



MINUTES OF PUBLIC MEETING OF THE
MARICOPA COUNTY WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD

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

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Phone: +1 (872) 240-3212; Access Code/Meeting ID: 167-097-701 #

MEMBERS PRESENT: Bonnie Schirato, Che Collins, Elizabeth Valdez, JakinDee Kosaka, Konrad Robichaud, Leah Hill, Loren Granger, Noelle Trinder, Tina Drews, Eddie Baldenegro, Tim Willenborg, John Soto, Shawn Hutchinson, Angela Creedon

MEMBERS ABSENT: Anne Landers, Grenee Martacho, Jacob Evenson, Marcia Veidmark, Matt Clark, Gregg Ghelfi

Call to order.

Interim Chair Schirato called the meeting to order at 9:32 a.m.

Roll Call.

MCWDB Board Liaison Julia Maciel Vargas took the roll call. A quorum was present

Welcome and Opening Remarks.

Interim Chair Schirato welcomed everyone to the meeting and introduced Chair Leah Hill to address the board. Chair Hill shared a personal update on resigning from her employment at Mayo Clinic and thanked everyone for the opportunity to serve the board.

Interim Chair Schirato read the vision and values of the board.

Consent Agenda.

- a. Meeting Minutes: August 15, 2024*
- b. Fiscal Reports*
- c. Executive Director's Report*
- d. August Jobs Reports*
- e. Careers Pathway Strategist Reports*
- f. MCWDB 1st Quarter Report*
- g. Title IB 1st Quarter Report*
- h. One-Stop Operator Monthly Report*
- i. WIOA Performance Measures
- j. Title IB 4th Quarter Report*

MOTION: Interim Chair Schirato asked for a motion to approve consent agenda items. Tina Drews made a motion; Che Collins seconded the motion.

All in favor vote held:

In favor: Angela Creedon, Elizabeth Valdez, JakinDee Kosaka, Konrad Robichaud, Leah Hill, Loren Granger, Noelle Trinder, Tina Drews, Eddie Baldenegro, Tim Willenborg

Opposed: None

Abstained: None

Motion passed

Chair Report.

Interim Chair Schirato shared that the first session of the Central Arizona Regional Workforce Forum was outstanding.

Community Impact Statements.

MCWDB Success Story*

Maricopa County Workforce Development Manager Tina Russo shared a video and the community success story.

Information/Discussion/Possible Action.

MCWDB PY23 Annual Report*

MCWDB Management Analyst Julia Maciel Vargas presented a summary on the MCWDB PY23 Annual Report. Below are some highlights:

- WIOA 6 Purposes
- Total expenditures for FY24 is about \$16.5 million
- 74% of funding is used for occupational skills
- Title I-B program participants were 3,255
- Supported 812 apprentices and 659 were new apprentices
- 7,468 participants in Title II and over 600,000 instructional hours

MOTION: Interim Chair Schirato asked for a motion to approve consent agenda items. Che Collins made a motion; Noelle Trinder seconded the motion.

All in favor vote held:

In favor: Angela Creedon, Elizabeth Valdez, JakinDee Kosaka, Konrad Robichaud, Leah Hill, Loren Granger, Noelle Trinder, Tina Drews, Eddie Baldenegro, Tim Willenborg

Opposed: None

Abstained: None

Motion passed

FY25 Compliance & Policy Preview*

MCWDB Policy and Compliance Manager Laura Malhoit presented on policy approvals. Below are a few highlights:

- MOU/IFA for annual review
 - Equal Opportunity Items
 - Annual EO training early 2025
 - 2025 local workforce board recertification
 - Maintenance of ETPL
 - Questions: Could you provide some further details about how the ETPL is monitored?
 - Answer: We make sure everything on the ETPL and Arizona Job Connection is current. Confirm Equal Opportunity as well.
 - Question: Who owns the ETPL system?
 - Answer: The State owns the whole system. Every local area has a say on which programs get approved.
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FY25 Compliance and Policy

I. Policies for Approval

1. Conflict of Interest Policy
 - a. Minimal updates
2. Eligible Training Provider List Policy
 - a. Minimal updates
3. Equal Opportunity Policy
 - a. Minimal updates
4. Priority of Service Policy
 - a. Minimal updates
5. Training Services Limits Policy
 - a. Revised the ITA amounts
6. Work Based Training Policy
 - a. Minimal updates

MOTION: Interim Chair Schirato asked for a motion to approve consent agenda items. Angela Creedon made a motion; Eddie Baldenegro seconded the motion.

All in favor vote held:

In favor: Angela Creedon, Elizabeth Valdez, JakinDee Kosaka, Konrad Robichaud, Leah Hill, Loren Granger, Noelle Trinder, Tina Drews, Eddie Baldenegro, Tim Willenborg

Opposed: None

Abstained: None

Motion passed

Information/Discussion Only.

Central Arizona Regional Workforce Forum Series Session #2*

MCWDB Executive Director Steve Clark gave a review of the Session #1 which included of our rate of success, attendance rate, and the early stages of development for session two. 270 people registered for the event and we had just under 200 attendees. Survey results indicated participants enjoyed the forum, found it valuable, and requested breakout rooms.

Artificial Intelligence in Workforce Development Roundtable*

Interim Chair Schirato began a discussion on AI in our workplaces. Below are some highlights:

- First question for discussion: How do you see artificial intelligence and automation reshaping the workforce landscape in the next five years, particularly in central Arizona?
 - Answer: Most health systems pull vital signs and lab results and things like that using artificial intelligence and there is a lot of positivity in that space. In the future it will make the life easier for the nurse giving bedside care for patients by incorporating artificial intelligence into care delivery. We will still need people but it may ease some of the documentation burdens.
 - Answer: It is impacting the construction side of employment currently and massively in the future because of the need for more and more powerful data centers that are being built across.
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MCWDB Committee Updates

- i. Executive Committee
 - a. No update given as there was no meeting last month.
- ii. Youth Committee
 - a. MCWDB Executive Director gave an update at the last meeting, the 14 required elements of youth program was discussed and the next meeting will be focusing on learning more about specific programs from our service provider side that focuses on youth specific programs as they continue to work towards their goals of connecting youth to careers.
- iii. Employer Connection Committee
 - a. Chair Robichaud gave an update on how the committee reaffirmed their goals and have been exploring initiatives to support the business service team of the county.
- iv. Regional Workforce Initiatives Committee
 - a. MCWDB Executive Director gave an updated on the committee's focus which has been the forum series, suggestions for agenda flow, topics, conversations. Also learning more about the Regional Apprenticeship Coalition and how that might be implemented from a regional perspective.

Call to Public.

Interim Chair Schirato made a call for the public. No one spoke.

Adjourn.

Meeting adjourned at 10:59 a.m.
