



MINUTES OF PUBLIC MEETING OF THE MARICOPA COUNTY WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD

Thursday, December 1, 2022 – 9:30 a.m.

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Members Present: Angela Creedon, Bonnie Schirato, Darcy Renfro, Elizabeth Valdez, Gregg Ghelfi, Grenee Martacho, Ismial Rangel, Jason Walker, Konrad Robichaud, Leah Hill, Loren Granger, Marcia Veidmark, Matthew Clark, Scott Holman, Scott Sudhalter, Steve Navis, Subhash Chandra

Members Absent: Che Collins, Joe Veres, Noelle Trinder, Shawn Hutchinson, Tina Drews

MEETING

Call to Order.

Chair Leah Hill called the meeting to order at 9:34 a.m. and requested a roll call.

Roll Call.

MCWDB Management Analyst Nancy Avina took the roll call. A quorum was present.

Welcome and Opening Remarks.

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

Consent Agenda.

- a. Meeting Minutes: October 20, 2022
- b. Fiscal Reports
- c. MCWDB Executive Director Report
- d. MCWDB 1st Quarter Report
- e. Title 1B 1st Quarter Report

MOTION: Chair Hill asked for a motion to approve consent agenda items. Gregg Ghelfi made a motion; Angela Creedon seconded the motion.

All in favor vote held:

In favor: Angela Creedon, Bonnie Schirato, Darcy Renfro, Elizabeth Valdez, Gregg Ghelfi, Grenee Martacho, Ismial Rangel, Jason Walker, Konrad Robichaud, Leah Hill, Loren Granger, Marcia Veidmark, Matthew Clark, Scott Holman, Scott Sudhalter, Steve Navis, and Subhash Chandra

Opposed: None

Abstained: None

Motion passed.

Chair Report.

No report.

Information/Discussion Only.

a. 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.

Title 1B 1st Quarter Report Highlights

- Served 2,794 Participants (Increase from last year)
- 83 Smart Justice Participants
- 174 Apprenticeship Participants (All in in-demand industries)
- 45 Youth Participants
- 10 2GEN Participants

Chair Hill inquired as to Mr. Beard's thoughts on the reasons for the participant increases.

Mr. Beard noted that it could be several factors, such as word of mouth, partner referrals, and work towards streamlining internal processes for proficiency.

b. ARPA Presentation

Maricopa County Human Services Department Director Jacqueline Edwards provided the Board with an update on the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding received by Maricopa County. Below are the highlights of Ms. Edwards update.

- Board of Supervisors previously designated \$31 million in ARPA funding for workforce development.
- Board of Supervisors recently designated another \$12 million in ARPA funding for apprenticeships.
 - Funds available through 2026
 - Will serve 3,000 individuals in apprenticeship programs

MCWDB Vice Chair Bonnie Schirato inquired if the reporting of the \$12 million ARPA funding would be reported separately.

Ms. Edwards noted that it would require separate reporting that would go to the US Department of Treasury rather than the US Department of Labor. Ms. Edwards also noted the quarterly reporting that would be provided to the Maricopa County Board of Supervisors.

MCWDB Member Marica Veidmark thanked Ms. Edwards for the information and inquired as to how the \$12 million ARPA funding would be divided between the various in-demand industry apprenticeships.

Ms. Edwards noted that the funding would be issued on a first-come, first-serve base, depending on the industry interests of the clients seeking apprenticeship programs.

c. 2023 Central 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.

- Summit Purpose
- Identifying the Target Audience
- Event Details (date, location, keynote speaker, panelists, and breakout presenters)
- Event Areas of Focus
- Draft Agenda

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

MCWDB Vice Chair Schirato inquired as to the expected number of attendees and if there is time for people to network.

Mr. Clark noted that as the planning continues, there has been discussion of having larger groups of 200-300 or potentially smaller groups, in addition to building panel discussions into the program for more conversation and interaction. Mr. Clark also noted that MCWDB Members are welcome to join the planning committees (Education/Workforce/Economic Development) for the Summit.

d. Monthly Careers Pathway Strategist Reports

Healthcare Careers Pathway Strategist

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

- Ongoing Work
 - Committee Participation Additions
 - AzNA AzAC Workforce MSG – December 1st Summit
- Top Projects
 - Refugees Program
 - Arizona Healthcare Registered Apprenticeship: Simplified Accelerator
 - 50+ In-person; 30+ Virtual; 80+ Total
 - 17+ Interested Employers
 - Part 2 Event: January 24, 2023
- New Connections
 - Pipeline AZ Healthcare Hub

Chair Hill thanked Ms. Dodeward for her work on the refugee program and healthcare accelerator.

In-Demand Careers Pathway Strategist

MCWDB In-Demand Career Pathway Strategist Ron Drake's provided a summary of his monthly strategist report. Below are the highlights from Mr. Drake's report.

- Ongoing Work
 - Committee Participation
 - Continued Research
- Top Projects
- Manufacturing Apprenticeship Convening Event
 - March 2023
 - Save the Date going out this week
 - Flyer to follow with details
- Workforce Development Collaborative

Information/Discussion/Possible Action.

a. One-Stop Operator Procurement Vendor Selection

MOTION: Chair Hill asked for a motion to approve the One-Stop Operator Procurement Vendor Selection as presented. Bonnie Schirato made a motion; Marcia Veidmark seconded the motion.

A Roll Call vote was held:

In favor: Angela Creedon, Bonnie Schirato, Darcy Renfro, Elizabeth Valdez, Gregg Ghelfi, Grenee Martacho, Ismial Rangel, Jason Walker, Leah Hill, Loren Granger, Marcia Veidmark, Matthew Clark, Scott Holman, Scott Sudhalter, and Steve Navis

Opposed: None

Abstained: None

Motion passed.

b. FY24 MCWDB Budget Recommendation

MCWDB Executive Director Steve Clark presented the Board with the FY24 MCWDB Budget Recommendation. Mr. Clark noted that he worked in connection with the MCWDB Fiscal Agent Nicole Forbes and Maricopa County Assistant County Manager Lee Ann Bohn on the presented budget recommendation. Mr. Clark also provided the Board with a timeline of approval by the Maricopa County Board of Supervisors – spring or early summer 2023. Lastly, Mr. Clark summarized the key points of the budget.

- MCWDB Staff (retaining current staffing levels)
- Travel & Training (retain current funding – Annual NAWB Forum and other training opportunities)
- Contracts (increase in new One-Stop Operator contract)

MOTION: Chair Hill asked for a motion to approve the FY24 MCWDB Budget Recommendation as presented. Jason Walker made a motion; Loren Granger seconded the motion.

A In Favor vote held:

In favor: Angela Creedon, Bonnie Schirato, Darcy Renfro, Elizabeth Valdez, Gregg Ghelfi, Grenee Martacho, Ismial Rangel, Jason Walker, Leah Hill, Loren Granger, Marcia Veidmark, Matthew Clark, Scott Holman, Scott Sudhalter, and Steve Navis

Opposed: None

Abstained: None

Motion passed.

Call to the Public.

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

Adjourn.

Chair Hill adjourned the MCWDB meeting at 10:23 a.m.

**For additional information, contact MCWDB staff at: MCWDB@maricopa.gov*