



MINUTES OF PUBLIC MEETING OF THE
MARICOPA COUNTY WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD

Thursday, April 17, 2024 – 9:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Bonnie Schirato, Konrad Robichaud, Danielle Goodman, Loren Granger, Shawn Hutchinson, Tina Drews, Tim Willenborg, Anne Landers, JakinDee Kosaka, Brittany Holmes, John Soto, John Dvorak, Justin Oviatt

MEMBERS ABSENT: Che Collins, Grenee Celuch, Scott Holman, Noelle Trinder, Eddie Baldenegro, Gregg Ghelfi, Jacob Evenson, Liz Valdez, Anna Yap

Call to order.

Interim Chair Schirato called the meeting to order at 9:33am.

Roll Call.

MCWDB Executive Assistant, Amy Tidwell called roll. A quorum was present.

Welcome and Opening Remarks.

Interim Chair Schirato welcomed everyone to the meeting and introduced new Full Board Members: Anna Yap, Justin Oviatt, and John Dvorak

Consent Agenda

- a. Meeting Minutes: February 20, 2025
- b. Fiscal Reports
- c. FY 25 Administrative Budget
- d. Careers Pathway Strategist Report
- e. One-Stop Operator Monthly Report
- f. One-Stop Operator Quarter 2 Performance Assessment

MOTION: Interim Chair Schirato asked for a motion to approve consent agenda items. Tim Willenborg made a motion; Konrad Robichaud, seconded the motion.

Motion: Tim Willenborg

Second: Konrad Robichaud

All in favor vote held:

In favor: All

Opposed: None

Abstained: None

Motion passed.

Community Impact Statements

MCWDB Success Story

Workforce Development Division Training Team Supervisor, Steven Lewendowski shared the MCWDB Success Story

Information/Discussion Only.

a. National Association of Workforce Boards (NAWB) Report

- **Shawn Hutchinson** stated, “Great, great experience as always, it was great networking with my fellow board members and the staff as well. It's always good to be offline and share some time away from the office and really dive in on all the conversations that ensued. One thing I did note, and as I sat through all of these sessions, I kept saying, boy, we already do this and that really is a testament to this board and this staff and our Maricopa County system and how we lead the way on a lot of items, in particular when it comes to apprenticeships.”
 - **Tim Willenborg** commented, “really enjoyed the opportunity to be together with the Maricopa team and it was also nice to see there were a lot of representatives from the other Arizona workforce boards. There was a very large Arizona contingent. There was quite a bit of discussion about how we can connect with our local legislators about basically advocating for approval of the Workforce Innovation Act and funding opportunities.”
 - **Bonnie Schirato** stated, “There was a great Arizona contingency there, and what's really cool is that we really start to get to know the people a little bit more, especially with all the convening and the collaboration that we've been doing regionally as well.”
 - **Konrad Robichaud** commented, “I'd like to acknowledge the award that the board and the county received. And I think my takeaway from each time I've gone, but especially this year is validating the Maricopa staff's incredible work and this board. It validates a lot of the efforts that are happening in Maricopa County. I actually feel like we're on the front lines of what we're doing and a front runner in what we're doing and never feel like we're behind or not meeting the call of action that we need to for the community. Congratulations to the board and the staff for being at the forefront of the American workforce development.”
 - **Bonnie Schirato** stated, “There was a great Arizona contingency there, and what's really cool is that we really start to get to know the people a little bit more, especially with all the convening and the collaboration that we've been doing regionally as well.”
 - **Anne Landers** commented, “So y three takeaways were one, really, really affirmed that in our strategic planning right now, it feels like a lot of the message around convening is bubbling up as a strategic priority. The other essence that I kind of took away was, as probably the case in all of our everyday business lives, do more with less and then more tactically, I definitely heard a lot around the movement towards, you know, trying to be a productive movement towards skill-based hiring versus, you know, having degree-seeking hiring and things like that. And so, I personally took that as a charge of how we do the work that I'm doing daily or even as this board and the convening that we do, how do we help others move toward that.”
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- **Steve Clark** stated, “I get a sense that we're behind a little bit in AI. Secondly, one of the most important parts for me is to network with our board. But as I looked at the awards that were given and the one that we received, I think oftentimes our service provider staff with Jared Beard and his team oftentimes go unrecognized and the impact they've made is significant. And sometimes they don't get recognized as much as they should for the work that they do. So, kudos to Jared and his team for continuing to push us forward on what we do.
- b. Maricopa County Workforce Development Board Strategic Planning Update**
 - Sam Chase from the Maricopa County Innovation Studio presented goals and strategies for 2026, 2027, 2028. The final version of the plan will be presented in June 2025.
- c. Committee Appointments:**
 - Youth Committee
 - Justin Oviatt, Comparion Insurance Company
 - John Dvorak, ATP Flight School
 - Anna Yap, TSMC
- f. MCWDB Committee Updates**
 - **Executive Committee, Bonnie Schirato reported that the committee discussed:**
 - The administration budget (FY 25 Administrative Budget)
 - The OSO performance assessment
 - The 2025 –2028 MCWDB Strategic Plan
 - **Youth Committee, Anne Landers reported that the committee discussed:**
 - The 2025 –2028 MCWDB Strategic Plan
 - Pre-apprenticeship work at GCU.
 - **Employer Connection Committee, Konrad Robichaud reported that the committee discussed:**
 - The 2025 –2028 MCWDB Strategic Plan
 - Success stories that highlight the career pathway work that’s happening
 - Learned more about the Rapid Response program as it relates to the increased layoffs in Maricopa County and surrounding areas.
 - **Regional Workforce Initiatives Committee, Bonnie Schirato reported that the committee:**
 - Learned more about the City of Phoenix’s Mobil Career Unit
 - Discussed the Central Arizona Regional Workforce Forum Series.

Call to Public.

MOTION: Interim Chair Schirato asked for a motion to adjourn.

Motion: JakinDee Kosaka

Second: Anne Landers

All in favor vote held:

In favor: All

Opposed: None

Abstained: None

Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 10:55am

NEXT MEETING: May 29, 2025