

YUMA COUNTY WORKFORCE INVESTMENT BOARD

Regular Meeting

Martin Luther King Center

February 11, 2015

MINUTES

I. CALL TO ORDER

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

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Sam Pepper asked Dave McDowell to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. ROLL CALL

Roll was called and those present and absent were:

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

A quorum was thereby established.

Guests (From Sign in list)

Patrick Goetz, YPIC
Lorena Zaragoza, YPIC
Marla Duran, YPIC
EulaliaTunico, DES
Mary Jo McIntyre, Yuma County
Grace Wehrle, DES
Cesar Fandino, PPEP
Nidia Herrera, YPIC
Janette Crawford, YPIC
Elizabeth Arturi, AWC

Staff:

John Morales, Executive Director
Alicia Huizar, Clerk to the Board

***IV. CALL TO THE PUBLIC**

There were no comments from the public.

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES (from January 14, 2015)

Sam Pepper asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the Workforce Investment Board meeting of January 14, 2015.

Maria Chavoya made a motion to approve the minutes of the Workforce Investment Board meeting January 14, 2015; Seconded by Steve Miller. The motion carried.

VI. Director's Report and Information Items

A. Washington D.C Update

John Morales reported:

- There were no updates pertaining to workforce from Washington D.C.
- Everything remains the same.

B. State Update

John Morales reported:

- Continue to move forward with state and trying to understand the implications of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act.
- Guidance will be provided by State until the regulations are released.
- The law requires a competitive procurement process for the One-Stop Operator.
- John Morales will be meeting with Yuma County Administrator on February 12, 2015.
- The new law states that the core partners (Employment Services, Vocational Rehabilitation Services, Adult Basic Education and YPIC) will be contributing to the infrastructure costs of the one stop.

- The new law states that statutory obligations of those agencies have to be met first.
- A power point presentation on the new law will be provided in the near future.
- The size of the WIB board may be reduced to 22 members.
- The law requires the youth program spend at least 75 percent of the funds on out-of-school youth, compared to 30 percent under WIA.
- The law changed the eligibility requirements for out-of-school youth by raising the eligible age for program participation from 16 through 24.

C. Rapid Response/Business Outreach Update

Patrick Goetz reported:

- Patrick Goetz from YPIC and Eulalia Tunico from Employment Services presented a power point on Rapid Response and Business Services (Attached).
- John Morales asked Patrick Goetz to explain the business that Paranetics Technology was involved in. Patrick Goetz explained that the company that had a contract with government to make parachutes.
- Convey Health Solutions has between 300 and 500 employees.
- Kim Rodriguez informed the board that the local Veterans Employment Representative, Chris Haisel, has accepted a new position in Tucson., AZ. He's going to be the new State Manager for the Veterans program.

D. Update: California Workforce Association Youth Conference

Janette Crawford reported:

- The Yuma Private Industry Council Youth Department attended the California Workforce Association Youth Conference in Long Beach, California last month.
- The main focus is to serve out-of-school youth.
- The Youth program is working with mandated partners, but need have concrete plans in place on how they are going to serve the youth along with Vocational Rehabilitation Services and Adult Basic Education.
- Department of Labor will be looking for innovative approaches to service delivery in WIOA Youth Programs.

E. Update: Southern Arizona Technical Assistance Session

Lorena Zaragoza reported:

- One-Stop Partners Program Overview addressed collaboration between partners.
- The new focus of WIOA is to obtain GED Certificate and obtain employment.
- Yuma was identified as having promising practices for the Youth Program.
- Yuma has an excellent expenditure rate for out of school youth.

- WIA Dislocated Worker Program has three eligibility criteria that need to be met to identify individuals as Dislocated Workers
 - Dislocated Layoff Letter
 - Must be receiving unemployment
 - Unlikely to return to the industry or occupation
 The State is currently reviewing YPIC's justification for changing local criteria relating to the Unlikely to Return category
- YPIC's pilot program to increase enrollments was implemented on September 22, 2015, and is gaining state wide interest

F. Update: Partners Meeting

John Morales reported:

- The Partners meeting took place on Thursday, February 5, 2015.
- Dr. Kurte Nolte provided an excellent presentation on agriculture.

H. Proposed Next Meeting Date – March 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:

- Julie Engel attended a leadership conference in Florida where WIOA was the topic in two different occasions. The focus was performance metrics. Local areas will have to meet required benchmarks and reduce skills gaps in their labor markets.
- Julie Engel thanked Lorena Zaragoza and Janette Crawford for their presentation.
- Julie Engel stated that she was very proud that YPIC is doing an excellent job serving the residents of Yuma County and that other local areas in the State of Arizona are coming to observe how YPIC is conducting the Youth and Adult programs.
- Employers need to be intimately involved during the JTED process in order for the students to attain the skills needed.
- Julie Engle provided a brief history on Paranetics.
- S & A Industries have delayed their opening date to being backed up in their current orders. They are trying to meet their demands before opening this plant.
- The Search and Rescue Squadron from the Marin Corps Air Station has a potential risk of being eliminated.
- Julie Engel has drafted a letter in support of the military bases. The

letter is to be sent to Senator McCain, Senator Flake, and Congressman Gosar. The draft letter can be found at the GYEDC website.

- Tom Tyree informed the board member that the JTED Board has asked him to create an advisory committee to adopt an education courses to make them JTED courses. A second advisory committee will be created in the near future that will be made of various sectors from the community.
- Tom Tyree requested the board members to look at the Arizona Republic and read about the impact the JTED program is making at Mountain View High School in Marana, Arizona.

Ken Rosevear reported:

- Ken Rosevear is the Chairman for Yuma 50 Military Affairs Committee. This committee is responsible for maintaining a strong relationship with local military representatives and working to ensure the military receives the support it needs from the local business community.
- Ken Rosevear and Julie Engel will be attending a reception for the Congressional Delegates on February 18, 2015.
- Senator McCain has committed to come to Yuma to address the community when they announce the formation of the Yuma 50 Military Affairs organization to the public.
- Ken Rosevear attended the Southern Arizona Defense Alliance meeting on Thursday, February 5, 2015.

Finance & Personnel Committee:

Sam Pepper reported:

- The committee met on February 10, 2015 to review the 990 Tax Form; if anyone wants to see it in detail, let Alicia Huizar know; an electronic copy will be sent.
- The committee also reviewed mid-year financial reports- everything is in order.
- Under WIA it used to be that 30% of Dislocated Worker funds were transferred to Adult program. The state has granted a waiver to increase the allowable transfer amount to 50% between Adult and dislocated worker funding streams.
- 50% of the Dislocated Worker will be transferred to the Adult program in the near future.
- Under the new WIOA law funds between the two programs may be transferred at the 100% level.

Charter High School:

Ken Rosevear reported:

- Enrollment is at 105: attendance is at 94%
- The school has 76 students who are eligible to test on the AZMERIT.
- Board will have to decide what role those results play for graduation.
- The school budget is right on track.

Youth Council:

Patricia Ray *reported:*

- The Youth Council met on Monday, February 9, 2015.
- AWC, YPIC, and the community members provided program updates.
- The Youth Council discussed WIOA and implications for the youth program as well as the recruitment needs for each agency.

IX. Call for Executive Session

There was no call for an Executive Session.

X. Good of the Order

No comments were made for the Good of the Order.

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 10:25 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by Alicia Huizar, Clerk to the Board,
and YPIC Executive Assistance/Contract Manager