Meeting Minutes

Members Present
Aric L. Meares, Chair
Dr. Vaughn E. Croft

Members Absent
Bruce W. Grant
Danielle Duarte
Dr. Mark P. Vitale

Guests Present
Arnold Palacios
Sean Lopez
Anna M. Cunes

I. Called to Order: Aric L Meares, Chair, 8:35 a.m.

II. Action Item: To approve 11/27/18 WIB “Executive Committee” Meeting Minutes. Bruce W. Grant motioned to approve the meeting minutes; Danielle Duarte seconded the motion; and all were in favor.

III. ARIZONA@WORK Pima County One-Stop Administrative Staff Support Update

A. Pima County Workforce Development Plan 2016-2020 “2-Year Plan Modifications” – Arnold Palacios, Director, Pima County Community Services, Employment and Training reminded the Committee that the “Plan Modifications” were due to the State on 12/15/18 and approved by the Pima County Board of Supervisors on 12/04/18. On 01/18/19, during the Office of Economic Opportunity (OEO) ARIZONA@WORK Operations Committee conference call, it was announced that local areas would be receiving notice this week for any necessary revisions or needed information and responses may be due 01/31/19. The Workforce Arizona Council will review “Plan Modifications” in 06/19.

B. Since the federal work furlough, we have received some clients asking for assistance. 83 have applied for unemployment insurance. CAA is at the Federal Prison to check their eligibility and to let them know what benefits and resources may be available for them.
C. Impacts of Automation on Pima County Employment Final Report – Arnold mentioned that the Report is in today’s meeting packet. Aric suggested that each WIB Committee should review the Report and recommend topics for future WIB meetings.

Vaughn E. Croft suggested that the WIB should a symposium and lead discussions with educational institutions in regards to the Conclusions that are in the Report.

Danielle Duarte mentioned that the Optics Industry is organized under the Arizona Tech Council.

Jim Mize mentioned that not all the educational institutions are aligned and working with the industries but it has been and can be done. Jim believes it is best to invite the industry representatives to a WIB Executive Committee meeting so they may share their needs and then the WIB may relay the information to the educational institutions.

IV. ARIZONA@WORK Pima County One-Stop Operator Report: Jim Mize, SER-Jobs for Progress, Inc., reported that the Partners met on 01/23/19 at the Sullivan Jackson Employment Center (SJEC).

Dan Sullivan, Program Manager, SJEC, presented the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) that is utilized by SJEC staff and other Pima County organizations. The HMIS is a local information technology system used to collect client-level data and data on the provision of housing and services to homeless individuals and families and persons at risk of homelessness.

The presentation was well received and the Partners might be able to use this system if the licensing fees are approved.

Sean Lopez mentioned that the RFP that is to be released for a data management information system to be utilized by the Partners is actually a Case Management information system. It will be replacing and combining the current Participant Tracking System (PTS) and Emergency Services Network (ESN) information systems.

V. WIB Committee Reports

A. Performance and Accountability – Aric mentioned that the Committee is planning the 02/27/19 ARIZONA@WORK Pima County Innovation + Opportunity Conference 2019 and Dr. Mark P. Vitale is hosting the event at the University of Phoenix. Aric suggested that Tom Jenkins, Maricopa County, should be invited to the 02/27 event. Arnold reported that the RFP may be released within the next month.

B. Planning – During the 01/17/19 Committee meeting, the members suggested the following individuals and organizations for the following meetings:

1. 02/08/19, Friday – Topic: Creative Intelligence:
   a. Ian R. Roark, Pima Community College – or as the facilitator
   b. CAID Industries
c. AGM
d. Moves the Needle – Danielle will contact Aaron Eden, Co-Founder and Chief Operating Officer, and ask him to provide a 30-minute presentation.

If Aaron is not available, Bruce W. Grant will contact Larry Mehren, Accelerate Diagnostics.

2. 03/08/19, Friday – Topic: Skill Sets to be More in Demand – Entrepreneurship and Initiative Taking

a. Start Up Tucson
b. Pima County Public Library
c. YWCA
d. Arizona Commerce Authority
e. Tucson Hispanic Chamber of Commerce

Aric also mentioned GEOST provides expertise in all phases of project development for electro-optics and sensors. Our strengths are in the following areas: EO Sensor Architecture Development, Including Hardware, Software, Algorithms, and Performance Estimation.

The Planning Committee also suggested Amazon for the 04/12/19 WIB meeting.

C. Board Development – Several vacancies need to filled and the Committee has not met since 09/14/19 due to no quorum.

1. Molly Gilbert has left the UA Tech Parks Arizona and Anna M. Cunes emailed a WIB Application packet to Carol Stewart who has expressed an interest in being recommended for appointment to the WIB.

2. Molly Gilbert now works for Commercial Properties at Cushman & Wakefield - PICOR and said she is still interested in serving on the WIB.

3. Paul Roughton may not own S and S Motorsport any longer and according to LinkedIn, he is a Sales Executive at Central Payment which is a credit card processing organization.

4. Lea Márquez Peterson has left the Tucson Hispanic Chamber of Commerce and the new CEO/President is Lydia Aranda.

5. Lea Márquez Peterson is the owner and president of the Marquez Peterson Group, a public affairs firm that assists in community and government relations in Arizona, and she is interested in being Appointed to the WIB again.

Aric L. Meares would like to contact the Board Development Committee members after reviewing their six months of attendance.

Aric suggested that the WIB By-laws may need to be revised so the WIB Executive Committee may approve WIB Applications.
D. Youth Council – Vaughn reported that the 02/13/19 Youth Career Expo has filled the 120 pre-registration slots and a waiting list has been started.

VI. Future WIB Meetings:

A. 02/08/19, Friday – Topic: Creative Intelligence

B. 03/08/19, Friday – Topic: Skill Sets to be More in Demand - Entrepreneurship and Initiative Taking

C. 04/12/19, Friday – Topic: Jim Mize suggested NIM for this or another meeting.

D. 05/10/19, Friday – Topic: Career Pathways Analysis and Guide

E. Anna M. Cunes reported the following:

1. 02/08 and 03/08 WIB meetings will be at the University of Phoenix.
2. 04/12/19 WIB meeting will be at Pima Community College (PCC), Community Campus for the last time.
3. The 05/10 to 09/13/19 and 11/08/19 WIB meetings will be at the PCC 29th Street Coalition location. Anna will confirm their Audio/Visual equipment availability.
4. The 10/11/19 WIB meeting will be at a location to be determined.

Danielle Duarte suggested the 1st floor of the Sentinel Building and Anna M. Cunes will look into the space and availability. The YWCA off N. Bonita was also suggested.

VII. Next Meeting: February 28, 2019, 8:30 a.m.

VIII. Adjourned: 9:41 a.m.