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

Friday, February 14, 2020, 7:30 a.m.

YWCA of Southern Arizona  
525 N. Bonita Avenue, Tucson, AZ 85745

### Meeting Minutes

#### **Members Present**

Gina Pleas  
Fabian Sandez  
Aric L. Meares, Chair  
Barbra Coffee  
Karen King  
Bruce W. Grant  
Rose Grijalva  
Danielle Duarte  
Dr. Vaughn E. Croft  
Dr. David Doré  
Jorge Rivero  
Dr. Margaret A. Higgins  
Dr. Mark P. Vitale, Vice Chair  
Jim Zarling

Kathy Prather  
Natalya Brown  
Laurie Kierstead-Joseph  
Lea Márquez Peterson  
Maria S. Sopher  
Marji Morris  
Mary E. Darling  
Mary K. Boegemann  
Michael Guymon  
Molly Gilbert  
Paul Stapleton-Smith  
Ramon Serrato  
Steve Freeman  
Susan Hyatt Dumon

#### **Members Absent**

Cristina Castro-Harrington  
Carol Stewart  
Alex Horvath  
Deron Johnson  
Jeannetta "Jaybee" Nickelson  
Christine Hazen-Molina  
Clarence Boykins  
Kari Hogan  
Brad McCormick  
Laura Oldaker  
Frank J. Watts, Jr.  
Dustin Williams  
Frank Grijalva

I. **Called to Order:** Aric L. Meares, Chair, Pima County WIB, 7:30 a.m.

II. **The Pledge of Allegiance:** All

III. **Roll Call:** Marcelino Flores

IV. **Welcome:** Aric L. Meares, Chair, Pima County WIB

- A. Value of engagement and partnerships will be the WIB's theme for 2020.
- B. YWCA of Southern Arizona Welcome: Liane Hernandez, Community Outreach & Education Director, YWCA welcomed the WIB and guests and said Magdalena Verdugo, CEO, YWCA of Southern Arizona could not be here today.
- C. Pima County Human Resources is working with the University of Arizona (UArizona) School of Government & Public Policy for the completion of a Capstone Project. The project consists of developing an Employee Appreciation Program for Pima County. UArizona students are here outside near the sign-in table speaking with Pima County Employees.

- D. Regina Suitt, Vice President, Adult Basic Education for College and Career (ABECC), Pima Community College (PCC), was appointed to the Pima County WIB on 03/31/16 and resigned on 12/04/19. Regina was a leader of one of the largest Adult Education systems in Arizona and represented PCC ABECC as the Title II Core Program Partner that is a WIOA requirement for the WIB and the One-Stop system. PCC ABECC as has received many recognitions during the past 50 years with 150+ staff, instructors, and volunteers who have supported more than 5,000 students and the thousands of testers each year. Regina has been a tireless advocate for adult education throughout her 30 years working in the field. And during her retirement she has continued to be a leader and advocate for adult learners.
- E. Dorothy “Dot” Kret compassionately served the WIB for more than ten years. From 2012-2017 she was the Chair of the Board Development Committee. This past summer she was engaged at the state level convening and has contributed greatly to the community thru her businesses Dorothy Kret & Associates, Inc. (DKA, Inc.) and DKA, Inc. dba Pak Mail. Dot started DKA, Inc. more than 30 years ago because she believes that everyone has something valuable to contribute to our community. She continues to work closely with clients to build their work skills, life skills, and real-world job experience and believes that what DKA, Inc. is doing is really building confidence, independence, and self-esteem – the foundation for any job.
- V. **Action Item:** To approve the 10/11/2019, 11/08/2019, and 12/13/2019 WIB Monthly Meeting Minutes. Jim Zarling motioned to approve; Dr. David Doré seconded the motion; and all were in favor.
- VI. **Chair Message: 2020 Vision and Task Force Strategies**
- VII. **ARIZONA@WORK Pima County One-Stop Staff Report:** Arnold Palacios, Director, Pima County Community Services, Employment and Training (CSET), provided an update for the Local Workforce Development Plan.
- VIII. **ARIZONA@WORK Pima County One-Stop Operator Report:** Jim Mize, One-Stop Operator, SER-Jobs for Progress, Inc. – see Attachment A.
- IX. **Next Meeting:** Friday, March 8, 2019, 7:30 a.m.
- X. **Adjourned:** 9 a.m.