



TO: WORKFORCE INVESTMENT BOARD MEMBERS

FROM: ARTHUR ECKSTROM, DIRECTOR

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SUBJECT: **Minutes – June 10, 2011**

Members Present:

Linda Arzoumanian
Hank Atha
Jacob Bernal
Johnson Bia
Duane Bock
Clarence Boykins
Judy Clinco
Vaughn Croft
Peggy Feenan
Roger Forrester
Clayton Hamilton
Chris Hazen-Molina
Gregg Johnson
Doug Jones
Dorothy Kret
Suzanne Lawder
Noreen Nelson
Jill Pearson
Jonathan Peck
Carl D Rosborough
Alan Storm
Lizet Torres
Laurie Vance
Jo Anne Westerman
Joshua Wright

Members Absent:

Nicholas Clement
Wilette Diggs
Michael Guymon
Peg Harmon
Kari Hogan
Charles Monroe
Kim Murray
Arnold Palacios
Beverly Price
Paul Roughton
Liz Russo-Clyde
Mike Verbout
James Zarling

Staff & Guests Present:

Jim Mize
Gerri Brunson
Ben Barela
Arthur Eckstrom
Dan Eckstrom
Dorothee Harmon
Paul Franckowiak
Susan Lutgen
Liz Gulick
Evelyn Wright
Alfred Padilla
Christine Webb

Veronica Boone
I Cuyugan
Roy Flores
Diane Luber
Frank Watts
Charles Casey
Leslie Fisher
Regina Suitt
Kate Schmidt
Leslie Fisher
J H Eumen
Ris  Hart

- I. **Call to Order** – Clayton Hamilton, Chair, called the meeting to order at 7:37 a.m.
- II. **Pledge of Allegiance** – All
- III. **Roll Call** – Duane Bock conducted the roll call.
- IV. **Action Item:** Suzanne Lawder moved to approve the May 2011 meeting minutes. Chris Hazen-Molina seconded the motion. Motion approved unanimously.
- V. **Action Item:** Nominees: Noreen Nelson and Suzanne Lawder for Performance & Accountability Chair. Suzanne Lawder declined due to conflict of interest. Liz Russo-Clyde, Jonathan Peck, Dot Kret, and Beverly Price for Board Development Chair. Dot Kret declined. Vaughn Croft for Youth Council Chair. Nomination forms were distributed to the board. Staff totaled the votes and the results were: Noreen Nelson for Performance & Accountability Chair, Jonathan Peck for Board Development Chair, and Vaughn Croft for Youth Council Chair.
- VI. **Action Item:** Gregg Johnson moved to approve the one-year extension to the WIA Two-Year Plan. Jonathan Peck seconded the motion. Motion approved unanimously.
- VII. **Summary of Current Events**
Clayton Hamilton reported that Nicholas Clement, Board member, had a mild stroke. Staff will send a get well card to Nicholas. The Professional Employment Exploration and Resource Services (PEERS) committee is moving forward. Roger Forrester and Clayton Hamilton met with Roz Boxer yesterday to discuss the PEERS initiative, etc.
- VIII. **Staff Report** – *Charles Casey/Jim Mize*
Charles Casey stated that WIA funding for the upcoming fiscal year will be increasing. He reported that 1,000+ youth have enrolled in the Summer Youth Program. An update on the Summer Youth Program will be provided at the August WIB Meeting. The One-Stop will be receiving money from a construction grant. Currently there is a bill to reauthorize the Workforce Investment Act.

Jim Mize summarized the May One-Stop activity: 1) 173 employers and 571 different occupations posted at the One-Stop resulting in 1,003 jobs, retail and healthcare had the most job postings, 2) 51 employers hired One-Stop clients, 3) Evelyn Wright is working on logistics and city grants, 4) 11 employers received \$72,000 of training funds for 94-100 employees, 5) green industry there were 61 employees trained saving 17 employers a total of approximately \$25,000, 6) Rapid Response team assisted two employers with layoffs affecting 148 positions, and 7) One-Stop staff has been surveying employers to assess their needs.

Johnson Bia asked if WIA dollars will affect certain funding streams. Charles Casey responded the three funding streams (adult, youth, dislocated worker) were reduced approximately 10% at the federal level and the state took approximately 3.5-4% cuts. When the state receives funding 5% goes to administration, 10% is set aside, and 85% goes to the local areas via a formula. The reason the local areas are receiving more money this time is the 10% that is normally set aside will be distributed to the local areas; however next year the local areas will receive less money. Jill Pearson asked why the unemployment initial claims increased. Casey said that the economy has weakened and more people have been laid off statewide.

IX. Adult Education Update – Paul Franckowiak

Paul Franckowiak, Arizona Department of Education-Adult Education Services, distributed reports about Arizona adult education performance outcomes and population served for 2010. He stated that Arizona ranked in the top five in the national for several performance measures and Pima County programs represents 20% of service delivery. The state served 13,000 people/year in the GED program and Pima County served 2,566 people. Overall totals: 20,000 people participate in English as a second language (ESL) and adult education programs and with 4,000 from Pima County. According to the census, 146,650 of the eligible population in Pima County need adult education; however only 3,957 people are being served (2.7%). Pima County has a wait list of people needing the services. As of two years ago state funding for the adult education program was cut and now the funds come from the federal government and Pima Community College. Laurie Vance asked what's the criterion for eligibility. Paul stated it is similar to the questions on the I9 form (residency, etc). Arizona Department of Education website: www.ade.az.gov. Hank Atha suggested a resolution be written regarding the WIB supporting adult education. The Executive Committee will take on this task.

X. Pima Community College Future Directions with Q and A – Chancellor Flores

Chancellor Roy Flores, Pima Community College (PCC), gave an overview about Pima Community College. PCC is one of the largest colleges in the nation. Enrollment continues to grow and consists of all ages. State funding per student has decreased (\$1,245/student in 2002 and \$325/student in 2012). Currently 3% of the budget comes from the state; the other money sources are local property taxes and tuition. According to the PCC assessment tests, many high school graduates are not prepared for college: 89% math, 35% reading, and 51% writing. The college needs to look at remedial education. PCC cannot sustain current levels of enrollment and the choices are decreasing enrollment or eliminating programs. New admission requirements have been established and

will begin the summer of 2012. The requirements consists of a high school diploma or GED, or demonstrated ability to benefit from attending PCC and minimum scores on placement tests in mathematics, writing, and reading. PCC plans to create a noncredit college readiness academy to prepare students for getting a GED. Dot Kret asked how many of students who will attend the college readiness academy have a disability. Chancellor Flores replied several hundred students at the college have declared themselves disabled. Jim Mize asked if there are other funding sources. Flores said the college is aggressively applying for grants. Doug Jones asked about the funding issue in the surrounding counties. Flores responded that Santa Cruz created a community college on Facebook. The college doesn't exist nor have tax revenue to support the college. This is costing PCC over \$1 million to educate Santa Cruz residents and PCC is filing a lawsuit. Clarence Boykins asked about children not being prepared to learn in school. Flores stated that this is a community problem and parents are not working with their children or engaged with K12. Staff will send a copy of Chancellor Flores' PowerPoint presentation to the WIB committee.

XI. Member Spotlight – Johnson Bia

Johnson has been attending WIB meetings since 1987. Johnson is from the Navajo Nation and was born and attended school there. He received a master's degree from the University of Arizona and did his student teaching at Mayer High School near Prescott. He has taught in New Mexico and received a doctorate degree from Iowa State University. He worked as an Executive Director at Portable, Practical Educational Preparation (PPEP) for five years. He came to Pima Community college in 1992 and started at the Desert Vista campus. He worked at the Desert Vista, Community Campus, and Downtown Campus for six years at each location and now is back at the Desert Vista campus. He is currently the President of Desert Vista Campus and was also President of the Downtown Campus. He was the Dean of Workforce & Business Development at the Community Campus and Dean of Center for Training & Development when he first started at Desert Vista. His interests are workforce/student leadership development, Native American community, and international projects. He has been married for 33 years and has three boys, one adopted girl, and three grandchildren. His youngest son is in the Air Force. Johnson has been on the board since 2001 and promotes the importance of education.

XII. Call to Public – None.

XIII. Next Meeting: Friday, August 12, 2011, 7:30 a.m. at Pima Community College – Community Campus.

XIV. Adjournment – 8:57 a.m.