

MEETING MINUTES
Arizona Western College
District Governing Board Meeting
Regular Meeting 5:30 pm
Via Zoom
August 24, 2022

Board Member present by phone, Zoom: Board President Dennis Booth, Board Secretary Olivia Zepeda, Dr. Kenneth MacFarland, Richard Lamb and Maria Chavoya

Board Member Absent: none

Others Present by Zoom: (3)

Dr. Daniel Corr, President

Ashley Herrington, Chief of Staff

Reetika Dhawan, Vice President of Workforce Development and Career and Technical Education

Community Member Present by Zoom: (0)

none

Call to Order: Board President Dennis Booth called the Regular Meeting to order at 5:36 pm.

The Pledge of Allegiance: Led by Board President Dennis Booth.

Adoption of Agenda: The agenda for the August 24, 2022 meeting presented for approval.

Motion by Maria Chavoya, seconded by Kenneth MacFarland

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Maria Chavoya, Dr. Kenneth MacFarland, Richard Lamb, Olivia Zepeda and Dennis Booth

Nay: None

Action Items

Action Item #1 – Consideration to Approve New Curriculum – Presented by Reetika Dhawan

Dr. Corr thanked the Board for their continued support of the vision of meeting workforce demands. He shared the request by the Governor's office in July and the Office of Economic Opportunity (OEO) to bring responding training to the State partner in Fiberoptics, Allo Fiber. Through partnership with GYEDC, the college already had an introduction to this partner. Allo fiber is investing \$200 million for the installation of broadband fiber in Yuma, Mohave and La Paz counties. The company needs over 200 trained workforce professionals to begin training to support this initiative. Through thoughtful preparations by Reetika Dhawan, integration of the local Workforce Development Board and collaboration with Allo Fiber, the College is proud to have developed the training model for their workforce which will be supporting the community. This training will be free of cost to the company and no cost to the workforce applicant.

Through this collaborative partnership, the College is creating a way to leverage qualified professionals to teach these programs and support this immense community need.

The Board members shared their excitement to have a college part of these significant state needs.

Adoption of Action Item #1

Motion by Maria Chavoya, seconded by Dr. Kenneth MacFarland

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Maria Chavoya, Dr. Kenneth MacFarland, Richard Lamb, Olivia Zepeda and Dennis Booth

Nay: None

Abstain: None

The **Board Approved** the New Curriculum as presented

Summary

New Curriculum in
Occupational Certificate- Broadband Fiber Optic Technician
Occupational Certificate – Broadband Fiber Optic Technician and Apprenticeship

Closing Items:

Dr. Corr shared his appreciation for the Board. The ability to remain nimble and responsive to requests is an extension of the trust by the Board in the Administration of the college, and the dedicated work led by Reetika Dhawan.

The College will continue to be the agile partner in the communities we serve meeting regional and state-wide demands. Through the continued development of a second pillar of the College programming to support Workforce Development needs, the college will continue to provide accessible training, integrate partnerships for affordable costs and build on stackable training to be the premier provider of on-the-job training resources.

A presentation highlighting the partnership with Yuma Regional Medical Center (YRMC) is planned for the month of October where the feature of the unique partnership will be shared along with the future plans for how this alignment of Allied Health resources will meet community demands.

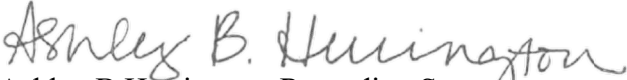
Next Meeting: The next scheduled regular meeting will be Wednesday, September 21st at 12 pm conducted both in-person and via Zoom and at the Yuma Campus.

Adjourn:

Motion by Maria Chavoya, seconded by Olivia Zepeda
Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yea: Maria Chavoya, Richard Lamb, Olivia Zepeda and Dennis Booth
Nay: Dr. Kenneth MacFarland
Abstain: None

The Board **Approved** the next meeting date and final matters of the meeting.
The meeting adjourned at 5:52 pm.

Respectfully submitted,


Ashley B Herrington, Recording Secretary