



**GOVERNOR'S WORKFORCE INVESTMENT BOARD**  
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**Minutes of the December 13, 2011**  
**Youth Council**

This meeting will be conducted at the Department of Employment, Training and Rehabilitation, 2800 East St. Louis Avenue, Las Vegas, NV 89104 AND Conference Call available. Members of the public may observe this meeting and provide comment at the address listed above OR dial into the number listed below.

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I. Roll call and Establishment of a Quorum .....Eric James Chair

Members present: Eric James, Brett Allen, Mike Raponi, Dr. Magdalena Martinez and Donna Romo  
Members absent: Dennis Perea, Ken Dugan, Ken LoBene, and Jill Marano

Public: Carla Lewis, NCA

**It was established that there was a quorum.**

II. Verification of Posting..... Eric James  
**Mrs. Romo verified that the meeting Agenda was posted in accordance with the Open Meeting Law at locations throughout the State.**

III. Public Comment .....Eric James

Members of the public will be invited to speak before; however, no action may be taken on a matter during public comment until the matter itself has been included on an agenda as an item for possible action. Public comment may be limited to three minutes per person at the discretion of the chairperson.

**No Public Comment**

IV. **\*Discussion/Possible Action-** Approval of the December 13, 2011 Agenda..... Eric James  
**Eric James asked for a motion to approve the December 13, 2011 agenda? Brett Allen motioned. Donna Romo second. The agenda for December 13, 2011 are approved.**

V. **\*Discussion/Possible Action-** Approval of the Meeting Minutes October 11, 2011 ..... Eric James  
**Eric James asked for a motion to approve the October 11, 2011 meeting minutes. Donna Romo motioned. Dr. Magdalena Martinez second. The meeting minutes for October 11, 2011 are approved.**

VI. Introduction of new Council Member Dr. Magdalena Martinez, Assistant Vice Chancellor for Academic and Student Affairs..... Eric James

**Eric James welcomed Dr. Magdalena Martinez, Assistant Vice Chancellor for Academic and Student Affairs to the council, she introduced herself with a brief background on her credentials.**

VII Presentation - Arsenal – Nevada Youth Website update..... Steven Aramini

**Steve Aramini with Arsenal gave a web-site status report (www.nevadayouth.org). This web-site is a portal that allows other useful sites and educational material to be distributed to youth. They are currently working with Tami Nash to get the word out on this web-site. Steve requested and Eric agreed that each council member should go to the web-site, ask their teenagers to play on the site to see what works, what needs work and report back at the next meeting.**

VIII. Presentation – Workforce Connections – Youth Green Consortium..... Kelly Woods  
Presentation – Workforce Connections - Youth Healthcare Consortium..... Kim Colagioia  
**Kelly Woods was unable to attend, Kim Colagioia gave report on both consortiums.**

**Youth Green – Had their first consortium meeting to discuss program design on how they will educate youths in the green sector. Making sure the youths know that green jobs can be in computer IT, Recycling, or just changing some things in their home. They will be working with the Workforce Connections SESP grant to ensure a smooth transition from youth to adult. Their next meeting is in January.**

**Youth Healthcare – Had their first consortiums meeting with many healthcare professionals. The consortium will be working on the program and designing a plan to ensure the youths are aware of what healthcare is the different careers in healthcare, along with making sure the youths have all their credits to graduate. They talked about giving back to the community, and volunteering. Their next meeting is in January when they will start the planning process.**

IX. Review Governor’s Reserve Year-Round Monthly Reports- December 2011..... Eric James

- **Ready for Life – Chanda Cook gave a thorough report on the Ready for Life program, they are currently in the process of closing out their program and was very grateful for the opportunity and support they received during this time. They hosted the 2010 summit where 300 people attended it was great success; Desert Rose daycare is open and running. Leah Sherbondy from Northern Nevada Ready for Life reported that they are partnering with Nevadaworks in Job Shadow day on February 9, 2012. They are also starting the relationship with Nevadaworks in a new initiative called Dream it Do it manufacturing.**
- **Community Service Agency – Erin Kuch reported You(th)Matter Now program is doing very well all 35 students are on track to complete the program.**

X. Reporting/Update.....Eric James

- **Nevadaworks – Absent**
- **Workforce Connections – Rick Villalobos reported on the Graduate Advocate Initiative starting at WfC. They will be working with 2000 at risk of not graduating senior students at 10 different high schools. They have set up coordinators in each of the schools and each student will be matched up with an adult mentor from the community. The end goal is to increase graduation rates. Youth funded partners are moving along fine.**
- **Nevada Department of Education - Mike Raponi reported on two items, a technical assessment tool to validate the skills learned to a third party, they are piloting the first of the tests and he will report on the outcomes at a later meeting. Formed a career and technical advisory council where they will be working on the adoption of the 21 workforce readiness standards, and what they mean for the high school student.**
- **Nevada System of Higher Education – Dr. Magdalena Martinez reported that Nevada is a Complete College America state supported by the Governor and supporters and the key is to increase the college graduation rate with a degree or certification. New slogan is Don’t Wait-Graduate. They want students to come back to school and finish their degree or certificate.**

XI. Public Comments..... Eric James  
*Comments may be limited to three minutes per person at the Chair’s discretion.*

**Eric – wants to remind all that he wants to be the conduit to get information about what is going on in each of the different agencies regarding youth and to spread it back out in the community. We will change to a Bi-monthly meeting schedule for now, but might go to a quarterly schedule.**

**No Public Comments**

XII. \*Adjournment and Next Meeting..... Eric James  
*The next meeting is to be announced.*

**Eric James asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mike Raponi motioned. Brett Allen second. The meeting is adjourned.**

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday February 14, 2012 at 10:00 am.

**Note: (\*) Indicates that action may be taken on these items. All items on this agenda are for discussion and possible action. Items may be taken out of order.**

**COUNCIL MEMBERS**

**Eric James (Chair); Ken Dugan, Kenneth J. LoBene, Dennis Perea,  
Mike Raponi, Jill Marano, Brett Allen and Dr. Magdalena Martinez**

**Ex-Officio Members:**

**Nevada Public Education Foundation-Ready for Life: Chanda Cook, Southern Nevada  
Leah Sherbondy, Northern Nevada**