



**Pima County  
Workforce Investment Board**

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**PIMA COUNTY WORKFORCE INVESTMENT BOARD**

**Youth Council**

Tuesday, March 10, 2015  
3:30 to 5 p.m.

Pima County Youth Employment One-Stop Center  
2323 South Park Avenue, Tucson, AZ 85713

**Meeting Minutes**

**Members Present**

Vaughn E. Croft      Jim Zarlino  
Ed Nossem            Liz Gulick  
Donna Bakerx        Eddie Valdez  
Deborah Dixon

**Members Absent**

Deborah Embry      Arnold Palacios  
Johanna Duffek      Julia Strange  
Edward Dummitt  
Paul Lyons

**Guests and Pima County Staff**

Michael Gates        Dana Katbah  
Cassie Lundin        Julio Peña  
Gerri Brunson        Anna M. Cunes  
Linda Reyes

- I. Call to Order: 3:32 p.m., Dr. Vaughn E. Croft, Chair
- II. Action Item: 02/10/15 Meeting Summary reviewed.
- III. Youth Council Membership – Vaughn E. Croft suggested that the Youth Council may want to schedule a Youth Council Retreat for 05/12/15 or 06/09/15 to discuss and plan the Youth Council membership needs for the new Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA). Vaughn will be meeting with Amanda Kucich, United Way (UW), to find out if there is another UW employee who might want to serve on the Youth Council since Amanda had to recently resign. The Youth Council reviewed the current Youth Council roster to determine status of members and reviewed an Attendance Report. Jim Zarlino said his May to December 2014 absences should be excused and all agreed. Anna M. Cunes will correct the Attendance Report.

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IV. Pima County Staff Report – Dana Katbah reported that Friday, 03/13/15 is the last day for youth to submit applications for the 2015 Summer Youth Employment program. 3,500 to 4,000 online applications have been received as of today. The paper applications have not been entered in the database, so Dana could not report the total number of online and paper applications that have been received as of today. The Pima County Board of Supervisors' Session I is May 26 to June 26 or 28 and Session II runs throughout July. Additional youth employment opportunities that are funded by the Pima County One-Stop include Goodwill Industries of Southern Arizona, Tucson Urban League (TUL), Tucson Youth Development (TYD) and their Session dates are during different time frames. Additional private businesses are needed to employ youth. Gerri Brunson, Business Services Team, said she is available to assist the Youth Council and Jim Mize retired as of 03/09/15. Gerri reported that there is a second Southern Arizona Manufacturing Program (SAMP) internship program underway and there are 14 companies that will be interviewing 13 students to be interns. 12 of the 13 students are from the Joint Technical Education District (JTED) at Desert View High School; one is from Tucson High Magnet School; and one is a One-Stop client. The YouthCareer Connect (YCC) grant is continuing. High school students will enroll in small, career-focused learning communities in their junior year, and finish at least two years of college, according to the successful grant proposal. All enrolled students will complete a sequence of industry-relevant courses that prepare them for employment or post-secondary education. Partnerships are written into the grant and include Sunnyside and Pueblo High Schools for Biotechnology; Desert View High School and Tucson High Magnet School for Industrial Technologies-Manufacturing; JTED oversees the Health Information Technologies at select sites; and Pima Community College (PCC) has the Aviation Program. SAMP is utilizing a workforce development program at the high school with a pilot project training that is off the regular curriculum at PCC because PCC was not producing the machinists that the industry wanted. Anyone going through the machining program under WIA funds, should be looking for on-the-job training with their case managers.

V. "Emerging Technologies Industry Sector" Youth Career Expo 2015 – Vaughn E. Croft confirmed the following:

- Expo date is Wednesday, 05/06/15, 3 to 6 p.m.
- Linda Reyes, TYD, is creating a flyer and provided a draft.
- The guest speaker will be Misa Gonzales, Freshman English Teacher, Desert View High School.
- Vaughn E. Croft met with the University of Arizona's Electrical and Computer Engineering Department because there is a professor who is doing research on a driverless vehicle. The professor said he is interested in taking a driverless vehicle to the Expo to educate youth about how these vehicles can be designed and operated.
- Kim Murray, Universal Avionics Systems Corporation, may be the location. To be confirmed during the week of 03/16/15.
- Brock Industries may offer a hands-on exhibit related to unmanned aerial systems.
- Pima County Sheriff's Department might have an exhibit.
- Total number of youth to be invited/accommodated will be determined once the location is confirmed.
- Linda Reyes will divide the youth in groups after the Registration Deadline, to determine the number of youth for each "breakout session."

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- MaryAnn Phininzy, PCC AmeriCorps, will recruit AmeriCorps volunteers to supervise the "youth groups" and escort them to each "breakout session."

## VI. Board Announcements

- A. Liz Gulick, Goodwill Industries of Southern Arizona, will be the Co-Chief Executive Officer with former Chief Operating Officer Lisa Allen. Effective date to be announced.
- B. Jim Zarling, Owner, Excel Mechanical, Inc., said he met with Wilson and said at their last advisory committee meeting, they found out that there was an English teacher serving on the committee and speaking proper and clear English is what has been a problem on job sites. Communicating on job sites for safety and other issues, has been a problem. Some youth are being hired straight out of high school who do not have the basic math skills required for the jobs. Jim recently turned away two youth who showed up to apply for a job in inappropriate clothes and shoes. Jim suggested that M3 should be invited to the Expo.
- C. Michael Gates, Pima County Las Artes Arts and Education Center, reported that 16 youth received their GEDs and 14 attended the graduation ceremony that was on 03/06/15.
- D. Donna Bakerx, TUL, reported that Maiola Coleman was honored at their annual dinner and there were good discussions. PCC is having a Career and Education Fair on Saturday, April 4, 2015, in collaboration with TUL and the Pima County One-Stop.
- E. Deborah Dixon, Arizona Department of Juvenile Corrections (ADJC), said ADJC has been working with a Goodwill recruiter to reach out to out-of-school youth and prepare for the new WIOA.
- F. Eddie Valdez, TYD, said they have case managers who are preparing to seek and serve out-of-school youth. Bill Marquez, Pima County retiree, is working full time with after school program until May 2015.

VII. Next Meeting: April 16, 2015

VIII. Adjourned: 4:45 p.m.

Statement of Purpose: The Youth Council shall establish and maintain reciprocal partnerships with employers and youth service organizations to transition youth into successful contributing members of the community.

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