



Innovative Workforce Solutions

WORKFORCE ARIZONA COUNCIL

Q2 2026 Full Council Meeting

Thursday, May 14th, 2026 | 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm

Hybrid Meeting

In-Person Location: 1700 W Washington Street Phoenix, AZ 2nd Floor Conference Room

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

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1. **Welcome & Call to Order**, Chair Mark Gaspers (2 minutes)
 2. **Roll Call**, Giselle Retana, Workforce Council Administrative Coordinator (3 minutes)
 3. **Chair Selection Announcement**, OEO Director Mary Foote (12 minutes)
 4. **Call to the Public**, Chair John Walters (3 minutes per person)
 5. **Consent Agenda, Vote** Chair John Walters (3 minutes)
 - a. **March 12, 2026 Full Council Meeting Minutes**
 - b. **LWDB Job Center Certification (New Center)**
 - i. Yavapai County
 - c. **April 16, 2026 Special Full Council Meeting Minutes**
 6. **Governance and Compliance**, Patrick Brown, Workforce Council Administrator (8 minutes)
 - a. **LWDB Membership Vacancy Waiver Request, Vote**
 - i. Coconino County Workforce Development Board
 - b. **2025 LWDB Recertifications, Vote**
 - i. Coconino County Workforce Development Board
 - ii. Arizona Tribal Workforce Development Board
 - c. **Local Plan Modification Updates**, Jeremy Smith, Governance & Compliance Advisor
 7. **Coconino County Local Workforce Development Board Inquiry Report, Vote**, Patrick Brown, Workforce Council Administrator (5 minutes)
 8. **Governor's Set-Aside Funding Update**, Ian O'Grady, Senior Policy Advisor & Erin Hart, Director, Office of Strategic Initiatives & Policy Advisor, Higher Education & Early Education (10 minutes)
 9. **Workgroup Updates** (10 minutes)
 - a. **Training Effectiveness**, Council Member Kristen Mackey
 - b. **Continuous Improvement**, Chair John Walters
 10. **Workforce Pell**, Erin Hart, Director, Office of Strategic Initiatives & Policy Advisor, Higher Education & Early Education (12 minutes)
 11. **PY 26/FY27 Final Funding Allocations**, Manny Estrella, Regulatory Economist (10 minutes)
 12. **Agency Updates:**
 - a. **OEO: Director Mary Foote** (15 minutes)
 - i. General Updates
 - ii. Welcome: New Workforce Arizona Council Staff
 - iii. 2026 Arizona Workforce Summit Update
 - iv. Latest AZ Employment Report, Doug Walls, Labor Market Information Director
 - b. **DES: DERS Assistant Director, Anna Hunter** (25 minutes)
 - i. Recapture and Reallocation Briefing for PY24/FY25
 - ii. Statewide Initiatives Briefing
 1. Recaptured Funding - Final and Projected
 - a. Year 1 & Year 2
 2. ADES' Statewide Activities, Proposal & Cost
 - iii. Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) Rapid Response Unit
 13. **Adjournment** Chair John Walters (1 minute)

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At its discretion, the Council may consider and act upon any agenda item out of order. Members of the Council may appear by telephone.