

MARICOPA WORKFORCE CONNECTIONS
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
Maricopa County Security Building
1840 North 95th Avenue, Ste 160
Phoenix, Arizona 85037
Minutes
December 14, 2009

I. Call to Order

Chair Neil Alexander called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

II. Roll Call: Quorum

Present	Excused/Absent	Staff/Guests
Neil Alexander	Rodrick Miller	Patrick Burkhart
Tony Maldonado		Tina Schoville

III. Approval of Minutes—Action Item

Neil Alexander made a motion to approve minutes from October 22, 2009. Tony Maldonado seconded the motion. The minutes were approved.

IV. Assistant Director's Report—Action Item

Patrick shared with the committee that Rodrick Miller has resigned from both the Executive Board and Full Board due to his schedule which will not permit him to attend future meetings. Therefore at this time we have two vacancies for the Executive Board, the Vice Chair and the Chair Elect. A slide has been added to the presentation to the Full Board notifying members to consider possible nominations for these positions. We can call for nominations electronically for anyone who wants to run for either of these positions or has someone they want to nominate. Patrick shared that he has a suggestion of talking to Tony Abraham; he has stepped up with his role and is currently on the Collaborations task force and the Strategic Planning task force. Two more members to consider are Greta Suda and Kelsie McClendon, both members have shown interest in Board functions.

Another issue to discuss is the resignation of Steve Prokopec from the Full Board. He was working with the City of Peoria until he was laid off, he requested to remain a member of the Board but has not participated since then. We would like to contact him with a suggestion of removing himself from the Board.

We also need to consider recruiting a member from the economic development community. We might want to consider a representative from either GPEC or Westmark for this recruitment.

Regarding administrative follow-up, Patrick was awarded the HR Industry Leader of the Year award through Arizona Business Magazine. Patrick shares that this award is recognition of MWC as an organization. We have gained recognition through our media outlet and the community is recognizing us and our services. Tina Huff with Pro's Ranch Market was also recognized at this event.

We have sent out an invitation letter for Hilda Solis to come to our joint Board meeting with PWC which will be held on February 25th at our West Valley Career Center. We are hoping she or a deputy from her office will visit us since our two workforce divisions combined consume 2% of the overall WIA budget. Metro Phoenix and Maricopa County have been hit the hardest with people out of work that need assistance. We need to start thinking creatively on what steps to take to be able to assist more people on the funds that we have available to our programs. We are working through Supervisor Wilcox's office to coordinate this invitation.

V. Call to the public

There were no members of the public present.

VI. Adjournment

Chair Neil Alexander adjourned the meeting at 9:00 a.m.