

MINUTES OF PUBLIC MEETING OF THE MARICOPA COUNTY WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD

Thursday, October 20, 2022 – 9:30 a.m.

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Members Present: Angela Creedon, Darcy Renfro, Elizabeth Valdez, Gregg Ghelfi, Grenee Martacho, Ismial Rangel, Jason Walker, Joe Veres, Konrad Robichaud, Leah Hill, Loren Granger, Marcia Veidmark, Noelle Trinder, Scott Holman, Shawn Hutchinson, Steve Navis, Subhash Chandra, Tina Drews

Members Absent: Bonnie Schirato, Matthew Clark, Scott Sudhalter

MEETING

Call to Order.

Chair Leah Hill called the meeting to order at 9:32 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 to the meeting, including new members Steve Navis and Elizabeth Valdez, and new Workforce Development Division Assistant Director Jared Beard. Chair Hill then welcomed Ms. Valdez and Mr. Beard to introduce themselves. (Mr. Navis arrived later in the meeting.)

In addition, Chair Hill shared the MCWDB's vision, values, and goals.

Consent Agenda.

- a. Meeting Minutes: August 25, 2022
- b. Fiscal Reports
- c. FY22 WIOA Final Expended and FY23 WIOA (BTA) Budget to Actuals
- d. MCWDB Annual Report
- e. MCWDB Executive Director Report
- f. Workforce Development Division Policies
 - Adult Eligibility Policy
 - Dislocated Worker Eligibility Policy
 - Youth Eligibility Policy
 - Basic Career Services Policy
 - Individualized Career Services

MOTION: Chair Hill asked for a motion to approve consent agenda items. Marcia Veidmark made a motion; Scott Holman seconded the motion.

All in favor vote held:

In favor: Elizabeth Valdez, Gregg Ghelfi, Grenee Martacho, Ismial Rangel, Jason Walker, Joe Veres, Konrad Robichaud, Leah Hill, Loren Granger, Marcia Veidmark, Noelle Trinder, Scott Holman, Shawn Hutchinson, Subhash Chandra, Tina Drews

Opposed: None

Abstained: None

Motion passed.

Chair Report.

Chair Hill thanked everyone for attending the August Retreat and their continued engagement on the MCWDB.

Community Impact Statements.

MCWDB Success Story

Tara Thain, Workforce Development Division Business Services Team Supervisor shared a few Employer Success Stories.

Information/Discussion Only.

a. Priority of Service

Tina Luke, Workforce Development Division Workforce Program Manager provided a Priority of Service presentation. Below are the highlights from her presentation.

- Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) Targeted Areas of Service
- Adult Priority of Service Overview
- Priority Populations Under WIOA
- Veterans
- Priority Order

b. 2022 Local Workforce Board Recertification Update

MCWDB Executive Director Steve Clark to share a brief update on the 2022 Local Workforce Board Recertification timeline, including tasks completed and notification of potential early submission of the recertification to the Department of Economic Security.

c. Monthly Careers Pathway Strategists Reports

Healthcare Careers Pathway Strategist

MCWDB Healthcare Careers Pathway Strategist Jordan Dodeward provided a summary of her monthly report. Below are the following highlights.

- Ongoing Work
 - Committee Participation
 - AzNA AzAC Workforce MSG
 - Outreach Effort (connections & Partnerships)
- Top Projects
 - Refugees Program
 - Apprenticeship Accelerator
- New Connections
 - First Things First

In-Demand Careers Pathway Strategist

Chair Hill noted that MCWDB In-Demand Career Pathway Strategist Ron Drake's monthly strategist report was enclosed in the meeting materials for reference.

d. FY23 MCWDB Committee Membership/Appointments

Chair Hill shared with the MCWDB her recent updates to the MCWDB Committee memberships.

- i. Youth Committee Appointment
 - Dr. Meredith Critchfield, Dean, College of Education, Grand Canyon University
 - Brittany Holmes, Vice President, ElevateEdAZ (Non-Board Member Appointment)
- ii. Employer Connection Committee Appointment
 - Steve Navis, Workforce outreach Manager, Arizona Builders Alliance
 - Julie Stiak, Workforce Education District Director, Maricopa County Community College (Non-Board Member Appointment)
- iii. Marketing and Outreach Committee Appointment
 - Toby Riley, Associate Creative Director, National University (Non-Board Member Appointment)
 - Elizabeth Valdez, Vocational Rehabilitation Program Supervisor, Department of Economic Security

e. Post 2022 MCWDB Retreat Discussion

i. Post 2022 MCWDB Retreat Survey Summary

Chair Hill shared the recent post-2022 MCWDB Retreat survey results with the MCWDB.

ii. What training and/or networking events would you like to see the staff provide or arrange for the MCWDB Full Board this fiscal year?

RESPONSES:

- Continue in-person opportunities for MCWDB meetings
- Retreat great experience/supports hybrid meeting opportunities
- Supports growing partnership communication/collaboration (i.e. Greater Phoenix Chamber/Community Colleges)
- Supports upcoming Healthcare Apprenticeship collaboration by Ms. Dodeward
- Trainings – written communications outside of the meetings
- Supports more MCWDB networking opportunities

MCWDB Executive Director Stave Clark noted a few upcoming trainings to be included at the MCWDB Full Board meetings.

- In-Demand Industries (Office of Economic Opportunities)
- Presentations by all Title Partners
- Regional Workforce Summit

iii. From a high-level perspective, what innovation ideas would the Executive Committee like staff to research and investigate?

RESPONSES:

- Helpful to identifying in-demand industry changes since the pandemic
Mr. Clark noted that there would be a presentation by the Office of Economic opportunities) at the December 15th MCWDB focused on the in-demand industries.
- Identifying if in-person or virtual options are preferred for the clients being served
Mr. Clark noted that he would reach out to the Service Provider to see if the data would be available to share with the MCWDB at the December meeting.

- Research the technology industry to better identify the programs available to fill the upcoming jobs similar to the Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Company (TSMC).
- Noted that Intel will be adding 3,000 new jobs as well
- Research if we have enough qualified job seekers in Arizona available to fill the upcoming positions and what partnerships are working to fill these positions. (i.e. Chamber of Commerce presentation)
- Maricopa Community College (MCWDB Member Darcy Renfro) to provide a presentation on a partnership demonstration. Can include supply data, as well.
Mr. Clark noted that he would put together some suggestions for the December MCWDB meeting, as Grand Canyon University (GCU), is also working on some similar initiatives.
- Agree, would also like to see the IT programs being provided by GCS and/or Mesa Community College.
- Contractors are also looking to fill over 200 positions, as well.
- Healthcare challenges – difficulties filling clinical hours, academic accreditation process being lengthy and expensive, and academic accreditation requirements not aligning with employers’ requirements.
- WestMec presentation – identifying program opportunities and enrollment limitations they are encountering.

iv. What other board development ideas would the Committees like staff to provide or arrange for further exploration?

RESPONSES:

- None.

Call to the Public.

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

Adjourn.

Chair Hill adjourned the MCWDB meeting at 10:38 a.m.

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