Meeting Minutes

Members Present
Gina Pleas  Kathy Prather  Members Absent
Fabian Sandez  Natalya Brown  Cristina Castro-Harrington
Aric L. Meares, Chair  Laurie Kierstead-Joseph  Carol Stewart
Barbra Coffee  Lea Márquez Peterson  Alex Horvath
Karen King  Maria S. Sopher  Deron Johnson
Bruce W. Grant  Marji Morris  Jeannetta “Jaybee” Nickelson
Rose Grijalva  Mary E. Darling  Clarence Boykins
Danielle Duarte  Mary K. Boegemann  Kari Hogan
Dr. Vaughn E. Croft  Michael Guymon  Brad McCormick
Dr. David Doré  Molly Gilbert  Laura Oldaker
Jorge Rivero  Paul Stapleton-Smith  Frank J. Watts, Jr.
Dr. Margaret A. Higgins  Ramon Serrato  Dustin Williams
Dr. Mark P. Vitale, Vice Chair  Steve Freeman  Frank Grijalva
Jim Zarling  Susan Hyatt Dumon

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 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.