

**MARICOPA WORKFORCE CONNECTIONS  
FULL BOARD MEETING  
Greater Phoenix Economic Council  
2 N. Central Avenue, Suite 2500, Phoenix, 85004  
Minutes  
February 28, 2008**

**1. Call to Order**

Chair-Elect John Garza called the meeting to order at 9:40 a.m.

**2. Roll Call : Quorum**

<b>Present:</b>	<b>Absent/Excused:</b>	<b>Guest/Staff Present:</b>
Neil Alexander	Adda Alexander (E)	Patrick Burkhart
Lari Braun (T)	Tom Koelbl	Dawn Zimmer
Che Collins	Pam Ross (E)	Sherri Connell
John Garza	Karen Thorne	Kimberly Faust
Belinda Hanson	Charles McCarty (E)	Diana Shepherd
Blair Liddicoat	Richmond Vincent (E)	Virginia Sturghill
Gabe Loyola	Jim Ponte (E)	Janis Mueller
Rod Miller	Katherine Levandowsky (E)	Derrick Martin
Tony Maldonado	Dori Beattie	
Joel Millman	Tina Huff	
James Mohan	Rebecca Flanagan (E)	
Karen Poole	Mike Wall (E)	
Steve Prokopek		
Bob Neckes		
Chevera Trillo		
Don Smith		
Annette Stein		
Greta Suda		
Marie Sullivan		
Therese Valadez (T)		
Brady Young		
Nancy Welch		

**3. Approval of minutes—*Action***

**Jim Mohan made a motion to approve the minutes of January 17, 2008. Don Smith seconded the motion. The minutes were approved.**

**4. Approval of Youth Council nominations—*Action***

Youth Council Chair Don Smith presented nominations to be appointed 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 public housing and youth service agency representation. In addition, term renewals for existing council members are included.

**Council Chair Smith made a motion to approve and appoint the nominations as presented to the Youth Council. Marie Sullivan seconded the motion.** Ms. Connell further added the need for Full Board members to serve as private industry representation of which Bob Neckes volunteered. It was reported the Youth Council will continue to recruit for other mandated seats until filled. **Vice Chair Neil Alexander amended the original motion to include the appointment of Bob Neckes. Marie Sullivan seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

**5. Approval of LWIB Recertification—Action**

Ms. Connell reported that the application for MWC’s recertification has been prepared for submission to the Arizona Department of Commerce; however, to expect a provisional approval in absence of labor union representation of which recruitment has been ongoing from the time of Ted Murphree’s resignation. She also explained that the application letter indicated the need to recruit for community- and faith-based organizations as well as organizations that represent veterans and individuals with disabilities. **Council Chair Smith made a motion to approve the submission for recertification. Rod Miller seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

**6. Approval of the MWC Two-Year Local Plan—Action**

WDD Assistant Director Patrick Burkhart presented a PPT overview of the process of which the plan was developed. The plan was drafted in accordance with a guidance letter received from AZDES that required the inclusion of Memorandums of Understanding and Resource Sharing Agreements, both of which are currently in the process of being signed. He continued with a description of the intent of the advocacy, system effectiveness and business services ad hoc task forces and concluded with a WIA funding update with an emphasis on the USDOL federal rescission. **Karen Poole made a motion to approve the two-year plan. Annette Stein seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

**7. MWC Ad hoc Task Forces—Update**

Mr. Burkhart apprised the board that the PWC Operations Committee has identified Tina Evangelista from Intel as Chair. He expects that the task forces will meet monthly and possible meeting schedules will be emailed to board members.

**8. Accepting nominations for Vice Chair—For information only**

Ms. Connell stated in reference to the succession plan, a vote by private ballot will occur at the April meeting to identify a new Vice Chair based on nominations received therefore all nominations should be emailed to ensure their names appear on the ballot. The new Vice Chair will be announced at the end of the April meeting.

**9. WIA Funding—Update**

Chair-Elect Garza and Vice Chair Alexander reported their visit to Washington D.C. for the National Association of Workforce Boards Annual Forum was enlightening. They were able to meet with staffers representing the majority of the state’s house reps as well as US Senator Jon Kyle and discuss issues relating to WIA. Mr. Burkhart further added that USDOL has discretionary funding in the National Reserve; however, the state’s rescission is estimated to be close to \$10 million with the county portion anticipated at \$2.2 million; however, he is still waiting on a letter to be released from USDOL.

**10. Call to the Public**

Jim Mohan commented that the rescission clearly indicates the need to seek alternative funding and posed the question of how much impact does the board in response to the rescission. Ms. Sullivan responded stating AWEE has a blend of diversified funding in order to sustain services provided. Chair-Elect Garza read an email from Richmond Vincent that offered up his resignation in June as a result of a newly attained position as Vice President of Commercial Banking with National Bank of Arizona with a mention of apology for not being present at this meeting.

**11. Adjournment**

Chair-Elect Garza adjourned the meeting at 10:55 a.m.