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## PIMA COUNTY WORKFORCE INVESTMENT BOARD (WIB)

Friday, January 9, 2015, 7:30 a.m.

University of Arizona, Tech Parks Arizona  
Building 9070, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, Catalina Room, 9070 S. Rita Road, Tucson, AZ 85747

### Meeting Minutes

#### **Members Present**

Sandra L. Abbey  
Duane Bock  
Rose Capono  
Judy Clinco  
Wilette C. Diggs  
Peggy Feenan  
Bruce W. Grant  
Liz Gulick  
Michael Guymon  
Lea Marquez-Peterson  
Carld Rosborough  
Ramon Serrato  
Pamela K. Sutherland  
Frank Watts, Jr.

Chris Hazen-Molina  
Gregg Johnson  
Doug Jones  
Dorothy Kret  
Aric L. Meares  
Sharon Mikrut  
Marji Morris  
Kim Murray  
Arnold Palacios  
Beverly Price  
Paul Roughton, Chair  
Alan Storm  
Mike Verbout

#### **Members Absent**

Dr. Linda Arzoumanian  
Hank Atha  
Steven Banzhaf  
Jacob Bernal  
Clarence Boykins  
Vaughn E. Croft  
James Zarling

Deborah Embry  
Peg Harmon  
Kari Hogan  
Lee D. Lambert  
Jill Pearson  
Julia Strange

#### **(17) Guests and Pima County Staff**

- I. **Call to Order:** Paul Roughton, Chair, Pima County WIB, 7:38 a.m.
- II. **Pledge of Allegiance:** All
- III. **Roll Call:** Pamela K. Sutherland
- IV. **Pima County Staff Report:** Charles Casey, Pima County Community Services, reported that there were 142 people at the WIB's 12/12/14 Annual Appreciation Meeting. Charles Casey recognized Ben Barela, Pima County One-Stop, who will be retiring as of 02/01/15, and thanked Ben for his 14 years of service to Pima County and the workforce. Charles Casey presented information in a PowerPoint presentation that included that as of November 2014, the Arizona Research Administration reports that 433,200 people are employed and 28,900 are unemployed; a manufacturing study "Manufacturing Low Pay: Declining Wages in the Jobs That Built America's Middle

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Class”; Federal Appropriations for a college to provide financial aid to students without a high school diploma; WIB membership and duties, Core Partners, key dates, performance and required sector partners under WIOA; the U.S. Department of Labor delayed the publication of proposed rules which were scheduled to be published on 01/18/15 and publication of the proposed regulations is anticipated to occur in Spring 2015; and Request for Proposals (RFPs) for One-Stop workshops and a One-Stop Operator.

- V. Action Item:** December 12, 2014 Meeting Minutes approved. Dorothy Kret moved to approve; Judy Clinco seconded; and all were in favor to approve.
- VI. Glass Philabaum Award Presentations:** County Administrator Huckelberry has requested that all newly appointed commission members receive a glass Philabaum award as an expression of the County’s appreciation of the member’s service to our community. Paul Roughton and Gregg Johnson presented awards to newly appointed WIB members Sandra L. Abbey, Bruce W. Grant, Aric L. Meares and Ramon Serrato.
- VII. University of Arizona Tech Parks Arizona Welcome and Presentation:** Bruce Wright, Associate Vice President and Molly Gilbert, Director, University and Community Engagement, presented information that included how the UA Tech Parks Arizona creates the place, environment and interactive ground that generates, attracts and retains technology companies and talent in alignment with the mission and goals of the UA. They orchestrate complex, often spontaneous yet powerful relationships between people to ensure that partners accomplish more together than any individual partner could accomplish alone. UA Tech Park’s two locations provide strategic cost reduction benefits for companies through programs provided by the state of Arizona. UA Tech Park is a perfect location for access to the markets of California, Texas and the Mountain West states in the United States. The parks also provide convenient access to the markets and manufacturing capabilities of Mexico. The region has three major markets: Phoenix, Tucson and Hermosillo. The UA Bio Park is located just minutes from the UA and Tucson International Airport and is on its way to becoming one of the nation’s premier bioscience and biotechnology environments. The UA Tech Park is one of the nation’s premier research parks – a dynamic, interactive community where innovators and business leaders meet, where emerging companies and technology giants work side-by-side. Located in one of Arizona’s fast-growing suburban setting on Tucson’s southeast side, the Park’s spacious campus encompasses 1,345 acres, contains 13 buildings and has almost 2 million square feet of space for high tech offices, R&D, and laboratory facilities. They are located on I-10 just 20 miles east of downtown Tucson and UA main campus. UA Tech Park is ideal for R&D, Engineering and Product Development (more to come). The UA Tech Park is a significant economic engine for Tucson, Pima County, and the state of Arizona. The Tech Park helps to attract new businesses, grow established businesses, launch new companies, commercialize new technologies, and create high-paying, clean jobs. They are a significant economic driver for the region, contributing \$2.3 billion annually to Pima County’s economy and is one of the region’s largest employment centers. UA Tech Park has more than 40 business and educational organizations that employ nearly 6,500 employees. The UA Tech Park created 12,739

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jobs in the regional economy. This figure includes direct, indirect, and induced jobs. The average annual salary for UA Tech Park employees was \$70,854, compared to the Pima County average of \$41,304. The UA Tech Park generated approximately \$42.5 million in tax revenues for state, county and city governments. Education and Workforce Development includes Building Experiential Skilled Student Talent (BESST), Racing the Sun, Arizona STEM Adventure, Innovation Frontier Southwest, Workforce Development with Pima County, Airmen and Family Readiness, Pima Community College, DM and Fort Huachuca, and UA Internships. Tech Park employer needs include workplace “soft skills”, network administrators, applied engineering, machining, and equipment repair.

### **VIII. Board Member Announcements/Call to Public**

- A. Jim Mize announced that Pima County One-Stop received notice from Schletter, Inc. that they are moving their production line to South Carolina. The first class of 8 interns graduated in December 2014. On February 5, 2015, a group of youth from Desert View High School will be visiting various manufacturing companies. Jim also recognized and thanked Ben Barela, Business Services Team, Pima County One-Stop, for doing a great job helping to connect employers, trades and apprenticeships to youth, and career and job seekers and wished Ben well in his retirement.
- B. Lea Márquez-Peterson announced the Tucson Hispanic Chamber of Commerce’s upcoming Trade Mission Trip to Guaymas, Sonora, January 28 to 30, 2015.
- C. Carl Rosborough invited everyone to attend the Fred G. Acosta Job Corps Center’s "Annual Rodeo BBQ Lunch" on 02/26/15. It begins at 11:30 a.m. and they have 1,000 pounds of beef ready to BBQ.
- D. Michael Guymon announced that TREO has been working with a client since January 2014 and the well-known company will be establishing a distribution facility in Tucson. They will distribute their product to all their retail locations west of Denver from Tucson to Seattle. The official announcement will be made next week and the company plans to start with 410 employees and increase up to 895 by 2015.
- E. Alan Storm announced that JTED received \$50,000 in December 2014 from the Dept. of Education. This was a reimbursement to JTED for funds they used to pay for students who took state license tests. They may not get fully reimbursed.
- F. Kim Murray thanked the Pima County One-Stop staff who assisted Universal Avionics Systems Corporation during the time they reorganized and reduced their workforce. She appreciates all the resources and guidance that was provided.
- G. Susan Hyatt, Arizona Commerce Authority (ACA), introduced herself and said she is fairly new to the ACA and to Tucson. Susan wanted to say hello and mentioned that her focus is on business expansion and working with existing companies to help make them aware of ACA and their resources.

**IX. Next Meeting:** Friday, February 13, 2015, 7:30 a.m., Pima Community College, Community Campus

**X. Adjourned:** 9:06 a.m.



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