

**NOTICE AND AGENDA OF MEETING OF THE MARICOPA COUNTY WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD  
YOUTH COMMITTEE**

Pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.02, notice is hereby given to the members of the **Youth Committee** of the Maricopa County Workforce Development Board and to the general public, that the **Youth Committee** of the Maricopa County Workforce Development Board will hold a meeting open to the public on:

**Thursday, February 25, 2021 – 9:30 a.m.**

GoToMeeting: <https://www.gotomeet.me/MaricopaCountyWDB>

Phone: +1 (872) 240-3212; Access Code/Meeting ID: 167-097-701

The Agenda for the special meeting is as follows:

***\*Indicates materials attached, please review/read prior to meeting.***

**1. Call to order.**

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**2. Roll Call.**

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**3. Welcome and Opening Remarks.**

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**4. Consent Agenda.**

*Possible action.*

The Youth Committee will consider and vote on the items on the consent agenda. Consent agenda is established to efficiently dispense the business of the MCWDB. These items will not be discussed unless a Member of the Board asks to remove the item from the consent agenda.

- Meeting Minutes: January 28, 2021\*
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**5. Chair Report.**

Chair, Elizabeth E. Cole will provide the Committee a summary of events in and related to the MCWDB since the last meeting, including on:

- Youth Impact Story
  - Updates relative to this Committee
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**6. Executive Director Report.**

Executive Director, Steve Clark will provide the Committee a summary of events in and related to the MCWDB since the last meeting, including on:

- Updates Relative to this Committee
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**7. Maricopa County Community College District Presentation on CTE Month and Activities.**

*Presentation and Q/A.*

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**8. HSE PLUS Career Readiness Pathway Presentation: A New Pathway to a High School Equivalency Diploma.**

*Presentation and Q/A.*

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**9. Call to the Public.**

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**10. Adjourn.**

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*PUBLIC PARTICIPATION AND ACCESS: "The public must be allowed to attend and listen to deliberations and proceedings taking place in all public meetings, A.R.S. § 38-431.01(A); however, Open Meeting Law does not establish a right for the public to participate in the discussion or in the ultimate decision of the public body." Note: Agenda items may be taken out of order*

*"Equal Opportunity Employer/Program." "Auxiliary aids and services are available upon request to individuals with disabilities." A sign language interpreter, alternative format materials, or infrared assistive listening devices will be made available within 72 hours' notice. Additional reasonable accommodations will be made available to the extent possible within the time frame of the request. Arizona@Work: Maricopa County products and services are made available through federal funding provided by the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA); serving Employers by aiding job seekers, adults, dislocated workers and youth.*

## Minutes of the Maricopa County Workforce Development Board Youth Committee Meeting

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**Members Present:** Breanne Bushu, Elizabeth E. Cole, Felix Moran, Shawn Hutchinson, Sherie Steele, Susan Morris, Traci Ayre (**Note: All members present attended via GoTo meeting**)

**Members Absent:** Pedro Huerta

### **Call to Order.**

Youth Committee Chair, Elizabeth E. Cole, called the MCWDB Youth Committee meeting to order at 9:35 a.m.

### **Roll Call.**

WDB Liaison Nancy Avina took roll. Quorum was present.

### **Welcome and Opening Remarks.**

Chair Cole welcomed attendees to the meeting, provided brief opening remarks and open meeting reminders. She further provided COVID remarks, asked for a moment of silence and expressed appreciation of attendees.

### **Consent Agenda.**

Chair Cole asked for a motion to approve the consent agenda. Susan Morris made a motion to approve. Traci Ayre seconded the motion.

**In favor:** Breanne Bushu, Elizabeth E. Cole, Felix Moran, Shawn Hutchinson, Sherie Steele, Susan Morris, Traci Ayre

**Opposed:** None.

**The motion passed.**

### **Chair Report.**

- **Youth Impact Story / Summarize current Youth Committee Initiatives in place** – Chair Cole provided remarks regarding the youth poet from the presidential inauguration. Chair Cole shared a youth impact story on a young woman named Daniela, who is a youth with various barriers and disabilities; and participated in the ARIZONA@WORK MC Youth program successfully. Committee members expressed gratitude for sharing success stories. Discussion was held on the importance of highlighting success stories, especially to other youth. A request was made that if possible, periodically play the youth poet video at youth centers; youth service provider staff indicated they would do everything possible to make that happen. The link to the recording clip will be shared.

Chair Cole asked Committee member Shawn Hutchinson to share on the apprenticeships initiative and success in leading the Country. Mr. Hutchinson provided a summary and a brief overview of apprenticeships uniqueness and benefits received. Discussion held on work of the committee in figuring out ways to get 16-24 year olds to understand the value and benefits apprenticeships bring.

Brief closing comments were made regarding marketing to youth and a request was made to obtain a picture of Danielle.

### **Executive Director Report.**

- **Board updates relative to this committee** – Chair Cole opened the agenda item and before opening the floor to Executive Director, Steve Clark; she asked committee members to briefly introduce themselves and share what prompted them to serve on the committee as well as what they see as the

committees most important role. Committee members present introduced themselves. Chair Cole shared a few appreciation remarks including on the difficult year it has been.

Executive Director, Mr. Clark also shared remarks of appreciation, and also expressed the importance of success stories. He shared on what he sees his role being in the committee, in sharing information to and from the Full board as it relates to youth. He shared his experience, his passion and focus including his work around career pathways and the importance of marketing and technology, and shared insight from meetings with board members and other partners. He also briefly touched upon the expansion of staff.

Chair Cole thanked Steve and expressed gratitude for Interim Executive Director, Bill Wiley and Board Liaison, Nancy Avina. Closing remarks were provided, Chair Cole challenged committee members in bringing forward success stories for marketing initiatives.

### **Call to the Public**

Chair Cole called for public comment. No public comment made.

### **Adjourn Meeting**

Chair Cole thanked committee members, shared brief holiday remarks and adjourned the meeting at 10:46 a.m.

*\*For More Information Contact MCWDB Staff at: [MCWDB@maricopa.gov](mailto:MCWDB@maricopa.gov)*



**Youth Testimonials  
February 2021**

**Fall 2020 Opportunities for Youth (OFY) Reengagement Center Youth Survey  
Additional Youth Comments**

<p><b>Samantha (Huffman) really helped me out with my journey for going back to college to become a registered nurse.</b></p>
<p><b>Kate Dixon was great throughout the whole process and I'm definitely grateful!</b></p>
<p><b>ARIZONA@WORK may have saved my present and future. Kate (Dixon) was an absolute dream through this process, and she has been extremely helpful throughout COVID. Thank you Kate!</b></p>
<p><b>Amazing opportunity. I am forever grateful for the help.</b></p>
<p><b>Great experience!</b></p>
<p><b>My youth case manager at ARIZONA@WORK was terrific. They helped me accomplish so much and offered so many other opportunities that I did not know I had access to before I came to ARIZONA@WORK for help. This has been a life-changing experience and I am also trying to help others to learn about the programs offered at ARIZONA@WORK as well. Thank you.</b></p>
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<p><b>My case manager is Iris (Ayala) and she has been so helpful in keeping me focused on my educational priorities and financial opportunities. I don't think I would be this close to being where I want to be without the help of ARIZONA@WORK. Thank you</b></p>
<p><b>I was told about this program through AIDA (American Institute of Dental Assisting) to get a grant for my schooling. I was set up with my case manager, Nicole (Higdon). She has been amazing throughout the whole process! She made sure to always call or text around my schedule and made sure that the times always worked for me since I am at home with a child or at work most of the day. I am so happy with the experience I had with her!</b></p>
<p><b>I love my case worker Amy she is great and helps me with everything I need.</b></p>
<p><b>Great experience! Would always recommend people who are in-need of help from these programs</b></p>
<p><b>I love how fast I was hired after working with ARIZONA@WORK. I am on my way to achieving my goals.</b></p>
<p><b>They were and are exceptionally helpful and I won't soon forget their assistance.</b></p>