



Rural Business Development Advisory Council

PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES

Arizona Commerce Authority
222 North Central Avenue, Suite 1900
Phoenix, Arizona 85004

Wednesday, May 22, 2013

I. Call to Order and Roll Call

Julie Patrick called the meeting to order at 12:03p.m. She started with introductions around the room.

The meeting was noticed and properly posted.

Committee Members Present

Julie Pastrick, Chair
David Bentler
Ben File
Angela Harmon
Kip Kempton
Ellen Kretsch
Nolan Larson
Les Orchekowsky
Keith Watkins

Committee Members Via Conference Line

Gary Kellogg
Matthew Mandel
LeRoy Shingoitewa
D.L. Wilson

Committee Members Absent

Bill Assenmacher
Julie Engel
Terri Lynn Grier
Becky Ann Nutt
Stephen Rutherford

ACA Staff Members

Ken Chapa
Kevin O'Shea
Sarah Knaperek
Dawnette Brownlee

Guests Present

Dr. Ioanna Morfessis

II. Welcome and Approval of Minutes from March 27, 2013

David Bentler moved to approve the March 27, 2013 minutes, Ben File seconded the motion. Motion was approved.

III. AZ STEP Program

Kevin O'Shea, ACA, Program Manager, STEP Program, gave an update of the State Trade Export Program.

IV. Strategic Advisor Update

Dr. Ioanna Morfessis gave an update on her work and preliminary findings in surveying members of the Council.

V. ACA update

Keith Watkins, SVP, Economic/Rural Development, gave an ACA update to the Committee on developments on how ACA is working with rural areas in the State.

VI. Economic Strengths Programs

Keith Watkins, SVP, Economic/Rural Development, shared a presentation with the Committee on the developing improvements on future programs for the rural areas in the State.

VII. Roundtable Discussion

Members of the Council expressed programs, opportunities and thoughts of how their respected Counties can work together with the ACA and other Stake Holders.

VIII. Call to Council Members for Future Agenda Items

There were no future agenda items discussed.

IX. Call to Public

No Public Comments were made.

X. Adjournment

Julie Patrick, Chair, adjourned the meeting at 1:57 p.m.