**SOUTHEASTERN ARIZONA WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD**

**Minutes**

**Omni Tucson National Resort**

2727 W. Club Drive

Tucson, Arizona 85742

**Zoom Online Virtual Meeting**

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**Wednesday, June 22, 2022**

**2:00 PM**

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**Members Present Members Absent Staff Present Guests Present**

Ron Curtis Martha Lujan Vada Phelps Jim Mize

Kathleen Bullock Jason Bowling Vickie Simmons Sean Wenham

Wick Lewis Jack Bauer Eric Grisham MaryAnn Lawrence

Doris Tolbert Kim Henderson Bobbie Reed

Susan Wood Jacob Williams Lori Baron

Tony Boone Mark Gallego Robert Archer

Evonne Cummins Edward Dummitt

Merritt Essig

Matt Bolinger

Sam Curtis

Peter Hooper

Jelensky Irons

Elizabeth Kinder

Peg Harmon

Rebekah Kimmel

Steven Garate

1. **Call to Order**

President Ron Curtis called to order the meeting of the ARIZONA@WORK Local Workforce Board at 2:03 PM on June 22, 2022 in person as well as on Zoom.

1. **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.”*

1. **Call to the Public**

Lisa Verdugo from DES explained a pilot tool that they were implementing.

1. **Action Item: To Approve/Disapprove June 22, 2022 Agenda**

**Motion to Approve:** Doris Tolbert

**Seconded:** Kathleen Bullock

**Approved:** Unanimously

1. **Action Item: To Approve/Disapprove March 17, 2022 Minutes**

**Motion to Approve:** Evonne Cummins

**Seconded:** Rebekah Kimmel

**Approved:** Unanimously

1. **Jason Bowling’s Resignation** was accepted. He will be missed.
2. **Financial Report: Budget and Expenditures**

Wick Lewis: Great job on the Financial Reports.

1. **One-Stop Operator Report**

Jim Mize reviewed his report which is in the packet.

* He highlighted the lack of participation of viable clients that is a nationwide problem.
* Everyone is welcome to the monthly Partner Meeting.

1. **Core Partner Reports**

One-Stop Employment and Training report presented by Vickie Simmons.

Her report is in the Board packet.

* There is a 30% loss of funding.
* It is unknown how the new funding formula will affect us next year.
* Please read the Success Stories in the packet.
* Rehabilitation Services report presented by Elizabeth Kinder.

Her report is in the Board packet.

* + Sierra Vista achieved 400% success rate. Safford had a 159% success rate. People with disabilities are keeping their jobs.
* Employment Services report presented by Jelensky Irons.
  + Employment service numbers for Southeastern Arizona from March-June, 2022.
  + The monthly Southeastern Statewide call held every 2nd Wednesday builds good relationships.
* Adult Education report presented by Peter Hooper

His report is in the packet.

* + Students are able to start college the next day. Numbers are increasing.
  + 12k people in Cochise County have less than a high school diploma.

1. **Executive Director’s Report – Vada Phelps**

* Safford AZ@Work has opened their new office at 626 S. 6th Avenue in Safford. The next Board meeting will be held in Thatcher. That would be a great time to stop by the new office.
* Ms. Phelps will hold orientation for new board members tomorrow morning at 8:00 am prior to the start of the Board Retreat.

1. **President’s Report – Ron Curtis**

* Ron Curtis and Kathleen Bullock attended the NAWB conference in Washington, D.C. April 11-14. There were thousands of people. We should improve communication between regions. The challenges are similar and there are a lot of commonalities in different regions. We had great private conversations. Do not take what is handed to you, listen and plan your own path. Know where you have been and where we are going. Enthusiasm is contagious.
* A Nomination Committee was appointed: Doris Tolbert, Evonne Cummins and Kathleen Bullock. At the September meeting, they will present a list of board members that have consented to serve as an Officer of the Board if elected.

1. **Board Announcements**

There were no announcements.

**Next Board Meeting**

September 15, 2022 at 10:00 a.m.

Eastern Arizona College

Thatcher, Arizona

**Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned at 3:45 p.m.

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**Report Submitted by:** Lori Baron