

MINUTES OF PUBLIC MEETING OF THE MARICOPA COUNTY WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD

Wednesday, November 20, 2019 – 9:30 a.m.

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Members Present: Angie Ferguson, Charisse Ward (Ph.), David Drennon (Ph). Drew Thorpe, Elizabeth “E” Cole, Gregg Ghelfi (Ph.), Julie Stiak, Mark Lashinske, Mark Wagner (Ph.), Marla Lazere (Ph.), Shawn Hutchinson (Ph), Tina Drews (Ph.), Tom Jenkins

Members Absent: Neal Dauphin, Vanessa Andersen

Call to Order

Welcome, Introductions and Chair’s Remarks – Chairman, Drew Thorpe, called the Maricopa County Workforce Development Board (MCWDB) meeting to order at 9:46 a.m. and welcomed attendees.

Roll Call – MCWDB Liaison, Nancy Avina took roll. Quorum was not initially present (quorum was established at 9:51 a.m.).

Due to the lack of quorum, Chairman Thorpe reminded no discussion or action would take place. Chairman Thorpe allowed for brief updates. Chairman Thorpe also reminded on meeting procedures and open meeting law requirements. Staff has scheduled open meeting law training for the board on December 18th.

Chairman Report

Chairman Thorpe shared several updates from the Executive Committee (EC) meeting including the upcoming budget cycle, MCWDB strategic priorities, OSO update received.

Consent Agenda Approval

Upon establishing quorum, Chairman Thorpe asked for a motion to approve the consent agenda. Tom Jenkins made a motion. Julie Stiak seconded the motion.

All present were in favor. On the phone in favor: Tina Drews, Gregg Ghelfi, Marla Lazere, David Drennon, Charisse Ward. Motion carried.

Service Provider Presentation on West Valley Career Center Relocation and Possible Action*

WDD Assistant Director, Tom Colombo presented background information and approach for West Valley career center relocation; data and statistics were provided. Clarifying questions were asked throughout, clarification was provided by Mr. Colombo. Board member concerns were shared; Mr. Colombo acknowledged concerns and provided response to concerns. Mr. Colombo provided a cost comparison and reviewed new lease amount and costs versus current costs. Mr. Colombo informed on updated moving costs being under \$500,000 and asked the MCWDB to consider giving additional funds to the operator to complete the move. Mr. Colombo addressed additional board member questions regarding costs. Board members made suggestions regarding breaking up staff into smaller servicing centers in the future and co-locating with other title partners to cover west and east valley expansions; discussion was held on the opportunity. Mr. Colombo informed on partnerships with cities and co-funding positions to increase reach as well as itinerant services; discussion held on the idea. Additional questions and discussion were held on ask; Mr. Colombo addressed board member questions. The signed lease is for 7 years. A board member reminded of the need to align with strategic priorities, including forecasted growth with in demand industries. Need to think about the employer side as well. Additional discussion held.

Chairman Thorpe asked Mr. Colombo for the ask of the board. Mr. Colombo expressed the ask was to add an additional line item for the facility move of an additional \$500,000 to complete the move process to the new location. Clarification held on actual expense for the facility move accounting for savings.

Chairman stated the proposal on the table is to add an incremental \$300,000 to cover the incremental rent and move expense associated with relocating the West Valley center through the period ending June 30, 2020. Assistant County Manager, Lee Ann Bohn clarified on behalf of the service provider that the request was for \$500,000. Chairman clarified the request to be for \$500,000 through June 30, 2020 and asked for a motion. Gregg Ghelfi made a motion. David Drennon seconded the motion. Discussion on what the alternative would be.

All present were in favor. On the phone in favor: Tina Drews, Gregg Ghelfi, Charisse Ward, David Drennon, Mark Wanger, Marla Lazere, Shawn Hutchinson. Motion carried.

Board Member, Elizabeth Cole recommended soliciting a presentation for the MCWDB on Economic Development on growth corridors, as was very informative at a city of Phoenix board meeting.

Quality Workforce Workgroup Presentation on Target Occupations and Possible Action*

Postponed to the next full board meeting.

Committee & Workgroup Report Outs and Possible Action

Youth Committee – Chair, Elizabeth Cole provided youth committee update on youth membership updates and additions, ACYR impact in terminating their contract with the County, discussions on possible strategic partnerships with the City, waiver for serving in-school youth, Chair activity and engagement with youth providers across Maricopa County, attendance at the NAWDP Youth Symposium and learnings from the National Youth convening in Aspen.

Compliance Workgroups – A brief Audit Workgroup update provided by Mr. Lashinske. Mr. Lashinske thanked the workgroup for their hard work. 2 pathways were taken on the SGA and Bylaws (1) the documents were sent to DES and have been given preliminary approval and (2) the documents have been sent to Maricopa County legal for review. The workgroup is still working on the service provider contract.

Mr. Jenkins also provided an OSO workgroup update and thanked the workgroup for their work. A summary of the last OSO workgroup meeting was provided and the possibility of a year extension after June 2020. Motivation behind that is the workload of the board and staff. A new RFP would have to be worked on for June 2021.

Strategic Workgroups – No updates provided.

Next Steps/Action Items

Upcoming Open Meeting Law Training (12/18)

Additional items shared by board members:

- Board member Ms. Cole, shared information on additional \$500,000 in funding received from the Governor for Title II to reduce Adult Education wait lists (3 in Maricopa County).
- Julie Stiak shared Georgetown University information on ROI calculator for 4,500 Universities and Colleges nationwide – Gateway Community College is #1 in the State of AZ for ROI.

Call to the Public

A call for public comment was made. No public comments made.

Adjourn Full Board Meeting

Chairman Thorpe, adjourned the meeting at 11:32 a.m.

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