

YUMA COUNTY WORKFORCE INVESTMENT BOARD

Regular Meeting

YPIC Boardroom

November 09, 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. Nancy Alter
2. Maria Chavoya
3. Betty DeNise
4. Ed Ford
5. Diane Hansberger
6. John ‘Bud’ Johnson
7. Tom Kiley
8. Steven Miller
9. Yara Nash
10. Nancy Ngai
11. Larry Nelson
12. Kelley Paulin
13. Sam Pepper
14. Kim Rodriguez
15. Rick Rohrick
16. Patricia Romant
17. Ken Rosevear
18. Tom Tyree

Members Absent:

- Marisol Canales (Excused)
- Ramona Corrales (Excused)
- Julie Engel (Excused)
- Allen Hagedorn
- Glenn Mayle (Excused)
- Dave McDowell (Excused)
- Ray Ochoa (Excused)
- Kim Padgett (Excused)
- Jesus Quintana (Excused)

A quorum was thereby established.

Guests (From Sign in list)

Mary Jo McIntyre, Yuma County
Nidia Herrera, YPIC
Mercedes Mendivil, YPIC
Linda Jordan, YPIC
Elizabeth Arturi, AWC
Vilma Zuniga, YPIC
Patrick Goetz, YPIC
Gary Gammel, YPIC
Barbara Stevens, YPIC
Cesar Fandino, PPEP
Teresa Small, CBP
Grace Wehrle, DES
Gloria Rodriguez, DES
Carolina Corral, YPIC
Martha Camacho, YPIC

Staff:

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

***IV. CALL TO THE PUBLIC**

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES (from October 12, 2011)

Sam Pepper asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the Workforce Investment Board meeting of October 12, 2011.

Motion made by Ed Ford; Seconded by Larry Nelson.

Motion passed.

VI. Director's Report and Information Items

A. Washington update:

- Principles on Labor HHS will meet from the House and Senate on November 14th
- DOL funding is a big issue- House version is about \$3.5 billion below Senate version
- A continuing resolution will run until late December
- There is talk of a mini bus, instead of an omnibus spending bill; Defense and Labor HHS will possibly be together and it would be a good thing
- The next 45 days will be all about spending
- Some optimism that \$1.2 trillion deal may get done
- Fear of sequestration (15% across the board cuts)
- Taxing the 1% top tier of income levels seems to resonate with voters

B. State Update

- Attended the Governors Development Conference in Tucson, which served as a platform for the new Arizona Commerce Authority (ACA) to roll out all their new programs (a list will be distributed during the economic development report)
- John is now on the Executive Committee of the GCWP and gives a report at the quarterly meetings
- Directors asked the State to apply for the waiver on the 15 performance standards; we would have the Six Common Measures instead.

C. Update on SENTRI Update

- Teresa Small, from Customs and Border Protection made a presentation on the SENTRI Application Day which took place on October 24th, at the Fernando Padilla Community Center in San Luis, Arizona.
- A Certificate of appreciation was provided to YPIC for its active involvement and the assistance provided.
- SENTRI information was distributed to Board members

D. Rapid Response/Business Outreach Update

Patrick Goetz and Linda Jordan made a presentation on recent events; the power point is attached.

E. Governor's Development Conference Update

List of new programs/updates/goals of the Arizona Commerce Authority (ACA) provided by Julie Engel was distributed to the Board members.

- Earn income tax credits up to \$9,000 for each new job under the Quality Jobs Program.
- Obtain renewable energy income tax credits and property tax reductions.
- Tap into Arizona's \$25 million deal closing fund.
- Receive up to \$1.5 million in reimbursable grants to train employees.
- Leverage up to a 34% research and development tax credit.

- Take advantage of Arizona's 100% electable sales for multi-state corporations.
- Benefit from a 30% reduction in Arizona's corporate income tax rate.
- Capitalize on Arizona's reduced commercial property assessment ratio-18% by 2017.
- Improve your bottom line by a 15% increase in personal property exemptions.
- Rural Arizona will have a \$2 million grant to support business creation/expansion.
- Tribal will have \$250,000 to support tribal related economic development efforts.
- Distressed initiative: Arizona Vision Grants. These funds are targeted for areas of high distress rankings.
- Statewide Connectivity: rural travel grants, exports to foreign markets, as well as foreign investment within rural areas.
- Supporting Small Business- U.S. Department of treasury's State Small Business Credit Initiative awarded the ACA \$18.2 million for the Arizona innovation Accelerator Fund Program.
- The ACA received \$656,000 from the U.S. Small Business Administration's State Trade and Export promotion grant Program.

F. Proposed Next meeting date: January 11, 2012

VII. Discussion/Action items

1. Presentation and Approval of the 2010/2011 Audit by the firm Walker & Armstrong LLP.

Steven Tait, from Walker & Armstrong LLP, presented a summary of the Fiscal Audit 2010-2011 and distributed copies to the Board members of the complete Financial Statements and Single Audit Report Year Ended June 30, 2011

Sam Pepper asked for a motion to approve the Fiscal Audit 2010-2011 by the firm Walker & Armstrong LLP.

Ken Rosevear made a motion to approve the Fiscal Audit 2010/2011 by the Firm Walker & Armstrong LLP; Seconded by Larry Nelson. The motion carried.

VIII. Other Information and/or Committee Reports

Economic Development

No report

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 is at 95%
- The President of Health Occupations Students of America (HOSA) made a presentation on HOSA and a conference the club recently attended in Phoenix.
- Charter High School expenditures are slightly under budget

IX. Good of the Order

- Ken Rosevear provided an update regarding the tax bills that affecting many businesses in the community.
- \$1,000 to \$15,000 increase, over last year, for small businesses.
- A result of pressures from the legislature and cuts to the schools.
- Businesses were given 38 days to respond and there was no warning.
- Asked if penalties and interest can be waived and the answer was “No”.
- Some businesses are closing as a result of these significant fees.
- IRS is visiting businesses in Yuma because of payroll taxes
- Will be going to the Yuma Union High School District meeting tonight. The community needs an explanation of the situation.

X. Call for Executive Session to discuss John Morales annual evaluation

Pat Romant recused herself from the executive session, and the rest of the board members went into executive session.

XI. Possible action on executive director’s evaluation

There was no action taken.

Sam Pepper asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

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

The motion carried

Meeting was adjourned at 10:15 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by Adriana McBride