

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

MINUTES

Thursday, August 18, 2022

Via Zoom: <https://azcommerce.zoom.us/j/96395632864>

Members Present MEC

John Walters Chair - Liberty Mutual

Larry Hofer - Cox Communications

Kristen Mackey - DES, Title IV

Sheryl Hart - AZ Department of Education - Adult Education Services

Members Present PEC

Dennis Anthony – Arizona Apprenticeship Advisory Committee

Jeff Fleetham – Arizona Registrar of Contractors

1. Call to Order - 1:00 p.m.

2. Welcome

MEP Chair John Walters welcomed those attending, council chairs, and the public.

3. Call to the Public - none

4. Measuring Effectiveness /Performance Excellence Combined Committee May 5, 2022 Meeting Minutes

Sheryl Hart moved to approve the minutes, Jeff Fleetham seconded the motion, motion passed unanimously.

5. Proposed Name Change - Performance and Accountability Committee Chair

Walters reviewed the mission statements of the two former committees and offered an explanation of the purpose of combining the committees. He introduced the proposed new name of the committee, the Performance and Accountability Committee. Then he shared a proposal for the new mission statement. Afterward, he asked for comments and thoughts.

Sheryl Hart commented that the mission statement was long. Jeff Fleetham agreed that it was long, but captured everything well.

Stacey Faulkner also spoke to the rationale of combining the committees.

Jeff Fleetham moved to combine the committees, and the use the Performance and Accountability Committee, and adopt the new mission statement as presented. Sheryl Hart seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

6. Council Annual Report - Discussion

Stacey Faulkner reviewed the Workforce Arizona Council's responsibility to submit an annual report to the Governor's Office and the Legislature by December 1, 2022.

Primarily, this committee prepares the report. Work for the report began in July. She stated that last year's report will be sent to the members of the committee for comments and feedback in anticipation of this year's report, all feedback is due by September 30th, 2022.

John re-emphasized the need for good input.

7. Local Plan Modifications - Vote

Matt Smith, WIOA Project Specialist at DES Division of Employment and Rehabilitation Services, provided an overview of the Local Plan Modification Cycle, expectations, the timeline, and the DES Review Process. The project timeline was established in 2021, in coordination with LWDBs. The various steps and deadlines were established in anticipation that all twelve Local Plan Modifications would be presented to this committee and the Council for approval by the 2022 4th Quarter Council meeting. Local Areas were expected to conduct labor market analysis, get stakeholder input, revise narratives and otherwise update plans before posting for public comment. He reported that nine of the twelve Local Workforce Area Boards have submitted plan modifications, and currently eight have Initial Compliance Approval. The ninth plan, from Mohave-La Paz, is conditionally approved - but will need to go out for Public Comment and be resubmitted with any comments and needed updates before DES formally grants the initial compliance approval. The three remaining local boards, Coconino, Nineteen Tribal Nations, and Northeastern Arizona, have submitted requests for an extension. The extension request process was developed in early July after it became clear that some Boards would not have a plan modification submitted prior to this committee meeting.

Stacey spoke to some of the reasons for requesting extensions, the proposed deadlines, as well as the potential actions for this committee. Jeff Fleetham and Kristen Mackey both inquired about specific dates and follow-up actions.

Jeff moved to approve the extensions for Coconino and Northeastern to October 14, 2022, and for Nineteen Tribal Nations to November 18, 2022, along with approving Pinal and Yavapai's Local Plan Modifications. Sheryl Hart seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

8. NTN Workforce Development Board Compliance and Updates

Nancy Meeden, of DES DERS, provided an informal update to the committees that many of the NTN compliance issues have been resolved. Job Center Certification received provisional approval in February 2022. Yet to be completed are the Fiscal Agent, Local Plan, and Procurement of a OneStop Operator.

Jeff requested further clarification on the issue of the Fiscal Agent. Nancy explained that the nature of the role is unique and requires monitoring oversight to the tribe, which is complicated. Tom Colombo reported that there have been changes in leadership and other challenges with communication. The resolution is to procure a Fiscal Agent.

9. Adjournment - 1:49 p.m.

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