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**Virtual Meeting of the  
Pima County Workforce Investment Board (“WIB”) Youth Council**

**Tuesday, January 12, 2021  
3:30 to 5 p.m.**

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**Meeting Minutes**

**Members Present**

Dr. Vaughn E. Croft  
Gina Pleas  
Ed Nossem  
Mike Rohrbach  
Andrew Bevington  
Aaron Ball  
Johanna Duffek

Jim Zarling  
Johanna Duffek  
Mary Mercado  
Robert M. Ramirez  
Edward Dummitt  
Daphanie Conner

**Members Absent**

Karen Molina  
Monica Amaya  
Karen King  
Lisa Wood-Hromidko  
Liz Gulick  
Deborah Dixon  
Byron Christopher  
Eddie Valdez  
Ryan Sermon

**Guests Present**

Anna M. Cunes  
Marcelino Flores  
Ann Drazkowski  
Dr. Mark P. Vitale  
Georgina Valencia

Cassie Lundin  
Nils Urman  
Eddie Saavedra  
Erik Dorame

- I. **Call to Order, Welcome, and Introductions:** Dr. Vaughn E. Croft, Chair, 3:33 p.m.
  - A. Robert M. Ramirez, Program Manager, Pima for Youth Program, Workforce Development and Continuing Education, Pima Community College (“PCC”), recently appointed member as of 12/02/2020, introduced himself and explained his position at PCC. Robert assists youth ages 9 to 17 and may be contacted at [pcc-youth@pima.edu](mailto:pcc-youth@pima.edu).
  - B. Aaron Ball, Ed.D., Director of College and Career Pathways, Center for the Future of Arizona, newly appointed member as of 01/07/2021, introduced himself and explained that the Center for the Future of Arizona engages with communities across the state through *The Arizona We Want Community Conversations Series*. These engagements spark dialogue about the aspirations Arizonans hold for the future and support data-driven action around the issues that matter most to Arizonans. Visit <https://www.arizonafuture.org/>.
  - C. Eddie Saavedra reported that the Pima County Pima Vocational High School (“PVHS”) is in remote learning and might move to in-person learning in February 2021. The Pima

County Las Artes, Arts and Education Center is planning to begin hybrid learning on 01/20/2021.

D. Gina Pleas, Supervisor, Correctional Education Program and Principal, Tucson Success Academy, Arizona Department of Corrections, reported that she had youth at her facility but they were recently transferred to the Florence facility.

- II. **Action Item:** To approve the December 8, 2020 WIB Youth Council Meeting Minutes. Andrew Bevington motioned to approve; Johanna Duffek seconded the motion; and all were in favor.
- III. **Community Guest Presentation:** Vaughn explained that the representative from the United Way of Tucson and Southern Arizona who had been scheduled to present, unfortunately was not available today.
- IV. **Spring 2021 Expo Discussion and Planning Committee:** Vaughn reported that the Metropolitan Education Commission (“MEC”) is not hosting their annual Key to Employment event but they are joining with the Junior Achievement (“JA”) online career fair that they are referring to as JA: INSPIRE.

Georgina Rennée Valencia, Program Manager, Regional College Access Center, MEC, recommend that someone from MEC or JA should present information about the JA: INSPIRE during the February 9, 2021 WIB Youth Council monthly meeting.

Robert said he believes that there are students who are on virtual overload so signing up for another virtual session might not be attractive to them. 30-minute breakouts might be too little of time, and one hour and a half sounds too long.

Jim Zarling agrees with the possible virtual overload and said that his company could host/represent the Infrastructure-Construction Industry and provide heating, ventilation, and air conditioning (“HVAC”) and manufacturing demonstrations to show the real work that is being done by the two different occupations.

Mary Mercado suggested activities to help engage participants such as asking questions that provide the participants with an opportunity to express their interest and/or to answer the questions with the tools available on Zoom (i.e., Chat feature, Thumbs Up).

Vaughn asked Youth Council members to volunteer and recruit presenters from each of the six WIB Target Industry Sectors.

Mary Mercado believes it’s too soon to put a cap on each of the breakout rooms.

- V. **ARIZONA@WORK Pima County One-Stop Staff Report:** Cassie Lundin, Workforce Unit Coordinator, Pima County One-Stop Youth Employment Center, reported on the Title I-B Quarterly Performance Report.
- VI. **Next Meeting:** February 9, 2021, 3:30 p.m. - virtual
- VII. **Adjourned:** 5:01 p.m.