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**Meeting of the Pima County Workforce Investment Board (WIB)**

**Thursday, November 8, 2018, 7:30 a.m.**

**Kino Sports Complex-North, Events Center** (former Mulcahy YMCA)  
Catalina Room, 2805 E. Ajo Way, Tucson, AZ 85713



**Meeting Minutes**

**Members Present**

Mary K. Boegemann	Aric L. Meares, Chair
Dr. Vaughn E. Croft	Juan Francisco Padrés
Mary E. Darling	Jorge Rivero
Dr. David Doré	Christopher Tafoya
Susan Hyatt Dumon	Dr. Mark P. Vitale
Steven C. Freeman	Karen King
Molly Gilbert	Dot Kret
Bruce W. Grant	Frank J. Watts, Jr.
Chris Hazen-Molina	Brad McCormick
Deron Johnson	

**Members Absent**

Jacob Bernal	Marji Morris
Clarence Boykins	Jan Leshar
Danielle Duarte	Kathy Prather
Michael Guymon	Paul Roughton
James Zarling	Fabian Sandez
Dustin Williams	Ramon Serrato
Paul Stapleton-Smith	Kari Hogan
Dr. Margaret Higgins	Regina Suitt
Lea Márquez Peterson	Alex Horvath
Cristina Castro Harrington	

**(37) Guests Present**

- I. **Called to Order** – Aric L. Meares, Chair, Pima County WIB, 7:40 a.m.
- II. **The Pledge of Allegiance** – All while the Flowing Wells High School Jr. Reserve Officer Training Corp (JROTC) Color Guard presented.
- III. **Roll Call** – Dr. David Doré, Pima Community College conducted Roll Call.
- IV. **Welcome and WIB Chair Message** – Aric L. Meares, Chair
  - A. Aric missed the 10/12/18 WIB monthly meeting because he was in Rocky Point, Mexico for a “Mission Build” volunteer project with his church. A large number of volunteers, of all ages, visit the area each year to help build homes for residents. It’s a great experience if anyone is interested in a future “Build.”
  - B. Welcome “first time” Guests and each year, November is designated as National Veterans and Military Families Month. It’s appropriate that during this special month we give thanks for what we have and hold dear – such as the blessings of freedom secured for us by our service members and their families. Thank you all for your service.



- C. From Michael Guymon, Tucson Metro Chamber who couldn't be here today:

Tucson is leading a coalition of industry, education, and military leaders to launch the first regionally focused Aerospace and Defense transition and Veteran employment solution.

This collaborative effort is designed to deliver a more efficient talent supply chain from the military into high-demand Aerospace and Defense jobs.

See information in today's meeting packets.

- V. **Action Item** – To approve 09/14/18 and 10/12/18 Meeting Minutes. Deron Johnson motioned to approve; Karen King seconded the motion; and all were in favor.

- VI. **“What’s App with Veterans and Transitioning Military Personnel and Automation, Technology, and Apps?”** – Kino Veterans’ Workforce Center Programs and Services representatives shared information about the programs and services that they provide at the Kino Veterans’ Workforce Center which is considered a Specialized ARIZONA@WORK Pima County One-Stop Career Center under the WIOA.

- A. The presenters included the following One-Stop representatives:

1. David Balderrama, Program Coordinator, Veterans; Active Military; and Spouses
2. Alejandro Rivera, Disabled Veterans’ Outreach Program (DVOP), Arizona Department of Economic Security (DES)
3. Joseph Niznik, Local Veterans’ Employer Representative (LVER), Arizona DES
4. Michael Arinello, Vocational Development Specialist, Southern Arizona Veterans’ Administration Health Care System

The presenters explained how they attempt to assist Veterans, active military personnel, and spouses to prepare for the civilian workforce and to receive supportive services.

- VII. **ARIZONA@WORK Pima County One-Stop Report** – Arnold Palacios, Director, Pima County Community Services, Employment and Training provided labor market information and October 2018 One-Stop Reports.

- A. Arnold thanked the presenters and said that the Layoff Aversion Study “Impact of Automation on Pima County Employment” Report will be presented during the 12/14/18 WIB Annual Meeting. There will be data and analysis designed to anticipate, prepare for, and manage economic change that may include early identification of firms at risk of layoffs. The Report will assist the WIB and the One-Stop system to identify opportunities for potential economic transition and training needs in growing industries or expanding businesses.



- B. Christopher Tafoya, Field Operations Manager, Division of Employment and Rehabilitation Services (DERS), Reemployment Assistance Administration (RAA), Arizona DES, provided a Monthly One-Stop Partner Report with information about the Jobs for Veterans Services Grant (JVSG) which is a program to allocate to each state the resources necessary to focus on providing intensive employment and training services to Veterans and eligible spouses with significant barriers to employment. The JVSG is described as one component of an overall strategy that the U.S. Department of Labor continues to utilize in fulfilling the obligation that the nation has to the men and women who have served our country.

Christopher also shared information about how the JVSG, LVER, and DVOP programs have been restructured by DES to better support the WIOA. He also shared strategic objectives and last year's performance for Veterans' employment.

- VIII. ARIZONA@WORK Pima County One-Stop “One-Stop Operator” Report** – Jim Mize, One-Stop Operator, SER-Jobs for Progress of Southern Arizona, Inc. provided an update on the Partners' activities as reported during their October 2018 monthly meeting. See two-page report in today's meeting packet.
- IX. Next Meeting** – Friday, December 14, 2018, 7:30 a.m., Hotel Tucson City Center Copper Ballroom, 475 N. Granada Avenue, Tucson, AZ 85701
- X. Adjourned:** 9:05 a.m.

