



Innovative Workforce Solutions

**WORKFORCE ARIZONA COUNCIL**

**2026 “Special” Full Council Meeting**

Thursday, April 16th, 2026 | 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm

**REMOTE MEETING VIA ZOOM:**

**Zoom:** <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85113856459?pwd=5hP7LHnMEjI7IR6L8GbdQGqbToqXnm.1>

**Meeting ID:** 851 1385 6459 **Passcode:** 266692

<p><b><u>Council Members Present:</u></b>  Alexander Horvath, Tucson Medical Center  Alisa Wren Freeport-McMoRan  Anna Hunter, proxy for Director Michael Wisheart, Dept of Economic Security, Titles I &amp; III  Chet Samuelson, BOK Financial  Debra Margraf, NECA  Jackie Elliott, Central Arizona College  John Walters, Trucordia  Josh DeSpain, IBEW Local 570  Kristen Mackey, Dept of Economic Services, Title IV  Mark Gaspers, Chairman, Boeing  Michael Cruz, Lucid Motors  Michelle Bolton, Vice-Chair, Banner Health  Regina Romero, Mayor of Tucson  Rose Castanares, TSMC  Scott Holman, Amkor Technology  Shawn Hutchinson, Phoenix Electrical  Skylie Estep, Second Vice-Chair, South32  Zenji Reynolds, Southwest Shoulder Elbow and Hand Center</p>	<p><b><u>Council Members Absent:</u></b>  Beverly Wilson, AZ Dept of Education, Title II  Bill Ruiz, Western States Regional Council of Carpenters  Danny Seiden, AZ Chamber of Commerce &amp; Industry  Dennis Anthony, State Apprenticeship Council  Ian O’Grady, Policy Advisor, Governor Hobbs  Jenna Rowell, Local First Arizona  Jeffrey McClure, Supervisor, Pinal County  Jim Corning, Novakinetics Aerosystems  Justin Wilmeth, Arizona House of Representatives  Karla Moran, SRP  Sandra Watson, Arizona Commerce Authority  Thomas Winkel, Arizona Coalition for Military Families</p>
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**1. Welcome and Call to Order**

Chairman Gaspers welcomes all members of the Workforce Arizona Council and the public to the Q2 2026 Special Full Council meeting. The meeting is called to order at 1:03pm.

**2. Roll Call**

Giselle Retana, Workforce Arizona Council Administrative Coordinator conducted roll call, a quorum was present.

**3. Call to the Public**

Chairman Gaspers opened the call to the public. No one spoke.

**4. Arizona’s WIOA State Plan Final Submission, Vote**

Patrick Brown, the Council’s Administrator presented to the Council the Arizona’s WIOA State Plan. The WIOA State Plan is presented as both a federal requirement and Arizona’s practical operating framework for the public workforce system, serving as a shared, customer-centric roadmap for Arizona at Work. It aligns priorities, strategies, and operational commitments to ensure investments respond to employer demand, support economic mobility, and strengthen system integration and accountability across partners. The plan emphasizes coordinated service delivery across workforce, education, training, and support services, bringing the four core programs (Titles I–IV) under a unified strategy rather than operating in silos. The two-year modification updates priorities and operations—such as intake, referrals, data sharing,

performance management, and one-stop integration—while incorporating stakeholder feedback and reflecting current economic conditions, including slower growth and shifting workforce needs. Overall, the plan shifts focus toward improving workforce participation, job matching, and access to quality, in-demand occupations, while enhancing governance, accountability, and the customer experience through a more integrated and measurable system.

**MOTION:** Chair Gaspers called for a motion for the Workforce Arizona Council to approve the Arizona WIOA State Plan Modification for Program Years 2026–2027 and authorize its submission in accordance with applicable state and federal requirements. Council Member Jackiet Elliott made a motion; Council Member Alex Horvath seconded the motion.

**ALL IN FAVOR:** Alex Horvath, Alisa Wren, Chet Samuelson, Debra Margraf, Jackie Elliott, John Walters, Josh DeSpain, Kristen Mackey, Mark Gaspers, Anna Hunter (proxy for Director Michael Wisheart), Michael Cruz, Michelle Bolton, Mayor Regina Romero, Rose Castanares, Scott Holman, Shawn Hutchinson, Skylie Estep and Zenji Reynolds

**OPPOSED:** None

**ABSTAINED:** None

**MOTION PASSES**

## 5. Adjournment

Chair Gaspers provided the following reminders for upcoming meetings and events:

- Thursday, May 14, 2026: Next Full Council Meeting
- June 9-10, 2026: Arizona Workforce Summit

**MOTION:** Chair Gaspers called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Council Member John Walters made a motion; Council Member Debra Margraf seconded the motion.

**ALL IN FAVOR:** Alex Horvath, Alisa Wren, Chet Samuelson, Debra Margraf, Jackie Elliott, John Walters, Josh DeSpain, Kristen Mackey, Mark Gaspers, Anna Hunter (proxy for Director Michael Wisheart), Michael Cruz, Michelle Bolton, Mayor Regina Romero, Rose Castanares, Scott Holman, Shawn Hutchinson, Skylie Estep and Zenji Reynolds

**OPPOSED:** None

**ABSTAINED:** None

**MOTION PASSES**