

YUMA COUNTY WORKFORCE INVESTMENT BOARD

Regular Meeting

Martin Luther King Center

January 14, 2015

MINUTES

I. CALL TO ORDER

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

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Sam Pepper led the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. ROLL CALL

Roll was called and those present and absent were:

Members Present	Members Absent
1. Marisol Canales	Abel Almanza
2. Maria Chavoya	Skip Avery
3. Ramona Corrales	Betty DeNise
4. Julie Engel	Ed Ford
5. Valencia R. Fisker	Shari Frabasilio
6. Tom Kiley	Allen Hagedorn
7. Steve Miller	John "Bud" Johnson
8. Nancy Ngai	Glenn Mayle
9. Ray Ochoa	Dave McDowell
10. Sam Pepper	Jesus Quintana
11. Kim Rodriguez	Rick Rohrick
12. Patricia Ray	Tom Tyree
13. Ken Rosevear	
14. Clinton Underhill	
15. Kevin Wilkins	

A quorum was thereby established.

Guests (From Sign in list)

Marla Duran, AWC

Nidia Herrera, YPIC

Mercedes Mendivil, YPIC

Mary Jo McIntire, Yuma County

Staff:

John Morales, Executive Director

Alicia Huizar, Clerk to the Board

Cesar Fandino, PPEP
Grace Wehrle, DES
Elizabeth Arturi, AWC
Maria Aguirre, AWC
Daniel Barajas, AWC
Patrick Goetz, AWC
Shavon Knox, YPIC

***IV. CALL TO THE PUBLIC**

Daniel Barajas, Dean of Career and Technical Education introduced Maria Aguirre, the new Associate Dean for Continuing Education for Arizona Western College.

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES (from November 12, 2014)

Sam Pepper asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the Workforce Investment Board meeting of November 12, 2014.

Maria Chavoya made a motion to approve the minutes of the Workforce Investment Board meeting November 12, 2014; Seconded by Julie Engel. The motion carried.

VI. Director's Report and Information Items

A. Washington D.C Update

John Morales reported:

- The new Congress was sworn in on January 6.
- The prolonged budget sequester will affect the military and will have an impact on different communities.
- Ken Rosevear informed the board members that Senator McCain visited the military bases in Arizona and spoke about a new program they are trying to initiate to do away with sequestration.

B. State Update

John Morales reported:

- The Department of Labor reported that the new WIOA regulations will not be issued until spring. A date was not provided.
- Guidance will be provided by State until the regulations are released.

C. Rapid Response/Business Outreach Update

Patrick Goetz reported:

- Patrick Goetz from YPIC presented a power point on Rapid Response and Business Services (Attached).

- John Morales asked Patrick Goetz to inform the board what S & A is all about. Patrick Goetz explained that S & A Industries is a manufacturer of products used for thermal protection, air and gas conveying and noise attenuation in automotive air management systems for Toyota. S & A will be located at Avenue 4E and 41st Place.
- Ray Ochoa asked if anyone made contact with the Yuma Sun to correct them about the headline that read “Toyota parts plan to open here” when in fact it is not Toyota opening the plant. Patrick Goetz informed the board members that he did not contact the Sun and wasn’t aware if the company contacted the newspaper.
- The E-Team from YPIC donated a bicycle and several coolers for the Day of the Farm Worker.

D. California Workforce Association Youth Conference

John Morales reported:

- The Yuma Private Industry Council, Youth Department will be attending the California Workforce Association Youth Conference in Long Beach, California on January 27-29.

E. Upcoming WIOA Regulations

John Morales reported:

- WIOA Regulation will not be released until the spring of this year.

F. Preliminary WIOA 2015 Allocations

John Morales reported:

- Allocation for 2015 looks reasonable.
- On the National Level, the Adult program will receive 10 million dollars. The Youth program will receive 10 million dollars more and the Dislocated program will also be given 10 million dollars more.
- On the state level, funds will be less due to the 2010 census.

G. Joint Technical Education District (JTED) Presentation

Tom Kiley reported:

- JTED will be interacting with YPIC’s Charter High School in the near future.
- An Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) will be requested from the YPIC Charter High School once JTED starts working with the school.
- JTED’s new name is STEADY.
- The JTED has a new board. Roger Nelson is the Chairman, Nora Duarte from the Antelope District is the Clerk, the two members from Yuma Union High school are Nicole Griffin and Tom Kiley, and Pat Corey, the Superintendent of the Hyder District from East County.
- John informed the board that on February 2nd a meeting will be

taking place and a presentation will be made to the STEDY board. Tom Tyree would like to open up the meeting to the community to allow them to ask questions.

- Tom Kiley informed the board that STEDY will be providing a certificate to students when completing the program successfully.
- Pat Ray informed the board that AWC, YPIC, and the Consortium of the IFA is currently in the process of developing two programs. The first one is the industrial technology that works with the manufacturers to create opportunities. The second one is Cybersecurity; however, it will be part Computer Information Systems and part Administration of Justice which will be focusing on Cybercrimes. Student will be receiving a certificate and an Associate's Degree. Arizona Western College and the High School District are implementing the dual credit classes. Therefore, these programs are a good segway's to be used by JTED.
- John Morales wished the board's condolence to Tom Kiley on the passing of his wife.

H. Proposed Next Meeting Date – February 11, 2015 at the Martin Luther King Center located at 300 S 13th Avenue, Yuma, AZ.

VII. Discussion/Action items

There were no discussion/action items to be addressed at the meeting.

VIII. Other information and/or Committee Reports

Economic Development:

Julie Engel reported:

- Yuma County is becoming very popular for Call Centers. Companies from Phoenix are looking into moving their business to Yuma
- The average wage for a Call Center is about \$10.00 to \$12.00. The Call Center wage will be set higher to the new incoming companies to create the same impact with the existing Call Centers in order to raise the annual income for the residents of Yuma and change the economic environment.
- Teletech wants to bring in Verizon's Call Center, but space is not available in Yuma. The company prefers to lease a 40,000 square foot building instead of purchasing it.
- Kim Rodriguez reported that the average wage for the H2A Program has been raised from \$9.97 to \$10.43 an hour.
- Nancy Ngai informed the board members that the Investing in Manufacturing Communities Partnership meeting will be taking place on Thursday, January 22, 2015 at 9:00 a.m. at the Main Library located at 2951 S. 21st Drive. A draft of the strategic planning document is available for viewing on Yuma County's website.
- Maria Chavoya commended Julie Engel for working hard to raise the call centers wage for the residents of Yuma County.
- Julie Engel received an article about the poorest counties in the United

States and Yuma County is not in the top 50. She sent the article to the Sun to run a story about Yuma County unemployment rate.

Budget & Personnel Committee:

Sam Pepper reported:

- The Budget & Personnel Committee did not meet.

Charter High School:

Ken Rosevear *reported:*

- Enrollment is at 105: attendance is at 94.5%
- 17 students graduated in December
- Pat Ray reported that the Charter High School has recently added a YPIC Charter School Facebook page. Teachers have their own page to inform parents and students about their class syllabus and to communicate with them. John and the board members commended Shavon Knox for a job well done.

Youth Council:

Patricia Ray *reported:*

- The Youth Council did not meet.

IX. Call for Executive Session

There was no call for an Executive Session.

X. Good of the Order

No comments were made

XI. Adjournment

Sam Pepper called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. A motion was made by Kevin Wilkins; Seconded by Tom Kiley. The motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 10:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by Alicia Huizar, Clerk to the Board,

and YPIC Executive Assistance/Contract Manager