



MINUTES OF PUBLIC MEETING OF THE MARICOPA COUNTY WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD
Youth Committee

Thursday, May 11, 2023 – 1:30 p.m.

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Phone: +1 (872) 240-3212; Access Code/Meeting ID: 167-097-701

Members Present: Joe Veres, Brittany Holmes, Jason Walker, Jessica Putton, Meredith Critchfield, Nancy Stanford, and Sherie Steele

(Note: All members present attended via GoTo meeting)

Members Absent: Darcy Renfro, Tina Drews

MEETING

Call to Order.

Chairman Joe Veres, called the meeting to order at 1:32 p.m., and requested roll call.

Roll Call.

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

Welcome and Opening Remarks.

Chairman Veres welcomed everyone to the Youth Committee meeting and introduced the following new member:

- Nancy Stanford, Marriott Hotels

Consent Agenda.

Meeting Minutes: March 9, 2023

Chairman Veres asked for a motion to approve the MCWDB Youth Committee's consent agenda as presented. Jason Walker made a motion; Brittany Holmes seconded the motion.

Chairman Veres called for an all-in favor vote:

In Favor: Joe Veres, Brittany Holmes, Jason Walker, Meredith Critchfield, Nancy Stanford, and Sherie Steele

Opposed: None

Abstained: None

Motion passed.

Chairman Report.

Chairman Veres provided a brief summary of the March 2023 National Association of Workforce Board Forum attended by a few of the MCWDB Full Board Members.

Informational/Discussion Only.

Summer Youth Workforce Program

Maricopa County Workforce Development Division Assistant Director Jared Beard provided a presentation on the Summer Youth Workforce Program. Below are a few highlights from Mr. Beard’s verbal presentation.

Summer Youth Workforce Program

- Procurement Solicitation Posting (5.11.23)
- Program Overview
 - Ages 16-21
 - Placement into subsidized work experience during summer months
 - Focus on in-demand industries
 - Offers continued employment beyond the end of program
 - \$15/per hour (minimum of 20 hours)
 - \$500 Completion Incentive (good attendance and participation)
- Other Solicitation Details
 - Organization that offers employment outside of City of Phoenix (COP), as COP has a summer workforce program
 - Open for 20 days
 - \$3 million program (will be awarded to multiple organizations)

Chairman Veres thanked Mr. Beard for this presentation on the Summer Youth Workforce Program.

GCU Career Pathway Expansion

Chairman Veres provided the GCU Career Pathway Expansion presentation to the Youth Committee. Below are a few highlights from chairman Vere’s presentation.

- GCU’s focus on traditional, non-traditional, and hybrid education.
- Pre-Apprenticeship for Electricians
 - Initiated with Rosedin Partnership
 - Fall 2022 (300+ applications – 39/40 completion)
 - Spring 2023 (300+ applications – 35/40 completion)
 - College Credits
 - Fall 2023 and Spring 2024 (500+ applicants)
 - Partnership Growth
 - \$0 cost to students, due to sponsor contributions
- Exploring Pre-Apprenticeship with other Industries/Trades (Manufacturing/Fabrication/Mechanical)

MCWDB Executive Director Steve Clark thanked Chairman Veres for his presentation and the work that GCU is doing to help young people. The Committee followed up with the following questions.

Question	Response
What is your takeaway and hope to repeat in the fall?	Providing information for career pathways for students to be successful. Including removing stigmas for certain careers.
How do you recruit and find the right students for each program?	Two designated program managers who interview and review applications, in addition to providing the young students with work behavior guidance.
Who are your target students?	Recruit all students who are committed, no matter their previous academic experience.

FY24 Youth Committee Membership and Youth Connection Discussion

MCWDB Executive Director Steve Clark provided a brief summary of the proposed FY24 Youth Committee Membership and Youth Connection for discussion. Below are a few highlights from Mr. Clark's presentation.

- Current Youth Committee Membership
- FY24 Youth Committee Membership Expansion
 - K-12
 - School Counselor
 - Title IB youth Service Provider
 - School Board Member
- FY24 Youth Connection Ideas
 - Membership/Exhibitor/Presenter
 - Arizona School Administrators Association
 - Arizona School Counselors Association
 - Arizona School Board Association
 - Summer Youth Workforce Program

The Committee provided the following comments for discussion.

- Membership
 - Include fostered youth organization
 - Include Arizona Department of Education
 - Include K-12 Non-Profit
- Connection Ideas
 - Attending and/or presenting at the School Connect Summit and other Arizona non-profit K-12 conferences.

FY24 Youth Committee Responsibilities and Goals Discussion

MCWDB Executive Director Steve Clark provided a brief summary of the proposed FY24 Youth Committee Responsibilities and Goals for discussion. Below are a few highlights from Mr. Clark's presentation.

- FY24 Youth Committee Responsibilities
- FY24 Youth Committee Goals
 - Bridge gap between youth and career opportunities
 - Enhance connection to K-12
 - Promote the integration of workforce development with young people

Chairman Veres thanked Mr. Clark for his presentation. The Committee did not add to the proposed FY24 Youth Committee Goals.

Call to the Public.

Chairman Veres made a call to the public for comments. No one spoke.

Adjourn.

Chairman Veres adjourned the MCWDB Youth Committee meeting at 2:20 pm.

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