

**MARICOPA WORKFORCE CONNECTIONS  
FULL BOARD MEETING  
Greater Phoenix Economic Council  
2 N. Central Avenue, Suite 2500, Phoenix, 85004  
Minutes  
April 24, 2008**

**1. Call to Order**

Chair Richmond Vincent called the meeting to order at 9:40 a.m.

**2. Roll Call : Quorum**

<b>Present:</b>	<b>Absent/Excused:</b>	<b>Staff Present:</b>
Neil Alexander	Dori Beattie	Kimberly Faust
Adda Alexander	Rebecca Flanagan (E)	Diana Shepherd
Lari Braun	Tina Huff (E)	Derrick Martin
Che Collins	Katherine Levandowsky (E)	Terry Farrell
John Garza	Blair Liddicoat (E)	Kevin Berry
Belinda Hanson	Joel Millman (E)	Janis Mueller
Gabe Loyola	Charles McCarty (E)	Bill O'Brien
Tony Maldonado	James Mohan (E)	Dawn Zimmer
Rod Miller	Karen Poole (E)	Tina Schoville
Bob Neckes	Steve Prokopek (E)	Janet Lilly
Jim Ponte	Pam Ross (E)	Keri March
Chevera Trillo	Marie Sullivan (E)	Patrick Burkhart
Don Smith	Nancy Welch (E)	Sherri Connell
Annette Stein		<b>Guests Present:</b>
Greta Suda		Ben Candler, Intellicochoice Financial Services
Karen Thorne		Marvin Jordan, USDOL Affirmative Action
Therese Valadez		
Richmond Vincent		
Mike Wall		
Brady Young		

**3. Approval of minutes—Action**

**Lari Braun made a motion to approve the minutes of February 28, 2008. Tony Maldonado seconded the motion. The minutes were approved.**

**4. Board Officer Elections—Action**

Sherri Connell reported the only nomination received for a one-year term of Vice Chair was Rod Miller thus **Bob Neckes made a motion to elect Rod Miller as Vice Chair. Don Smith seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

**5. Approval of Youth Council Nominations—Action**

Youth Council Chair Don Smith presented three nominations and five term renewals for appointment by the Full Board. Sherri Connell briefly explained that in lieu of terms ending, the council is subject to mandatory composition and as such, was able to solicit nominations to fulfill three nominations from former WIA participants. **Council Chair Smith made a motion to approve and appoint the nominations as presented. Tony Maldonado seconded the motion.**

**6. Approval of the Full Board nominations—Action**

Neil Alexander presented the nominations in reference to the action form included in the board handouts. He confirmed that these nominations, if approved, will keep the board composition in compliance. Ms. Connell explained that nominations were solicited from industry representation relevant to the industries defined in the local plan and thanked Greta Suda for all of her assistance. **Neil Alexander made a motion to approve the slate of nominations to be recommended for appointment by the Maricopa County Board of Supervisors. Don Smith seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

**7. Assistant Director Report—For information only**

Patrick Burkhart presented an overview of the federal rescissions and financial impact on the FY09 operating budget explaining that \$10.2M will be designated for carryover into the next year. Rod Miller questioned how does the rescission impact the organization and Tony Maldonado further inquired as to whether this would calculate to fewer staff. Mr. Burkhart responded that with the carryover, there will be no impact; however, mentioned that some funding will be recouped from the implementation of the resource sharing agreements of which was recently approved along with the memorandums of understanding by the Maricopa County Board of Supervisors.

Mr. Burkhart continued to report that the board retreat will primary focus on regional system effectiveness where he intends to invite Agency Directors from the Arizona Department of Commerce, Arizona Department of Economic Security and the Arizona Department of Education as to bring all decision makers to the table. He also mentioned the board's Ad hoc task forces have been appointed Chairs with task initiatives completed by the end of the year.

Mr. Burkhart mentioned a few career center facility improvements and reported five agencies will be contracted to administer WIA youth services with an effective date of July 1, 2008. He stated he intends to continue the website project despite having to forfeit the initial grant back to the state. WDD has filled the faith-based outreach position and will be absorbing Special Transportation Services of which he is looking to solicit corporate sponsorship in accordance with the Job Access Reverse Review Fund.

He concluded by reporting 1,800 books have been collected for the Children's Reading Avenue featured at both career centers; unveiled a new marketing print ad campaign; announced the upcoming Gilbert job fair featuring 40 employers and will be preparing invitations to Congressional representatives to visit the One Stops during the Memorial holiday i.e. Week of May 26, 2008.

**8. Vice Chair Announcement—For information only**

This item was struck from the agenda as Rod Miller was identified Vice Chair earlier in the meeting.

**9. Board Budget—Action**

Board members were provided the final board budget to close out for FY0708 with a recommendation for reallocation of funds to cover the detailed list of expenditures outlined in the action form. **Don Smith made a motion to approve reallocations for the FY0708 board budget. Rod Miller seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

**10. Outgoing Chair Report—For information only**

Chair Vincent commended Mr. Burkhart and WDD staff for all of their hard work stating he finally feels as though MWC is operating like a workforce system and appreciated how the meetings have become business-focused and pointed out that Mr. Burkhart has brought transparency to the department.

**11. Incoming Chair Report—*For information only***

Chair-Elect John Garza described his board vision to be business-driven by keeping the process simple hence services will enhance competitiveness for businesses through cost efficient resources. He intends to focus on the creation of new metrics as to streamline operations through information sharing and knowledge transfers with mandated partner agencies. He stated he is looking forward to the implementation of a new website that will facilitate innovative product development, enhance marketing and visibility that will inevitably position MWC as a true economic development and regional partner that could possibly lead into alternate funding.

**12. Board Member Recognition—*For information only***

Chair Vincent presented certificates to Annette Stein, Lari Braun and Therese Valadez for their service on the board as they come to the end of their terms. Additional certificates for Chuck McCarty and James Mohan will be mailed as they were unable to attend. Chair-Elect Garza presented Chair Vincent with a gavel in appreciation for his service to the board as Chair for the past three years.

**13. Call to the Public**

Chair-Elect Garza formally introduced Marvin Jordan, Area Office Director for Affirmative Action, specifically addressing veterans, through the US Department of Labor. Mr. Jordan stated provides compliance assistance primarily with federal contractors such as APS. He commended the board for taking on workforce initiatives as he disclosed that America's Job Bank has dissolved as a result of a loss of funding.

**14. Adjournment**

Chair-Elect Garza adjourned the meeting at 10:45 a.m.