



NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

Pursuant to A.R.S. Section 38-431.02, notice is hereby given to the members of the **Maricopa Workforce Connections Executive Committee** and to the general public, that the **Maricopa Workforce Connections Executive Committee** will hold a meeting open to the public **April 23, 2009, at 8:30 a.m. at The Security Building, 234 North Central, 3rd Floor, Arizona Conference Room, Phoenix, AZ 85004.**

To attend via conference call, please dial 877-492-4020/6024743612.

AGENDA

1.	Call to order	John Garza, Chair
2.	Roll call	Tina Schoville, Executive/Operations Specialist
3.	Approval of minutes—<i>Action</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ April 2, 2009 	
4.	Assistant Director’s Report—<i>For Information Only</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Stimulus Planning Report ▪ Proposed Updates to MWC Two Year Plan 	Patrick Burkhart, WDD Assistant Director
5.	Call to the public	John Garza, Chair
6.	Adjournment	

The next Executive Board meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 28, 2009.

“The public must be allowed to attend and listen to deliberations and proceedings taking place in all public meetings, A.R.S. § 38-431.01(A); however, the Open Meeting Law does not establish a right for the public to participate in the discussion or in the ultimate decision of the public body.”

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**MARICOPA WORKFORCE CONNECTIONS
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
Maricopa County Security Building
234 North Central, Ste 3201
Phoenix, Arizona 85004**

Minutes
April 2, 2009

I. Call to Order

Chair John Garza called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

II. Roll Call: Quorum

Present	Excused/Absent	Staff/Guests
John Garza		Patrick Burkhart
Don Smith(T)		Tina Schoville
Neil Alexander(T)		
Rodrick Miller		

III. Approval of Minutes—Action

Rod Miller made a motion to approve minutes from February 26, 2009. Don Smith seconded the motion. The minutes were approved.

IV. Assistant Director’s Report—Action

Stimulus Planning Report and Ratification of Youth Council policy changes:

Patrick Burkhart reported to the group on where we are relative to the stimulus planning. The amount confirmed by the IGA from DES is that we are to receive \$7,874,563, the amounts break down as follows:

\$1.36M for Adult

\$3.18M for Youth

\$2.9M for Dislocated Workers

\$357,000 for Rapid Response

The IGA’s were delayed by the Governor’s office which caused us to miss the BOS meeting scheduled for April 15th. We are now looking for approval from the BOS meeting scheduled for May 6th. The Summer Youth Work Experience program needs to be up and running fast. The providers are currently working on faith but all costs accrued by them will be eligible for reimbursement from February 17th. We will be able to reimburse funds in mid May. We received two guidance letters and one technical letter, with more to come, which outlines what we can and cannot do with the stimulus dollars. The GAO must report back to Congress every 60 days with updates on the spending. Region 6 members are meeting on April 9th. There will be at least two DOL audits because of the stimulus dollars and in preparation for these audits we have been sharing and planning with the City of Phoenix since this is our first year for the youth work program. There is currently \$750M of grant funds available for special projects for solar, healthcare, green technology, etc through the stimulus dollars. Both MWC and PWC have formed the Human Capital Collaboration and we are planning on pursuing these funds. We have reached out to Pima County for help with the solar and green technology part of the grant, hopefully in the next month or two proposals will come out of this new group. We are hoping to be able to apply for a grant of \$12.5M for solar training statewide.

We will be bringing forth changes to our two year plan and will need the Board to approve the policy changes. We want to raise the cap for training from \$4000 to \$6000. We also are looking at changing the list of approved training programs, possibly removing automotive and construction and adding solar and green industries to the approved list. There is also the issue of both support payments and needs related payments that need to be clarified. Patrick will be presenting all of these issues at the full board meeting on April 23rd. We are asking the Executive Committee to vote on the following items that were approved by the Youth Council:

- There is a current policy in existence that requires we hold back 5% of funds in case we enroll youth by mistake that are not eligible, we need to roll back this policy for 100% spending.
- The approval to pursue two waivers: 1) eligibility – there are more cases recently of families finding themselves instantly poor, with no income because of loss of job or foreclosure notice received. We want to be able to use either of these issues to qualify youth for the summer program. 2) pell grants – we are required at this time that the youth use first pell grants before we can fund any training, we want to waive this and be able to send youth to training using our dollars. We can first use the WIA dollars and then

pell grants later. We also want to be able to use our funds first for both dislocated workers and adults for training.

Rod Miller made a motion to approve and ratify the changes voted on by the Youth Council. Don Smith seconded the motion. The motion carried.

V. Call to the public

No members from the public present.

VI. Adjournment

Chair Garza adjourned the meeting at 10:25 a.m.