

Workforce Arizona Council

The Workforce Arizona Council (WAC) is responsible for advising and assisting the Governor in carrying out the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) in Arizona. The Council leads a statewide network of programs and resources that produces a high-quality workforce capable of meeting the needs of employers in Arizona. The Council gathers and disseminates information about the state's labor market and businesses' employment needs, developing state policies necessary to implement federal law and to build an effective and streamlined regional workforce development system.

Vision

To build a pro-growth economy that provides opportunity for all and builds prosperous communities by building the skills and abilities of Arizonans to meet the workforce needs of our employers.

Mission

To create meaningful linkages between the education and workforce systems, align data so that metrics can be better defined and more easily measured, and help Arizonans of all backgrounds gain employment and prosper in a rapidly changing economy.

Workforce Arizona Council Roles

1. Develop and review statewide policies affecting the coordinated provision of services through the Arizona@Work Job Centers (One-Stops)
2. Review statewide programs and recommend actions the state should take to align core and other programs in a manner that supports a comprehensive system
3. Develop strategies for technological improvements, appropriate data collection and performance metrics
4. Develop statewide workforce and labor market information systems
5. Develop guidance for the implementation and continuous improvement of the workforce development system

Relationship with Local Workforce Development Boards (LWDBs)

- *The WAC and LWDBs are groups of business and community leaders, appointed by the Governor or local elected officials, and led by business.*
- *The WAC establishes the vision and direction for the workforce development system statewide and oversees its implementation.*
- *The LWDBs develop and oversee the workforce system at the local level to align with the WAC's vision and direction for Arizona.*

WAC Endorsed Statewide Initiatives

1. Advanced Technology Corridor
2. Career Readiness Credential
3. Arizona Veteran Roadmap

Standing Committee Roles

Executive Committee

Discuss recommendations from committees, create recommendations for use of Governor's workforce discretionary money, and address emergency business between Council meetings. This committee is made up of the chairs of the standing committees and Council.

Strategic Communications and Partnerships Committee – Build and leverage functional communications strategies and partnerships to share information about the workforce system and encourage the public and business community to utilize the resources available.

Measuring Effectiveness Committee – Develop performance metrics and ensure the workforce system is efficiently and effectively using data to monitor performance and engage in continuous improvement.

Quality Workforce Committee – Encourage and facilitate the connection between education and industry to ensure skills training, CTE and educational programs are targeted to build strong career pathways that lead to opportunity for individuals and a qualified workforce for employers.

Performance Excellence Committee – Ensure the development and operation of a highly integrated, job-driven workforce service delivery system that contributes to the growth of Arizona's economy by matching the employment needs of job seekers and employers' current and future needs for skilled labor.

RESOURCES

Workforce Arizona Council

Website:

<https://www.arizonaatwork.com/state-arizona/workforce-arizona-council>

Department of Labor Employment and Training Administration:

<https://www.doleta.gov/wioa>

Workforce GPS:

<https://www.workforcegps.org>

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Supervisor Steve Chucri, *Maricopa County Board of Supervisors*

Mayor William (Jim) Lane, *City of Scottsdale*

Anable, Susan *Cox Communications*

Anthony, Dennis *Arizona Apprenticeship Advisory Committee*

Cramer, Naomi *Banner Health*

Escamilla, Dominic *Country Financial*

Gaspers, Mark *Boeing*

Gibb, Randall *Grand Canyon University*

Gilman, Stephen *United Goodyear Firefighters Association*

Graver, Todd *Freeport McMoRan*

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Hamer, Glenn *Arizona Chamber of Commerce & Industry*

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Horvath, Alexander *Tucson Medical Center*

Longstreth, Thomas *Ventana Medical Systems*

Lucero, Lawrence *Tucson Electric Power*

Macias, Stephen *Pivot Manufacturing*

Martin, David *Arizona Chapter of the Associated General Contractors of America*

Mata, Cecilia *AllSource Global Management*

Quinlan, Farrell *National Federation of Independent Business*

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Thompson, Steven *Uber Phoenix*

Trenschel, Robert *Yuma Regional Medical Center*

Winkel, Thomas *Arizona Coalition for Military Families*

Yonko, Doug *Hensley Beverage Company*