

**WORKFORCE ARIZONA COUNCIL
MEASURING EFFECTIVENESS and PERFORMANCE EXCELLENCE
COMMITTEES**

MINUTES

Thursday, May 05, 2022
1:00 p.m.

Via Zoom: <https://azcommerce.zoom.us/j/93635340140>

Members Present MEC

John Walters Chair - Liberty Mutual

Audrey Bohanan - Adelante Healthcare

Sheryl Hart - AZ Department of Education - Adult Education Services

Members Absent MEC

Jon Schmitt - Arizona State University

Members Present PEC

Dennis Anthony – Arizona Apprenticeship Advisory Committee

Jeff Fleetham – Arizona Registrar of Contractors

1. Call to Order - 1:03 p.m.

2. Welcome

MEP Chair John Walters welcomed all and explained that this meeting is an experimental approach by combining two committees into a single meeting, which may serve to benefit the time commitment of those in attendance.

3. Call to the Public

Teri Drew of NACOG expressed appreciation for the combined meeting serving as a time-saver.

4. Measuring Effectiveness Committee February 03, 2022 Meeting Minutes

Sheryl Hart moved to approve the minutes, Audrey Bohanan seconded the motion, motion passed unanimously.

5. Performance Excellence Committee November 09, 2021 Meeting Minutes

No vote. Not a quorum.

6. Veteran Be Connected Initiative

Thomas Winkle, Director of the Arizona Coalition for Military Families reported that over 2200 attended the 12th Annual Statewide Symposium for the Coalition, which engaged the Veteran community around the state on benefits and programs. He also highlighted key partnerships, including AZHitesVets!, ARIZONA@WORK - Yuma, Pinal, Maricopa, and Cochise Counties, Hiring our Heroes, Public Private Partnership (P30), Onward to Opportunity, AZNext, Virtual Cybersecurity & Technology Externship, and Mesa Community College. Thomas went on to provide a brief summary of the SkillBridge Initiative navigation services, and expressed concerns with new registration constraints for employers.

Chair Walters inquired about getting the word out on job fairs. Mr. Winkle responded that it appears that Vets are most recently using other modes rather than job fairs. John also asked about the Guard and Reserve. Thomas responded that all are included in the Coalition's efforts.

7. Technology Plan Development - Discussion

a. Arizona Workforce Information Technology Project Update

Vignesh Sukumaran, Information Systems Project Lead at OEO, reviewed the Workforce Data Task Force background, which is overseeing the data system and its applications. It includes agreements between the Department of Economic Security, Arizona Department of Education, Maricopa Community College District, and Pima Community College District. The data system intends to link records between Unemployment Insurance, Adult Education, Vocational Rehabilitation, Workforce program partners, Maricopa Community Colleges, and Pima Community College. Vignesh reported that, in coming months, they will create a dictionary of system data, design projects, sign agreements, and carry out the projects. The goal is to achieve a P20W system.

John Walters asked who can ultimately access the data? Vignesh pointed out that it will be statistical data that will be accessible by the contributing agencies and researchers, and that the data will be made anonymous.

8. IT Solutions/Workforce Modernization Update

Kristopher Goins, Project Champion at DES, provided a project update of the Workforce Modernization Project. Currently, the UI Benefits Modernization is processing an RFP and the Workforce Modernization RFP will follow soon. Also Workforce Area meetings will be held soon. A steering committee will be established later this year along with a project kickoff.

9. LWDB Challenges Update

a. NTN Compliance

Nancy Meeden, of DES DERS, updated the committees that many of the NTN compliance issues have been resolved. Yet to be completed are the Fiscal Agent, Job Center Certification, Local Plan, and Procurement of a OneStop Operator.

Audrey Bohanan asked about the confidence level for completion. Nancy responded that she is confident, and that they have been working very hard and are dedicated to the process.

b. NEAZ IGA Discussion

Ms. Meeden summarized the concerns involving the status of NEAZ's IGA, which had recently been repealed by Gila County Supervisors. She explained that a team from DES led a meeting among NEAZ's board members, county managers, and other stakeholders. Subsequently, Gila County rescinded its repeal, and action steps have been laid out to deal with the concerns.

Chair Walters asked if the WAC will need to take any action under current conditions. Nancy responded that they do not need to take any action. John expressed gratitude for her work in these matters.

10. Adjournment

John Walters asked participants to please be willing to share their thoughts regarding the combined meeting.

Sheryl Hart moved to adjourn, Audrey Bohanan seconded the motion.
Meeting adjourned at 2:03 p.m.

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