8 minutes)**
  - a. Workforce Arizona Council Retreat Recap
- 6. Consent Agenda, Vote, Chair Mark Gaspers (2 minutes)**
  - a. 11.20.2025 Meeting Minutes
- 7. Elections, Vote, Chair Mark Gaspers (20 minutes)**
  - a. First Vice Chair
  - b. 2nd Vice Chair
- 8. Workgroup Updates, Chair Mark Gaspers (20 minutes)**
  - a. Continuous Improvement, John Walters
    - i. Eligible Training Provider List Policy Update, **Vote**
  - b. Training Effectiveness, Kristen Mackey
  - c. Increasing Apprentices, Dennis Anthony
- 9. Governance and Compliance, Patrick Brown (5 minutes)**
  - a. **2025 LWDB Recertification**
    - i. Coconino County Workforce Development Board Update
    - ii. Arizona Tribal Workforce Development Board Update
    - iii. Northeastern Arizona Local Workforce Development Board, **Vote**
  - b. **LWDB Membership Vacancy Waiver Request, Vote**
- 10. State Plan Modification Updates, Patrick Brown (10 minutes)**
- 11. Coconino County Local Workforce Development Board Report Update, Patrick Brown (5 minutes)**
- 12. Agency Updates:**
  - a. **OEO: Director Mary Foote (15 minutes)**
    - i. New OEO Staff
    - ii. 2026 Arizona Workforce Summit Update
    - iii. Rural Healthcare Transformation Program (RHTP)
    - iv. Latest AZ Employment Report, Doug Walls
  - b. **DES: DERS Deputy Assistant Director, Tom Colombo (15 minutes)**
    - i. Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) Waiver Information
- 13. Adjournment, Chair Mark Gaspers (2 minutes)**

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