



TO: WORKFORCE INVESTMENT BOARD MEMBERS

FROM: ARTHUR ECKSTROM, DIRECTOR

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SUBJECT: **Minutes – April 8, 2011**

Members Present:

Linda Arzoumanian
Johnson Bia
Duane Bock
Clarence Boykins
Nicholas Clement
Judy Clinco
Vaughn Croft
Wilette Diggs
Roger Forrester
Michael Guymon
Clayton Hamilton
Peg Harmon
Kari Hogan
Gregg Johnson
Dorothy Kret
Noreen Nelson
Arnold Palacios
Beverly Price
Paul Roughton
Liz Russo-Clyde
Alan Storm
Lizet Torres
Laurie Vance
Mike Verbout
Jo Anne Westerman
Joshua Wright

Members Absent:

Hank Atha
Jacob Bernal
Peggy Feenan
Chris Hazen-Molina
Doug Jones
Suzanne Lawder
Paul Lyons
Charles Monroe
Kim Murray
Jill Pearson
Jonathan Peck
Carld Rosborough
James Zarling

Staff & Guests Present:

Jim Mize
Gerri Brunson
Diane Luber
Dorothee Harmon
Ana Basturo
Frank Watts

Evelyn Wright
Ben Barela
Arthur Eckstrom
Marcia Roberts
Karen King
Risé Hart

- I. **Call to Order** – Clayton Hamilton, Chair, called the meeting to order at 7:40 a.m.
- II. **Pledge of Allegiance** – All
- III. **Roll Call** – Lizet Torres conducted the roll call.
- IV. **Overview of Workshop RFP** – *Noreen Nelson*
Noreen Nelson gave an overview on the Workshop RFP process and evaluation criteria. Categories were: Computer Fundamentals, Entrepreneurial Overview, Financial Survival, Employability Skills, and Career Exploration. There were no proposals submitted for the Entrepreneurial Overview. Question to be answered by staff at the next WIB meeting: What happens to the money allocated for the Entrepreneurial Overview training.
- V. **Action Item:** Linda Arzoumanian moved to approve the Request for Proposal (RFP) CSET—WS-2011-02-03 recommendations. Willette Diggs seconded the motion. Motion approved unanimously. Kari Hogan asked to be noted in the minutes that she abstained.
- VI. **Action Item:** Gregg Johnson moved to approve the March 2011 meeting minutes. Kari Hogan seconded the motion. Motion approved unanimously.
- VII. **Summary of Current Events** – *Clayton Hamilton*
 - Announcement – Roger Forrester will be the Chair and John Stewart will be the Executive Director of the Professional Employment Resources Connection (PERC). John will provide 120 days of pro bono service.
 - Executive Committee is still working on the strategic planning meeting results.
 - Imagine Greater Tucson will be having three workshops in May. For more information about the workshops go to website: <http://www.imaginegreatertucson.org>.
 - Volunteers for mentoring new members are needed. If interested in being a mentor, contact Clayton.
 - Community Coalition Committee will start up again and if anyone is interested in joining the committee please contact Clayton.
- VIII. **Staff Report** – *Jim Mize*
Jim reported that there were 400 job openings posted with the One-Stop in March. He summarized the One-Stop report included in the meeting packet. Rapid Response had four events and 60 layoffs.
- IX. **Apprenticeship and Trade Programs Update** – *Mike Verbout/ Karen King*
A video about the IBEW Inside Wireman apprenticeship program was shown. Summary of Mike and Karen presentations:
 - Starting wage: \$11.45/hr with pay increases throughout the program (e.g., 5th year of apprenticeship pay is \$19+benefits).
 - Full Journeyman pay: \$25/hour.
 - No tuition fees; however students pay for books which are approximately \$300. One-Stop provides funding for books to eligible students.
 - One-Stop has funded 150 students which includes books and tools.
 - Five-year program with a college curriculum.
 - Pima County One-Stop does all the pre-testing of students applying for the program.
 - Apprentice average age is 28 and minimum age is 23.

- Accepts applicants with felonies but there are exceptions to which jobs they can work on.
- Various private and joint labor programs available.
- Student needs great math/reading/science skills with a strong commitment and good work ethic.
- Success story – Dateline photovoltaic project now hiring 200 workers for 65 weeks for the first part of the project.
- Local 570 started in 1907.
- Local 570 is a community partner and is involved in several volunteer projects.

X. Joint Technical Education District (JTED) Press Release – Alan Storm
 Alan summarized the JTED Press Release that states all funding for JTED freshman (9th grade) students will be cut. The budget, including this cut, was passed this week. Kari Hogan suggested that the youth express to the governor how this will affect them. Jo Anne Westerman said that suggestions also need to be conveyed. An ad hoc committee will be formed to write a resolution.

XI. Member Spotlight – Vaughn Croft
 Vaughn distributed a brochure about the Pima County School Superintendent Office and summarized the responsibilities of the office. Website address: <http://www.schools.pima.gov>. Vaughn started working at Pima County School Superintendent Office in November 2003 and currently is the Senior Program Coordinator. Previously he was an Automotive Technology teacher for 20 years and then became the Tucson Unified School District Department Chair for Technological Careers Education Programs for eight years. Vaughn started a job/career shadowing program that currently has approximately 1,400 students from nine schools. He has been married for 38 years to a wonderful wife who is also a teacher. They have two children; a partially disabled 27 year old daughter who has benefited from DK Advocates and has worked at Goodwill and Beacon. They also have a 34 year son who is working on his bachelor degree from University of Phoenix and currently is a Boys Clubhouse Director. Vaughn joined the WIB in December 2010 and became the Youth Council Chair in January 2011. The Youth Council is planning to host a Center Career and Workforce Development Event this year.

XII. Call to Public – None.

XIII. Next Meeting: Friday, May 13, 2011, 7:30 a.m. at Pima Community College – Community Campus.

XIV. Adjournment – 9:07 a.m.