



Innovative Workforce Solutions

YUMA COUNTY WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD

Regular Meeting

Martin Luther King Center

April 10, 2019

MINUTES

I. CALL TO ORDER

Maria Chavoya called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Maria Chavoya led the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. ROLL CALL

The roll was called, and those present and absent were:

Members Present	Members Absent
1. Valentin Casillas	1. Judith Castro (Excused)
2. Maria Chavoya	2. Daniel Corr (Excused)
3. John Courtis	3. Blanca G. Garza (Excused)
4. Randal Etzler	4. Charles Grube (Excused)
5. Karla Fonseca	5. Marisol Kelland (Excused)
6. Edward Ford	6. Geoff Nance (Excused)
7. Jesus Garcia	
8. Kari Hogan	
9. Kevin Imes	
10. Greg LaVann	
11. Dave McDowell	
12. Steve Miller	
13. Arturo Morales	
14. Nancy Ngai	
15. Anne Powell	
16. Tracy Schultz	
17. Jenny Torres	
18. Thomas Tyree	
19. Maria Vasquez	
20. Antonio Zuniga	

Thereby a quorum was established.

Guests (From Sign-in list)

Gary Gammel, YPIC

Adriana McBride, YPIC

Nidia Herrera, YPIC

Patrick Goetz, YPIC

Jesse Figueroa, ALPS

Eduardo Nunez, PPEP

Elizabeth Canela, Yuma County

Maria Aguirre, AWC

Veronica Zuniga, RESCARE

Lorena Zaragoza, RESCARE

Natalia Verdin, DES

Moises Pimentel, RESCARE

Stuart Smith, YPIC

Shavon Knox, YPIC

Martha Camacho, YPIC

Alicia Huizar, YPIC

Beatriz Aguilar, YPIC

***IV. CALL TO THE PUBLIC**

There were no comments from the public.

V. Discussion and Action Items

A. Approval of the Consent Agenda:

1. Approval of Minutes (From March 13, 2019 and March 20, 2019)

Maria Chavoya asked for a motion to approve the Consent Agenda.

Kari Hogan made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda; Seconded by Antonio Zuniga. The motion was approved unanimously.

VOICE VOTE: 20-0

B. Executive Committee Membership

Maria Chavoya informed the board that they would like to expand the Executive Committee. Maria invited the board members to consider being a member of the Executive Committee.

Arturo Morales and Steve Miller volunteered to join the Executive Committee

Maria Chavoya asked for a motion to approve that Arturo Morales and Steve Miller be a part of the Executive Committee.

The motion was approved unanimously.

VOICE VOTE: 20-0

VI. Director's Report

Martha Camacho reported;

A. Local Plan Update

The Yuma County Workforce Four (4) Year Modified Plan was submitted in December 2018 and was not approved due to two (2) board seats being in conflict of interest and looking for firewalls between the local board and the youth program. Department of Labor is currently reviewing the plan and will wait for the final report to address the issues.

B. Board Vacancies

Currently there are three (3) board vacancies.

- Rose Lugo will be replaced by Douglas A. Pancrazi. Mr. Pancrazi's paperwork has been submitted to the Board of Supervisors.
- Michael Moyer will be replaced by Wayne Rooks, General Manager for Homewood Suites.
- Gilberto Gonzalez will be replaced by Megan Dubois from TRAX.

C. Expiring Terms-Board Members

Martha Camacho informed the Board that the following five (5) board members terms will be expiring on June 13, 2019:

- Jesus Garcia
- Antonio Zuniga
- Edward Ford
- Daniel Corr
- Jenny Torres

Martha requested board members to let Beatriz Aguilar know by Friday, April 12, 2019 if they would like to remain on the board. This will allow her to start on the necessary paperwork.

D. Carry-Over Update

Currently the board has funds that will not be able to spend this year. The board has a second year to spend the funds. Motions have been set to meet that goal. ResCare has been provided additional funding to provide client training and on the job training for participants.

Providers have been requested to submit their 2019/2020 budget plans by Friday, April 12, 2019. The board is also requesting that the providers serve more participants.

VII. Presentations and Information Items:

1. Rapid Response Brief

- Moises Pimentel, Business Service Consultant from ResCare Workforce Services presented a power point on Business Services and the Rapid Response Update.

2. Financial Status Brief

- Martha Camacho briefly presented the Financial Budget Status. As of February 28, 2019 expenses are at 62%, and are at 67% into the fiscal year.

VIII. WDB Meeting Schedule

- A. Proposed Next Meeting Date: May 8, 2019, at 9:00 am at the Martin Luther King Center located at 300 S. 13th Avenue, Yuma, AZ.

IX. Other Information and/or Committee reports

A. Economic Development Issues, Report

Greg LaVann reported;

- The John McCain Space Port Bill passed the Senate unanimously 59-0. The bill will be signed into law by the Governor at one of the space manufactures in Tucson in the upcoming months. The plan to make Yuma the space port for Arizona continues to move along.
- Greg LaVann met last Friday with the workforce team to talk to a local food processor. The food processor will be starting in the fall and will be reaching out to Arizona@Work to assist with about 400 hires for food processing.
- McCormick decided to hold on to relocating to Yuma. They are currently going through a restructure in the organization and are trying how to reallocate their finances. It will take a couple of years for McCormick to relocate to Yuma.
- GYEDC had their 3rd anniversary MOU signing last week at Arizona Western College. They celebrated the collaboration amongst the local universities and the Mexico Universities and their working relationships that they continue to build upon. The idea is to focus on teaching and nursing as the first dual degrees they will try to align with. They will also provide apprenticeships courses along with building some English as a Second Language (ESL) classes that will allow for certification.

Jenny Torres reported;

- San Luis Economic Development has been having conference calls with the U.S. Customs and Boarder Protection. The U.S. Customs and Border Protection have sent 750 U.S Customs to Texas. They will continue to participate in the conference calls.
- Yuma County will be affected with the release of illegal immigrants in the county. Currently, Yuma County has a detention facility that the immigrants can use as housing.
- The wait times in San Luis Port of Entry are not as bad as the Texas wait times. San Luis, Arizona depends on the Mexican shoppers.

- John indicated that the immigration issue has never been seen like it is today and it is hurting commerce. This issue is not only local, but a national issue as well. Mr. Courtis thanked Jenny Torres for participating in the conference calls.
- On April 17, 2019, the General Service Administration is having a public meeting regarding the environmental document for the potential modernization for the port of entry.

B. Community Engagement, Report

The Community Engagement report was not provided.

C. Educational Opportunity Center Charter High School Board, Report

Ed Ford reported;

- Attendance is at 87%.
- Enrollment is at 110.
- On March 19, 2019 Officer Resendez, Kofa's SRO provided a presentation on the risks of Fentanyl and Heroin to the students of the Charter High School. Edward Ford thanked Alicia Huizar for setting the presentation up. Alicia Huizar will be setting up future presentations on the following topics:
 - Anti-Bullying,
 - Suicide Prevention,
 - Consumer Guides for Young Adults
 - Human Trafficking
 - Internet Safety, and
 - E-cig and Vaping
- In the past the State has graded the school based on student performance. Now the Arizona Charter Board will also be grading the school on financial performance.

D. Southwest Technical Education District of Yuma (STEDY), Report

Kevin Imes reported;

- Two weeks ago STEDY had the opportunity to enter into a collaborative agreement with 4FrontED in academic alliance collaboration between universities in Yuma and those that are at Sonora and Baja.
- On May 23, 2019, Southwest Technical Education District of Yuma will have a completion ceremony for students that have obtained industry certifications. About 35 students will come into industry and beginning 2019-2020 they will have 160 students enrolled in those certifications.

X. Good of the Order

Tom Tyree extended an invitation to the board to attend Achieve 60 Arizona's presentation on Tuesday 2019 at 10 am at Arizona Western College. Greg LaVann, Mayor Nicholls and Daniel Corr will be attending the presentation.

John Courtis informed the board that the Yuma County Chamber of Commerce

is bringing back the Adult Leadership Program that fell apart in 2009. The program last 10 months and will be looking for applications by the first of May.

XI. Call for Executive Session

Maria Chavoya called for a motion to go into executive session. Dave McDowell made a motion to end the regular meeting and go into executive session; Seconded by Thomas Tyree. The motion was approved unanimously.

Maria Chavoya asked that the public and staff to excuse themselves from the session. The chair asked Adriana McBride, Human Resource to remain.

After the Executive Session, the Workforce Development Board meeting was again called to order by Maria Chavoya. Edward Ford made a motion to appoint Nidia Herrera as the Acting Interim Director serving thru December 31, 2019 at a salary of \$105,000.00 with a review every three months; seconded by Antonio Zuniga.

VOICE VOTE: 19-1

The sealed results of this session are filed herein.

XII. Adjournment:

Maria Chavoya called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. A motion was made by Dave McDowell; Seconded by Antonio Zuniga. The motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 10:50 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by Beatriz Aguilar, Clerk to the Board/Purchasing.