



## MINUTES OF PUBLIC MEETING OF THE MARICOPA COUNTY WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD

Thursday, February 16, 2023 – 9:30 a.m.

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**Members Present:** Angela Creedon, Bonnie Schirato, Che Collins, Darcy Renfro, Gregg Ghelfi, Grenee Martacho, Ismial Rangel, Joe Veres, Leah Hill, Loren Granger, Marcia Veidmark, Noelle Trinder, Scott Sudhalter, Shawn Hutchinson, Steve Navis, Subhash Chandra, Tina Drews

**Members Absent:** Elizabeth Valdez, Jacob Evenson, Jason Walker, Konrad Robichaud, Matt Clark, Scott Holman

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### MEETING

#### **Call to Order.**

Chair Leah Hill called the meeting to order at 9:33 a.m. and requested a roll call.

#### **Roll Call.**

MCWDB Board Liaison Deseret Romero took the roll call. A quorum was present.

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

Chair Hill welcomed everyone and introduced new MCWDB Board members Kathryn “Che” Collins and Jacob Evenson.

Chair Hill read the MCWDB’s vision, values, and goals.

#### **Consent Agenda.**

- a. Meeting Minutes: December 1, 2022
- b. Fiscal Reports
- c. Executive Director’s Report
- d. MCWDB Strategic Plan: Progress Report
- e. MCWDB 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Report
- f. Monthly Careers Pathway Strategist Reports
- g. Title 1B 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Report
- h. One-Stop Operator PY2022 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Report

**MOTION:** Chair Hill asked for a motion to approve consent agenda items. Bonnie Schirato made a motion; Kathryn “Che” Collins the motion.

#### **All in favor vote held:**

**In favor:** Angela Creedon, Bonnie Schirato, Che Collins, Darcy Renfro, Gregg Ghelfi, Grenee Martacho, Ismial Rangel, Joe Veres, Leah Hill, Loren Granger, Marcia Veidmark, Noelle Trinder, Scott Sudhalter, Shawn Hutchinson, Steve Navis, Subhash Chandra, Tina Drews

**Opposed:** None

**Abstained:** None  
Motion passed.

**Chair Report.**

No report.

**Community Impact Statements.**

a. MCWDB Business Success Story

Workforce Development Division, Program Supervisor Andrew Witzel shared two success stories for the Mayo Clinic Hospital.

Chair Hill thanked Mr. Witzel for the impactful success stories.

**Information/Discussion Only.**

a. MCWDB Training: Title IB

Jared Beard, Workforce Development Division Workforce Assistant Director provided a presentation of the Title IB WIOA Overview. Below are the highlights of Mr. Beard's presentation.

- What is the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA)?
- Flow of Operation (Federal/State, Workforce Boards, and Title IB Service Provider)
- WIOA Title Partners
- WIOA Core Programs
- Title IB Structure
- Title IB Programs and Services

Chair Hill thanked Mr. Beard for his presentation. Chair Hill inquired what the primary populations are coming into the centers. (i.e. Adult/Dislocated Workers/Youth)

Mr. Beard noted that the number of dislocated workers have decreased while the number of adult clients have increased and are considered to be the highest population served.

b. Service Provider Update

Jared Beard, Workforce Development Division Workforce Assistant Director provided a Service Provider Update to the Board. Below are the highlights from his presentation.

- Maricopa County's Career Fair
  - Very successful event with a pool of qualified candidates.
  - WDD was able to hold over 22 interviews, 13 job offers for their much-needed open positions.
- Apprenticeship Program
  - WDD received grant funding to expand the apprenticeship program, which allowed them to hire an apprenticeship supervisor.
  - Upcoming March 8<sup>th</sup> Manufacturing Accelerator event.
- Rapid Response
  - Working with a company that is expecting to lay off 100 staff or more, where WDD will be onsite to assist those employees in finding alternative employment and/or other resources available to them.
- Priority of Service
  - Implemented in November for the adult program.
  - Provided a reduction in caseload size to reevaluate staffing levels and ensure that services are being provided efficiently.

MCWDB Second Vice Chair Shawn Hutchinson recognized the WDD's foresight in appointing Betsey Nelson to the Apprenticeship Supervisor position.

MCWDB Vice Chair Bonnie Schirato applauded WDD for a successful career fair.

c. Arizona Healthcare Association Presentation

Chair Hill noted that the agenda item would be moved to a later date, as presenter Jeff Barrett with the Arizona Healthcare Association had to leave the meeting unexpectedly.

d. 2023 Arizona Annual Workforce Summit

MCWDB Executive Director Steve Clark provided the Board with a brief update on the planning progress of the 2023 Central Arizona Annual Workforce Summit. Below are highlights of Mr. Clark's presentation.

- DRAFT Agenda
  - Day 2: Regionalism focus on workforce, economic development and education
  - Planning expanded to include the Arizona Office of Economic Opportunity (OEO)
  - Day 1: Focuses on national, state and local priorities
  - National, state and local presenters
- Replace MCWDB retreat
- Summit to be held June 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>
- Expected 200-300 participants
- All-state event, thus everyone will be invited

Mr. Clark opened the conversation to MCWDB Members for ideas and input.

MCWDB Member Noelle Trinder inquired as to the policy and advocacy portion of the agenda.

Mr. Clark noted that it would likely be the national policy and advocacy perspective.

MCWDB Member Marcia Veidmark noted the importance of including the CTE in the discussion.

Mr. Clark agreed and noted that it would be discussed during the education portion (day 2) of the Summit agenda.

e. FY23 MCWDB Committee Membership

Chair Hill provided the MCWDB Board with her appointments for the MCWDB Committee Memberships, welcoming the following to their respective committees.

i. Marketing and Outreach Committee Appointment

- Kathryn "Che" Collins, Director of Training & Talent, Habitat for Humanity (Board Member)

ii. Employer Connection Committee Appointment

- Jacob Evenson, Business Manager, Boilermakers – Local 627 (Board Member)

iii. Youth Committee Appointment

- Nancy Stanford, Market Human Resources Manager, Marriott Hotels (Non-Board Member)

f. MCWDB Committee Updates

i. Executive Committee

Chair Hill provided a friendly reminder to mark your calendars for the June 29-30 Arizona Workforce Summit and noted the upcoming March 2023 NAWB Forum that would be attended by MCWDB staff and a few MCWDB Board Members. Chair Hill also noted the presentations of the One-Stop operator, Careers Pathway Strategists and Recertification timeline at the previous Executive Committee meeting.

ii. Marketing and Outreach Committee

Chair Schirato discussed the presentations by Grand Canyon University's marketing team and Career Connectors, both sharing their marketing programs and potential ideas for the Committee's marketing focus.

iii. Employer Connection Committee

Due to technical difficulties, MCWDB Executive Director Steve Clark filled in for Chair Chandra. Mr. Clark shared the Committee's recent discussion and recommendation of the in-demand industries for Executive Committee consideration.

iv. Youth Committee

Chair Veres noted that the Committee's next meeting had been scheduled for March 9<sup>th</sup> due to some scheduling conflicts. Chair Veres expected to the agenda to include a presentation and discussion on youth career opportunities.

**Call to the Public.**

Chair Hill made a call for public comment. No one spoke.

**Adjourn.**

Chair Hill adjourned the MCWDB meeting at 10:36 a.m.

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