



SOUTHEASTERN ARIZONA

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Minutes

Omni Hotel & Resort
2727 W. Club Drive
Tucson, Arizona 85742

Zoom Online Virtual Meeting

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Meeting ID: 204 822 7879
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Wednesday, June 20, 2023
2:00 PM

Members Present

Ron Curtis
Kathleen Bullock
Wick Lewis
Doris Tolbert
Martha Lujan
Matt Bolinger
Kevin Peck
Elizabeth Kinder
Tony Boone
Merritt Essig
Evonne Cummins
Mary Ann Hockstad
Sam Curtis
Rebekah Kimmel
Steven Garate
Jelensky Irons

Members Absent

Jacob Williams
Edward Dummitt
Joshua DeSpain
Kim Henderson

Staff Present

Vada Phelps
Vickie Simmons
Eric Grisham
Lori Baron
Robert Archer

Guests Present

Jim Mize
MaryAnn Lawrence

A. Call to Order

President Ron Curtis called to order the meeting of the ARIZONA@WORK Local Workforce Board at 2:05 PM on June 14, 2023 in person as well as on Zoom.

B. Roll Call

Lori Baron conducted roll call. The names of present and absent members, as well as guests and staff, are listed above. A quorum was established.

"If such a conflict does arise, I will declare that conflict before the board and refrain from discussing and voting on matters in which I have conflict."

C. Call to the Public

No Public comments were made.

D. Action Item: To Approve/Disapprove June 14, 2023 Agenda

Motion to Approve: Tony Boone

Seconded: Doris Tolbert

Approved: Unanimously

E. Action Item: To Approve/Disapprove March 16, 2023 Minutes

Motion to Approve: Rebekah Kimmel

Seconded: Tony Boone

Approved: Unanimously

F. Action Item: To Approve/Disapprove to Ratify the Board's Executive Action Approval of the MOU (Memorandum of Understanding) and the IFA (Infrastructure Funding Agreement)

Motion to Approve: Rebekah Kimmel

Seconded: Evonne Cummins

Approved: Unanimously

G. Financial Report: Budget and Expenditures

Ron Curtis said the Financial Department does a great job.

H. One-Stop Operator Report

Jim Mize's report is in the Packet.

I. Core Partner Reports

One-Stop Employment and Training Reports was presented by Vickie Simmons.

Her report is in the Board packet.

- Vickie Simmons highlighted the Success Stories in the packet.

Rehabilitation Services report was presented by Elizabeth Kinder.

Her report is in the Board packet.

- Referrals have increased.
- It has been challenging to find a counselor

Employment Services verbal report was presented by Jelensky Irons.

Adult Education report for Greenlee and Graham Counties is in the packet.

J. Executive Director's Report – Vada Phelps

- Vada Phelps referred to articles about Available Jobs and State Spending.
- There is a Chart defining DES Departments.
- She ensured that everyone had received the AZ@Work Hat, Notebook and Menu for the Retreat.

K./L. President's Report/Panel Discussion-NAWB Recaps – Ron Curtis

Kathleen Bullock

- 6000 Attended
- 8 Common Problems which include other Countries.

Vickie Simmons

- There will be a Labor Shortage for the next century.
- There are not enough skilled laborers.
- Businesses need to relook at job descriptions.
- The pandemic created a skills gap.
- The labor rate is not yet Pre-Covid.
- The turnover rate is 40%.
- In 2034 older adults will outnumber children.
- There are 1 million less immigrants which effects primarily construction, landscaping and food service jobs.

Ron Curtis

- There needs to be efforts to interest 5th graders in future careers.
- Exposure to careers will excite kids.
- Consider other points of view and common issues to move forward.

Board Announcements

The Board Retreat starts tomorrow morning (June 15).

Next Board Meeting

September 21, 2023
Thatcher, Arizona

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 3:52 p.m.

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Report Submitted by: *Lori Baron*