



**NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING**

Pursuant to A.R.S. Section 38-431.02, notice is hereby given:

**Executive Committee Meeting**  
of  
**Maricopa Workforce Connections Board**

**Thursday, February 25, 2010, at 8:30 a.m.**  
**West Valley Career Center**  
**1840 North 95<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Ste 160**  
**Phoenix, Arizona 85037.**  
**Agua Fria Room**

**To attend via conference call, please dial 1-877-492-4020/6024743612.**  
**This Meeting is open to the public.**

**AGENDA**

1.	<b>Call to order</b>	Neil Alexander, Chair
2.	<b>Roll call</b>	Dawn Zimmer, Communications Officer
3.	<b>Approval of Minutes—<i>Action Item</i></b> ▪ January 28, 2010	
4.	<b>Board Executive Committee Nominations—<i>Action Item</i></b>	
5.	<b>Amendment of Two Year Plan—<i>Action Item</i></b>	
6.	<b>Call to the public</b>	Neil Alexander, Chair
7.	<b>Adjournment</b>	

**Next meeting scheduled on Thursday, March 25, 2010.**

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**MARICOPA WORKFORCE CONNECTIONS  
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE  
Maricopa County Security Building  
234 North Central, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor  
Phoenix, Arizona 85004  
Minutes  
January 28, 2010**

**I. Call to Order**

Chair Neil Alexander called the meeting to order at 8:32 a.m.

**II. Roll Call: Quorum**

<b>Present</b>	<b>Excused/Absent</b>	<b>Staff/Guests</b>
Neil Alexander		Patrick Burkhart
Tony Maldonado		Tina Schoville

**III. Approval of Minutes—Action Item**

**Tony Maldonado made a motion to approve minutes from December 14, 2009. Neil Alexander seconded the motion. The minutes were approved.**

**IV. Assistant Director’s Report—Action Item**

Three Board members have expressed interest in the Vice Chair and Chair Elect positions. Once a determination has been made as to which person is available for each slot then we can get back together and talk about this. We can make this an agenda item at our joint Board meeting so we can move these nominations.

One Board member has been repeatedly absent from meetings. Several attempts have been made to contact this individual. We would like to disinvite him from our Board. Neil suggested that we send him a letter to remind him that his term is set to expire June 30<sup>th</sup> of this year however it is our presumption that you do not have time to participate anymore. Also related to the economic development position on the Board, Patrick has had a conversation with an individual at GPEC to possibly come on board. This will complete our structure mandate to our Board. When this has been nailed down we will discuss this with the committee.

We received a guidance letter last month from DES relative to submitting a declaration of limited or unlimited funding. This only affects our adult dollars. The reason this was done was because some of our counterparts have been a little loose with who they are spending their money on. What DES has asked all Workforce organizations to do is reaffirm what we have in our Two Year Plan, that we have a priority service for our adult dollars which consist of low income individuals who have one or more multiple barriers to employment. What we are proposing to do after having a discussion with DES and our counterparts is to go back to our Two Year Plan, fill out the required sheet and reaffirm what is in our plan. Once this has been completed we will need Neil to sign the documents.

**Tony Maldonado made a motion for authorization to reaffirm our Two Year Plan and complete the required form for DES. Neil Alexander seconded the motion, the motion carried.**

We are moving forward on the joint MWC/PWC Board meeting for February 25<sup>th</sup>. Secretary Solis is not available to come but we are working through her office to get a high ranking person to appear. Supervisor Wilcox also wants something of a high profile role at this event. Councilman Johnson from the City of Phoenix may be attending as well as the State Chair of the Governors Policy Council, Sherman Jennings from Boeing, will be attending. Since it will be our Board that will be running the meeting Neil will be in charge. We should also consider having Mike Fischer speak at this meeting. Then we will hand the meeting over to Supervisor Wilcox so she can do her presentation and introduce Councilman Johnson if he is coming and then we will take the meeting back. Cynthia from PWC and Patrick met to discuss this meeting and they feel it is important to have some substance in this meeting. If we have a DOL representative there then we should use this meeting to report on topics of where we are with ARRA dollars, what our planning issues are and some discussion about Statewide and Regional advocacy and can be somewhat interactive. Patrick will work on the

agenda which will take another couple of weeks but we need to wait to see if we are going to get anyone from DOL.

The State did win an energy training ARRA grant and Maricopa Workforce Connections is the central region lead. The grant application was for six million dollars and DOL will fund in the amount of five million. We are about two weeks away from finding out if they are going to do some surgery on the budget or hand over the five million for us to recalculate. MWC, PWC, MCCCCD and Westmec are all in this original grant for two million. We will probably be in the range of 1.8 to 1.9 million dollar range but it is hard to know at this time. Once all the IGA's are completed, possibly in May, we should be receiving these funds. We will be targeting some of these training dollars for OJT programs such as Suntech.

Another item to bring everyone up to speed on is the Strategic Planning and Economic Development task forces. Patrick has collected a lot of data and wants to share with both task forces all of the information so we will be holding a joint task force meeting in February. The picture is becoming clearer especially on the recovery side, what the recovery may look like. With the President's budget and the Agency Detail coming out soon the fundamental challenge for the next couple of years for this agency is going to be a fiscal one especially with the flat funding. We need to make a fundamental commitment at the State and Regional level that we will be going after competitive dollars because we will need the additional funds.

**V. Call to the public**

There were no members of the public present.

**VI. Adjournment**

Chair Neil Alexander adjourned the meeting at 9:10 a.m.