

# **YUMA COUNTY WORKFORCE INVESTMENT BOARD**

Regular Meeting

YPIC Boardroom

November 14, 2012

## MINUTES

### **I. CALL TO ORDER**

Sam Pepper called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

### **II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Sam Pepper asked Ken Rosevear to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **III. ROLL CALL**

Roll was called and those present and absent were:

<b>Members Present</b>	<b>Members Absent</b>
1. Marisol Canales	Nancy Alter
2. Maria Chavoya	Ramona Corrales
3. Betty DeNise	Allen Hagedorn
4. Julie Engel	John "Bud" Johnson
5. Ed Ford	Dr. Glenn Mayle
6. Diane Hansberger	Melinda Montgomery
7. Tom Kiley	Nancy Ngai
8. Dave McDowell	Kelley Paulin
9. Steve Miller	Tom Tyree
10. Larry Nelson	
11. Ray Ochoa	
12. Sam Pepper	
13. Jesus Quintana	
14. Kim Rodriguez	
15. Rick Rohrick	
16. Patricia Romant	
17. Ken Rosevear	
18. Clinton Underhill	

**A quorum was thereby established.**

**Guests (From Sign in list)**

Mary Jo McIntyre, Yuma County  
Ben Bronson, ACA  
Barbara Stevens, YPIC  
Elaine Babcock, Southwest Gas  
Barbara Diaz, YPIC  
Patrick Goetz, YPIC  
Maricela Alvarado, PPEP  
Cesar Fandino, PPEP  
Steve Tait, Walker & Armstrong  
Stuart Smith, YPIC  
Mercedes Mendivil, YPIC  
Grace Wehrle, DES  
Elizabeth Arturi, AWC  
Christian Espinoza, DES  
Marla Duran, AWC  
Lynn LaBrie, AWC

**Staff:**

John Morales, Executive Director  
Adriana McBride, Clerk to the Board

**\*IV. CALL TO THE PUBLIC**

**V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES (from October 10, 2012)**

Sam Pepper asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the Workforce Investment Board meeting of October 10, 2012.

Motion made by Ed Ford; Seconded by Maria Chavoya. Motion passed.

**VI. Director's Report and Information Items**

**A. Washington update**

*John Morales reported:*

- Republicans still have control of the House
- In the Senate Democrats picked up three more seats
- Two major issues going on now until January 2<sup>nd</sup>: Avoid the Fiscal situation (taxes will go up on January if no action is taken by Congress); the other issue is sequestration: for WIA it would be a reduction of about 8.2% in funds- this would occur every year for the next ten years.
- Besides the sequestration, on the workforce side we may be in good shape.

**B. State Update**

*John Morales reported:*

- Attended the Governor's Council on Workforce Policy

meeting in Thatcher, AZ last month. It was the last meeting of the Council as we know it.

- The Governor has called for a new smaller Workforce Council.
- The next meeting of the Council will be on January 2013.
- Two names were submitted from Yuma to hopefully be a part of the Council.

**C. Rapid Response/Business Outreach Update**

Patrick Goetz presented a power point (Attached).

**D. Sector Strategy Presentation**

Elaine Babcock (Served as Vice-Chair of Governors Council on Workforce Policy) presented a power point on Sector Strategies in Arizona (Attached).

**E. Proposed Next Meeting Date –**

- January 13, 2013

**VII. Discussion/Action items**

**a) Acceptance of the 2011-2012 Audit.**

John Morales asked the Board for approval of the 2011-2012 Audit. Steve Tait from Walker & Armstrong provided a summary of the report. Copies of the audit were provided to Board members.

Maria Chavoya made a motion to approve the 2011-2012 Audit. The motion was seconded by Larry Nelson. The motion carried.

**VIII. Other information and/or Committee Reports**

**Economic Development**

**Julie Engel:**

- Spoke of some significant facts of the Yuma area:
  - Agriculture industry is shrinking in the area;
  - Yuma is shifting their focus to the aerospace/defense industry;
  - Military leaving active duty have skill sets needed in aerospace industry but they need the certificates; looking at Embry Riddle to provide those certifications with assistance from Arizona Western College;

- There is a perception that solar industry is not creating jobs because they are not permanent jobs; however, the construction side of it is very valuable. It has a positive impact and it is creating jobs for people who live here and can commute a short distance.
- Toured a virtual call center company last week- they are willing to make the investment on the home (broadband and equipment) and they will provide healthcare.
- Nation's Health has secured new contracts; they will need to ramp up to the 700 mark much faster than anticipated.
- There is an opportunity for property that is a produce facility; there are companies that can be utilizing that property if it is available.
- Annual report is available on the GYEDC website or you can stop by their office.
- There is an opportunity to market a property for a production company.
- Introduced Ben Bronson from Arizona Commerce authority; he is the new manager for Rural Development/Arizona Commerce Authority.

### **Finance and Personnel Committee, Report**

None

### **Youth Council, Report**

None

### **Charter High School, report:**

*Ed Ford reported:*

- The EOC Charter High School Board met previous to this meeting.
- Enrollment is at maximum capacity; attendance is good.
- Students- 3 Goal Setters were recognized at the meeting and presented with a gift card.
- Will be meeting next month.

### **IX. Good of the Order**

- *Larry Nelson: Years ago the State enacted an Arizona International Development Authority: never got funding. At the last session they enacted another one, the by-laws are done- waiting for new leadership and funds. Yuma is represented by two people. Have been*

*meeting regularly; their next meeting will be on January.*

- Ken Rosevear: The Chamber of Commerce will be hosting a workshop on January 10<sup>th</sup> at the Hilton Pivot Point; they will bring a healthcare expert to explain how the healthcare reform will affect small businesses. Questions by businesses will be answered.
- Kim Rodriguez- Dia del Campesino will take place in December in San Luis; looking for clothing. Contact DES and staff will pick up your donations, or you can drop them off at their office.
- John Morales reported that Internships (90 day placements) have been very successful, and all the adult funding has been used or obligated for this fiscal year.
- YPIC now has the official NCCER Certificate of accreditation as the training sponsor for Yuma County.
- *Dave McDowell* indicated that AWC Matadors will face Nassau Community College at the El Toro Bowl on December 1<sup>st</sup>. Caballeros appreciate all the support they have received from their sponsors, one of them is Southwest Gas. A reminder that the tickets can be bought online.

**X. Call for Executive Session.**

N/A

Sam Pepper called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ed Ford made a motion to adjourn the meeting; Seconded by Larry Nelson. The motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 10:200a.m.

Respectfully submitted by Adriana McBride