



MINUTES OF PUBLIC MEETING OF THE
MARICOPA COUNTY WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD

Thursday, December 19, 2024 – 9:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: *Bonnie Schirato, Brittany Holmes, Che Collins, Elizabeth Valdez, Gregg Ghelfi, Jacob Evenson, JakinDee Kosaka, John Soto, Konrad Robichaud, Loren Granger, Noelle Trinder, Tina Drews, Tim Willenborg*

MEMBERS ABSENT: *Anne Landers, Grenee Martacho, Marcia Veidmark, Shawn Hutchinson, Eddie Baldenegro*

Call to order.

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

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 new Full Board Member Brittany Holmes who introduced herself.

Consent Agenda.

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: Bonnie Schirato, Brittany Holmes, Che Collins, Elizabeth Valdez, Gregg Ghelfi, Jacob Evenson, JakinDee Kosaka, John Soto, Konrad Robichaud, Loren Granger, Noelle Trinder, Tina Drews, Tim Willenborg

Opposed: None

Abstained: None

Motion passed

Chair Report.

Interim Chair Schirato encouraged everyone to mark their calendars for the Arizona Regional Workforce Forum on January 15th.

Community Impact Statements.

MCWDB Success Story*

Workforce Development Coordinator Lemuel Carter shared the success story.

Information/Discussion/Possible Action.

a. FY25 Compliance and Policy – One Stop Operator Q1 Performance Assessment

MCWDB Policy Manager Laura Malhoit presented the OSO Performance Assessment. Below is the summary of her presentation:

- Quarterly assessments of the OSO contract
- Entering year three of a four-year contract, covering performance from July to September of 2024
- Rated on the following Criteria:
 - Coordination of Service Delivery and Partner Leadership
 - Reporting
 - Administration and Compliance
 - Continuous Improvement Activities
- Our OSO is doing really well in convening structured monthly meetings, encouraging staff to participate in monthly meetings and information amongst partner organizations, providing annual reports, knowledge of policy performance in Title I partner programs, and then also exploring partnerships and expanding resources.
- Overall score was 3.5 out of 4
- Questions:
 - How does a rating of 3.5 compare with what we usually see?
 - Answer: 3.5 is the highest score we've seen. Typically, we've seen scores in the middle 2.5 range.

MOTION: Interim Chair Schirato asked for a motion to approve the OSO Performance Assessment. Gregg Ghelfi made a motion; Loren Granger, seconded the motion.

All in favor vote held:

In favor: Bonnie Schirato, Brittany Holmes, Che Collins, Elizabeth Valdez, Gregg Ghelfi, Jacob Evenson, JakinDee Kosaka, John Soto, Konrad Robichaud, Loren Granger, Noelle Trinder, Tina Drews, Tim Willenborg

Opposed: None

Abstained: None

Motion passed

B. FY25 Compliance and Policy- The Eligibility, Prioritization and Approval of Training Services Policy

MCWDB Policy Manager Laura Malhoit presented the Eligibility, Prioritization and Approval of Training Services Policy. Below is the summary:

- This policy previously existed with our service provider WDD and has been transferred to the Board.
 - Updated county branding, policy title and date, and added specific verbiage regarding the right to implement specific funding limits for individual training accounts.
 - Added an additional statement about funds being prioritized for those residing within Maricopa County jurisdiction.
 - Added a statement about to explain multiple trainings being approved to support career pathways that funds an individual shouldn't exceed \$6,000.
 - Questions:
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- If folks come in and they're from a different county, is there a process to connect them to that county for workforce solutions?
 - Yes, first we would look at the local area that they came from but some local areas may have run out of funding and may have referred them over to us.
- How does it work with the City of Phoenix since they have their own workforce development board and it talks about \$6,000 of funding from Maricopa County, do we pool resources or how does that work?
 - This policy gives us the flexibility to enforce and prioritize those who are in our local area and not necessarily in another local area. City of Phoenix has their own funding to support Phoenix residents.
- So with the six thousand dollar cap is that across any funding that they may have received either from their own local area or from ours?
 - That would be in general, we don't really allow for double dipping.

MOTION: Interim Chair Schirato asked for a motion to approve the Eligibility, Prioritization and Approval of Training Services Policy. Che Collins made a motion; Tim Willenborg, seconded the motion.

All in favor vote held:

In favor: Bonnie Schirato, Brittany Holmes, Che Collins, Elizabeth Valdez, Gregg Ghelfi, Jacob Evenson, JakinDee Kosaka, John Soto, Konrad Robichaud, Loren Granger, Noelle Trinder, Tina Drews, Tim Willenborg

Opposed: None

Abstained: None

Motion passed

Information/Discussion Only.

a. Talent Ready AZ/Governor's Workforce Cabinet*

Director Carlos Contreras shared an update on the AZ Governor's Workforce Cabinet. Below are the highlights:

b. Social Media Presentation*

MCWDB Careers and Pathway Strategist Katelyn Harris-Lange and MCWDB Management Assistant Hanna Smith presented on Social Media. Below are the highlights:

c. Maricopa County Workforce Development Board Strategic Planning*

d. Central Arizona Regional Workforce Forum Series Session #2 *

e. Committee Appointments

Regional Workforce Initiatives Committee

- a) Chandler Escalante, Workforce Development Project Manager for the City of Chandler, non-board member appointee
- b) Tami Martinez, Director of Operations, Televerde Foundation, non-board member appointee

f. MCWDB Committee Updates

- i. Executive Committee
- ii. Youth Committee
- iii. Employer Connection Committee
- iv. Regional Workforce Initiatives Committee

Call to Public.

Adjourn.

NEXT MEETING: February 20, 2025