

**MARICOPA WORKFORCE CONNECTIONS
FULL BOARD MEETING**

Greater Phoenix Economic Council
2 N. Central Avenue, Suite 2500, Phoenix, AZ

Minutes

August 23, 2007

1. Call to Order

Chair Richmond Vincent called the meeting to order at 9:36 a.m.

2. Roll Call : Quorum

Present:	Absent/Excused:	Guest/Staff Present:
Neil Alexander	Marie Sullivan (E)	Sherri Connell
Lari Braun	Charles McCarty (E)	Patrick Burkhardt
Che Collins	Chevera Trillo (E)	Terry Farrell
Rebecca Flanagan	Bob Neckes (E)	Kevin Berry
Belinda Hanson	Jane Fletcher (E)	Diana Shepherd
Tina Huff	John Garza (E)	Myriam Corral
Tony Maldonado	Tom Koelbl (E)	Sergio Escamilla
Joel Millman	Katherine Levandowsky (E)	Kimberly Faust
Ted Murphree	Gabe Loyola (E)	Janet Lilly
Blair Liddicoat	Rodrick Miller (E)	Julie Castro—ADOC
Steve Prokopek	James Mohan	Cynthia Spell—COP
Greta Suda		Adam Womer—GICA
Pam Ross		
Mike Wall		
Don Smith		
Annette Stein		
Karen Thorne		
Therese Valadez (T)		
Richmond Vincent		
Nancy Welch		
Jim Ponte		
Karen Poole		

3. Approval of minutes—Action

Ted Murphree made a motion to approve the minutes of June 15, 2007. Pam Ross seconded the motion. The minutes were approved.

4. Board member Term Renewal—Action

Pam Ross made a motion to approve term renewal for Karen Thorne. Lari Braun seconded the motion. The motion carried.

5. Chair Report—Information only

Chair Vincent recently attended the NAWB quarterly meeting of which he reported the importance for local board members to meet with their local congressional representatives educating them on workforce development. At this time, NAWB does not have any funding to contract a lobbyist. The GCWP recently approved the position of a state grant writer tasked to research and write grants for workforce development. Chair Vincent read through the final quarterly performance measures for the Maricopa County One-Stops and stated copies will be provided electronically for further review. He

stated these numbers should be shared with local elected officials to gain legislative support. As Vice Chair of the GCWP, Pam Ross informed board members that the council's operations subcommittee is working on the development of business impact performance measures. She further stated that this subcommittee includes Cynthia Spell from the City of Phoenix Workforce Division and representatives from both the Arizona Department of Education and the Maricopa Community College District, will convene in September to also discuss the minimum operating criteria for one stop chartering. He announced there will be a Joint Executive Committee meeting with PWC on September 18, 2007 to review a comparison analysis of program services and partners currently delivered at county and city one stops with a full report presented at the next Full Board meeting in October. Chair Vincent extended an invitation to the Full Board if they were interested in attending.

6. WDD Assistant Director's Report—*Information only*

Patrick Burkhart presented the board with a ppt presentation defining the role of MWC. He mentioned that part of a regional effort with the City of Phoenix will be the collaborative development of the local strategic plan. MWC should be creating a competitive advantage by leveraging partnerships, increasing visibility and innovation through marketplace penetration, co-investment and consistent presence within the economic development arena. Mr. Burkhart reported support from the division includes redirection of business account representatives that entails more interface with businesses to establish relationships, redevelopment of the website to make it interactive with today's jobseeker, partnerships for the submission of additional grant funding and the negotiation of MOUs with system partners. Cynthia Spell addressed the board emphasizing the need to identify a niche in order to "bottom line it" effectuated through staff, partners and board members from both MWC and PWC.

7. Board Infrastructure—*Discussion and/or Action*

Vice Chair Neil Alexander prompted discussion among board members to consider the dissolution of the Operations and Development Committees after meeting with Chair Elect John Garza, Chair Vincent, Patrick Burkhart and Sherri Connell. Vice Chair Alexander stated that quorum issues hindered committees from meeting and board member recruitment seemed to be ongoing therefore, after further consideration, it was determined that the best course of action would be to operate through time-limited goal-specific task forces based on voluntary participation. Board members are no longer mandated to participate in a committee. Blair Liddicoat and Steve Prokopek posed the issue of quorum for task forces; however, Vice Chair Alexander responded that due to the voluntary status and time-specific tasks, he did not foresee it as an issue although did not disclaim the possibility of occurrence. Joel Millman expressed his support and recommended joint task forces with the City of Phoenix. Mr. Prokopek cautioned that if task forces are to be developed, they need to have specific board-defined goals. Karen Poole reiterated support as long as the system comes first. Chair Vincent asked Brady Young of his thoughts of which Mr. Young stated he agreed with the proposed operational changes as long as there remains traditional recruitment guidelines and protocol formerly maintained by the Development Committee. Chair Vincent asked for any further discussion before he made a request for action. Ted Murphree inquired as to how these changes will affect the bylaws. Ms. Connell responded by stating in an effort to prevent a series of amendments, changes to the bylaws will be presented with the intent to ratify at the October Full Board meeting. **Tony Maldonado made a motion to disband the Operations Committee and the Development Committee as standing committees. Pam Ross seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

8. Adjournment

Chair Vincent adjourned the meeting at 10:55 a.m.