

YUMA COUNTY WORKFORCE INVESTMENT BOARD

Regular Meeting
YPIC Boardroom
January 12, 2011

MINUTES

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Sam Pepper called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Sam Pepper asked Ken Rosevear to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. ROLL CALL

Roll was called and those present and absent were:

Members Present:

1. Nancy Alter
2. Maria Chavoya
3. Ramona Corrales
4. Betty DeNise
5. Julie Engel
6. Ed Ford
7. John "Bud" Johnson
8. Tom Kiley
9. Glenn Mayle
10. Dave McDowell
11. Larry Nelson
12. Karen Nicklaus
13. Kim Padgett
14. Kelley Paulin
15. Ray Ochoa
16. Sam Pepper
17. Patricia Romant
18. Ken Rosevear

Members Absent:

- Allen Hagedorn (Excused)
Diane Hansberger (Excused)
Steve Miller (Excused)
Yara Nash
Barry Norman (Excused)
Jesus Quintana (Excused)
Tom Tyree (Excused)

A quorum was thereby established.

Guests (From Sign in list)

Mary Jo McIntyre, Yuma County
Patrick Goetz, YPIC
Merci Mendivil, YPIC
Marla Duran, AWC
Lynn LaBrie, AWC
Elizabeth Arturi, AWC
Vilma Zuniga, YPIC
Grace Wehrle, DES
Nina Bone, YPIC
Ana Garcia, YPIC
Linda Jordan, YPIC

Staff:

John Morales, Executive Director
Adriana McBride, Clerk of the Board

***IV. CALL TO THE PUBLIC**

John Bud Johnson announced the celebration for Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday will start with a Historic March at 2:00p.m., and will be followed by a Commemorative Service at 3:00p.m. on Sunday, January 16, 2011 at the MLK Center.

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES (from November 10, 2010)

Sam Pepper asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the Workforce Investment Board meeting of November 10, 2010.

Motion made by Maria Chavoya; Seconded by Ken Rosevear. Motion passed.

John Morales announced the following:

- ✓ Ana Machiche (new WIB member) has resigned and is moving back to the Phoenix area.
- ✓ Pat Abiles has resigned to take a position with Southwest Gas in Casa Grande.
- ✓ Cynthia Marshall- YPIC's Business' Officer has resigned to take a position at YRMC. Linda Jordan has replaced her as Business Services Officer for YPIC.

VI. Director's Report and Information Items

A. Washington Update

- Expecting cuts everywhere in an attempt to decrease the deficit.
- There may be rescissions.

- Significant amount of stimulus money may be rescinded.
- 85 new members in the House of Representatives elected on a platform calling for decreasing the size of government and cutting taxes.
- WIA Bill may be introduced for re-authorization but there is a narrow window of opportunity and it needs bipartisan support.

B. State Update

- Carolyn Ufford- Administrative Services Officer ADES Employment Administration- Resigned
- Neil Young- DES Director- Resigned
- Pat Harrington passed away last month- John Morales stated that “he will be missed greatly- he was a good friend”
- Rochelle Webb Administrator ADES Employment Administration- Resigned- moving to Washington DC
- Denise Blackman- Acting for Carolyn Ufford’s position- Resigned
- Jennifer Pittman Leeper- Executive Director for the Governor’s Council on Workforce Policy resigned and is going to Washington DC to work for Rochelle Webb

C. NWA Conference

- Attended the National Workforce Association last December
- Congressman Buck McKeon was at the conference; he will attempt to introduce the WIA Bill for re-authorization.

D. Rapid Response Update by Patrick Goetz

- Power point presentation is attached.

E. Incentives dollars awarded for PY09-FY10 contract performance

- YPIC was awarded 37,809 incentive dollars for exceeding 9 core measures.

F. Training sessions provided to YPIC staff, Situational & Environmental Awareness, and Workplace Violence.

Declared Conflict of Interest:

- John Morales stated that he has been very concerned about the safety of YPIC’s staff as the difficult economic times continue and many are still unemployed. People seem to be over the edge and violent events are taking place in different One Stop Centers.
- YPIC has taken measures to ensure the safety of staff and

American Security and Investigative Services (ASIS) has been contracted to provide safety training.

- Dave McDowell (ASIS) has provided training to YPIC staff in the following areas: Situational & Awareness Environmental Awareness, and Workplace Violence.
- Dave McDowell stated that he had the opportunity to conduct interviews with YPIC staff and hone in some of the main concerns on the daily operations.
- The training was well received by YPIC staff and as a result, they are now more confident and vigilant as they continue to provide excellent customer service to clients that exhibit hostile attitudes.
- Several recommendations were made by ASIS, and YPIC staff is putting in practice those recommendations.
- John Morales advised the WIB members that Dave McDowell, will have to recuse himself from voting in the future when budget items are presented to the Board for approval.
- Glenn Mayle commended YPIC Management staff for being proactive and having someone with “fresh eyes” look at YPIC’s daily operations and identify potential dangers.

G. Charter Holders & Representatives

John Morales reported that at the last meeting, the Board was asked to authorize Sam Pepper and Ken Rosevear to be the Charter Holders, the decision was made by the State Department of Education to keep John Morales and Patricia Romant as the Charter Holders since they are the responsible staff for daily operations.

Additional Information:

*John Morales announced that he and Patricia Romant have been asked to serve in the Early College Academy’s Science, Technology, Engineering, Agricultural, and Mathematics (STEAM) advisory board.

*Mercedes Mendivil announced that a YPIC participant, Jeanine Casillas, made a speech at an event that took place last Saturday; she thanked YPIC for their assistance. Jeanine presented YPIC with a plaque in appreciation for the guidance and financial support she received.

H. Proposed Next meeting date: February 10, 2011

VII. Discussion/Action items

None

VIII. Other Information and/or Committee Reports

Economic Development by Julie Engel

- Sales tax revenues are up- we exceeded the 2010 collections.
- A call center that was interested in the NCO building decided, over the Christmas holidays, that Yuma was no longer an option. A lot of statistics about San Luis, Sonora in Mexico were provided. Not sure if that had any impact on their decision.
- GYEDC is working with two new prospects.
- Many companies are exiting California because of the high taxes and they are moving to other areas. Unfortunately, Arizona and the Yuma area are not even being considered; very possibly because we lack financial incentives.
- Quarterly Investment luncheon will take place next Tuesday
- Yuma has taken a leading role in the state in Aerospace.
- F-35 Update: There has been pressure regarding the Federal budget and military spending.
- The Marine Corps purchased 29 planes in prior budget years- the purchase is not threatened.
- They are moving forward in this project.
- They have identified the winner of the bid for the hangers but they can not announce it yet.
- Boeing is in Yuma still testing their aircrafts; you can tour the aircrafts if you wish to do so. It is on the 4th Avenue extension.

Finance and Personnel Committee, Report

No Report

Charter High School, report:

Ed Ford reported:

- The EOC CHS Board met previous to this meeting
- Enrollment is at 105
- Attendance at about 94%
- Student Council President Randi Maine, reported that they now have their own Leadership class.
- It was reported that there is a grant and YPIC is working with

AWC to develop an online logistics class that 20 to 25 students can take and earn 3 college credits.

- Will do one fundraiser per month to collect money for scholarships.
- Budget: we have expended 47% of the budget for 50% of the year.
- The school was painted over the Christmas break.

*Ken Rosevear announced that the Chamber of Commerce Dinner will take place on Friday, January 14, 2011, at AWC.

*Ken also invited the board members to attend the Good Morning Yuma tomorrow. Senator Shooter and Representatives Pancrazi and Jones will be present; the tax burden on Arizona's Businesses will be discussed.

IX. Call for Executive Session

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XI. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 10:05a.m.

Respectfully submitted by Adriana McBride