

# **YUMA COUNTY WORKFORCE INVESTMENT BOARD**

Regular Meeting  
YPIC Boardroom  
June 8, 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 Ed Ford to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **III. ROLL CALL**

Roll was called and those present and absent were:

#### **Members Present:**

1. Marisol Canales
2. Maria Chavoya
3. Ramona Corrales
4. Julie Engel
5. Ed Ford
6. Tom Kiley
7. Glenn Mayle
8. Steven Miller
9. Nancy Ngai
10. Larry Nelson
11. Ray Ochoa
12. Kim Padgett
13. Kelley Paulin
14. Sam Pepper
15. Kim Rodriguez
16. Rick Rohrick
17. Patricia Romant
18. Ken Rosevear
19. Tom Tyree

#### **Members Absent:**

- Nancy Alter (Excused)  
Betty DeNise (Excused)  
Allen Hagedorn (Excused)  
Diane Hansberger (Excused)  
John "Bud" Johnson (Excused)  
Dave McDowell (Excused)  
Yara Nash (Excused)  
Jesus Quintana (Excused)

**A quorum was thereby established.**

**Guests (From Sign in list)**

Mary Jo McIntyre, Yuma County  
Nidia Herrera, YPIC  
Patrick Goetz, YPIC  
Mercedes Mendivil, YPIC  
Linda Jordan, YPIC  
Marla Duran, AWC  
Elizabeth Arturi, AWC

**Staff:**

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

**\*IV. CALL TO THE PUBLIC**

**V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES (from May 11, 2011)**

Sam Pepper asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the Workforce Investment Board meeting of May 11, 2011.

Motion made by Glenn Mayle; Seconded by Maria Chavoya.

Motion passed.

**VI. Director's Report and Information Items**

**A. Introduction of new WIB members:**

\*Marisol Canales/Owner of Nicklaus Engineering- will be filling the vacancy created by the resignation of Karen Nicklaus.

\*Kim Rodriguez from DES Employment Services Area Manager Gila/Pinal/Yuma Counties-will be filling the vacancy created by Lucille Romines, and then by Ana Machiche.

\*Nancy Ngai/Community Planning Coordinator Yuma County Department of Development Services- will be filling the vacancy created by Barry Norman.

\*Rick Rohrick/District Manager, Southwest Gas- will be filling the position created by the resignation of Pat Abiles.

**B. Recognition of Retiring WIB members**

Karen Nicklaus and Barry Norman have resigned the Workforce Investment Board (WIB) as they will be enjoying retirement. They were thanked by John Morales on behalf of YPIC for their many years of service on the WIB.

**C. Washington Update**

- 2012 budget still needs to be determined
- House appropriations scheduled for July 26<sup>th</sup>
- House Appropriations Committee looking for cuts in the amount of 18 billion
- Hoping for Senate support
- There will be an anti-spending environment for several years

**D. State Update**

- The State has designed a Sector Strategy Academy
- The Sector Strategy Academy will be held on June 13 and 14, 2011 in Phoenix, AZ
- Ken Rosevear (Chamber of Commerce), Greg LaVann (GYEDC), Daniel Barajas (AWC) will be attending the academy, as well as several YPIC staff.
- The State knows about Yuma's high level of collaboration between the different entities and is particularly interested in learning more about those existing collaborations

**E. Rapid Response Update/Business Services Report**

*Updates by Patrick Goetz and Linda (power point attached)*

**F. Update-STEAM Project**

- Toni Badone was not able to attend the meeting, but will provide a complete update at the next WIB meeting
- Community Colleges in the state were given grants by the Arizona Science Foundation to work on Science, Technology, Engineering & Math (STEM) projects
- In Yuma county, instead of STEM, it is STEAM; Science Technology Engineering **Agriculture** and Math
- AWC gave their grant funds to the Yuma Union High School District to help build a more formal pathway from High School to the community college
- 180 applicants are currently in the assessment process
- Part of the grant is being used to renew classrooms at the YUHSD in order to meet standards for STEAM or STEAM classes
- Tuition will be kept at a lower rate for these students transitioning

from HS to college

- Already have an articulation agreement with University of Arizona and Arizona Western College- 2 years at AWC+2 years online+1 year at UA in Tucson=Engineering Degree
- Have an articulation agreement with AWC and NAU on logistics

**G. Budget Update**

- Budget allocations came out
- There were five allocation options
- The directors in the State selected the one that does the least amount of harm to all the areas
- The recommendation is going to the Governor's Council Allocations Sub-committee on June 17<sup>th</sup>
- Their recommendation needs to go to the Executive Committee at the end of the month
- Hope to be able to present a budget to the WIB by September  
*Glenn Mayle added:*
- Commended Tonya Hodges at University of Arizona for her strong commitment to this program
- Also have several program on the works with NAU and ASU  
*Tom Tyree added:*
- Students will be able to participate in a variety of camps this summer such as: pharmacy camp, engineering camp, etc.

**F. Proposed Next meeting Date-** September 14, 2011 (corrected date)

**VII. Discussion/Action items**

**None**

**VIII. Other Information and/or Committee Reports**

**Economic Development**

*Julie Engel reported:*

Julie participated this morning in the exciting kick off of "Lesson to Life" program. Teachers in Yuma County are invited to participate; they will be doing exchanges at local industry businesses such as the hospital, YPG, hospitality, etc. It is an opportunity to meet industry leaders and involve them in the classroom. There are 12 teachers participating.

On Monday, Julie was a panelist at the AZ Business Education Coalition Conference. The conference allowed for the exchange of ideas. Education was strongly addressed at the conference. JTED program will be promoted in Yuma by Greg Donovan –Superintendent of West-MEC; hopes that the industry leaders will step up and support the JTED program. He has extended an invitation to visit/tour their facilities.

There are some companies that could potentially come to Yuma and it would be very beneficial to the community. Julie emphasized the importance of having positive news such as JTED and STEAM in the newspaper.

### **Finance and Personnel Committee, Report**

Will be holding a meeting over the summer and will present a budget to the Board at the next Board meeting in September.

### **Charter High School, report:**

Ed Ford reported:

- The EOC CHS Board met previous to this meeting
- Graduation on May 26th
- AIMS results are in: needed 29% passing rate in Math and got 50%
- Needed 37% in the Reading and got 50%
- Accepted a proposed budget of \$806,667 for next year
- Expenditures at \$703,457

### **Youth Council update:**

Pat reported:

- The Youth Council met yesterday at 3:00p.m.
- YPIC, AWC, Juvenile Justice, City of Yuma-parks and Rec., and Housing Authority provided program updates and talked about their summer programs/activities
- Will meet again on the fall

## **IX. Call for Executive Session**

N/A

## **X. Good of the Order**

- State recently conducted a fiscal review at YPIC- there were no findings
- Newspaper articles related to YPIC were provided to board members

**XI. Adjournment**

Sam Pepper asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Maria Chavoya moved to adjourn the meeting; Seconded by Tom Tyree.

The motion carried

Meeting was adjourned at 10:00a.m.

Respectfully submitted by Adriana McBride