



Gila/Pinal Workforce Investment Board Bylaws

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BYLAWS

ARTICLE I – NAME, AREA OF SERVICE AND AUTHORIZATION

This advisory board will be known as the Gila/Pinal Workforce Investment Board (hereinafter referred to as the “GPWIB”).

The Chief Elected Officials are defined as the Gila and Pinal Counties’ Boards of Supervisors.

The area served shall be Gila and Pinal Counties, state of Arizona, inclusive of all municipalities and unincorporated areas. This area shall be known as the Local Workforce Investment Area (hereinafter referred to as the “LWIA”).

The GPWIB and its committees derive their authority from the Workforce Investment Act (hereinafter referred to as the “WIA”), Public Law 105-220.

ARTICLE II – MISSION STATEMENT

The GPWIB’s mission is to act as a catalyst for change by identifying and utilizing community resources and broad-based partnerships to improve the vitality of the economy through the quality of the workforce; and to strengthen the business community in Gila and Pinal Counties through partnerships, education and employment opportunities to help drive economic development.

ARTICLE III – PURPOSE

The GPWIB is established in accordance with the requirements outlined in the WIA. The GPWIB, in partnership with the Boards of Supervisors of Gila and Pinal Counties, plan and oversee the local system. Local plans are submitted for the Governor’s approval. The GPWIB oversees the funding for all programs provided to eligible youth, adults and dislocated workers within the LWIA. The GPWIB designates “One-Stop” operators and identifies providers of training services, monitors system performance against established performance measures, negotiates local performance measures with the State board and the Governor, and helps develop the labor market information system.

ARTICLE IV – RESPONSIBILITIES/GOALS

The seven functions of the GPWIB are as follows:

1. Develop and submit a Five-Year Business Plan to the Governor, in partnership with the Chief Elected Officials. Thus, the GPWIB is responsible for the development of a local strategic workforce plan.

2. With the agreement of the Chief Elected Officials, designate or certify One-Stop Operators and terminate the eligibility of such operators for cause; identify eligible providers of youth activities in the local area by awarding grants or contracts on a competitive basis, based on the recommendations of the Youth Council; identify eligible training services for adults and dislocated workers; and identify eligible providers for intensive services by awarding contracts if the One-Stop Operators do not provide such intensive services in the LWIA.
3. Develop a budget for purposes of carrying out the duties of the GPWIB. The GPWIB may solicit and accept grants and donations from sources other than federal funds.
4. In partnership with the Chief Elected Officials, conduct oversight with respect to local programs of youth activities and local employment and training activities for adults and dislocated workers, and the One-Stop Delivery System in the LWIA.
5. Negotiate and reach agreement on local performance measures with the State of Arizona.
6. Coordinate the workforce investment activities carried out in the LWIA with economic development strategies and develop other employer linkages.
7. Promote the participation of private sector employers in the statewide workforce investment systems and ensure connecting brokering and coaching activities through intermediaries such as One-Stop Operators in the LWIA or through other organizations.

ARTICLE V – MEMBERSHIP [Public Law 105-220, section 117 (b)]

Representation/Criteria

The GPWIB shall be comprised of 51% of private business members and 49% public sector members, who shall be appointed by the Gila and Pinal Counties' Boards of Supervisors.

Criteria for membership will consist of no less than 30% from one county from the 51% for private business sector. Private business sector membership should be equally balanced between Gila and Pinal Counties, as reasonable as possible.

By regulations, the Governor of the State, in partnership with the State workforce investment board, shall establish criteria for use by the Chief Elected Officials in the local areas for appointment of members of the local boards. Such criteria shall require, at a minimum, that the membership of the local board include:

1. Private business sector;

2. Local educational representatives;
3. Labor representatives;
4. Community-based organizations;
5. Economic development;
6. WIA adult, youth, dislocated worker program;
7. Job Corps;
8. Native American Programs;
9. Veteran's workforce programs, migrant and seasonal farm worker programs, Wagner Peyser/TAA programs;
10. Adult education and literacy;
11. Vocational rehabilitation programs; and
12. Senior community service employment activities.

Duties/Expectations

Each member of the GPWIB is expected to attend at least four GPWIB meetings per year and may be requested by the GPWIB Chairperson to serve on a standing committee of the GPWIB.

“Members will complete tasks assigned by the GPWIB Chairperson and will carry out assignments from committees to which they have been appointed. Members are expected to be knowledgeable about the essential matters confronting the GPWIB, including policy guidelines. Members are expected to assist each other in orientation and education related to GPWIB responsibilities.”

Appointment

An application for membership on the GPWIB is presented to the GPWIB, and upon a majority vote of the GPWIB, a *recommendation* for appointment is made to the respective Board of Supervisors; those members working within or in close proximity to Pinal County are appointed by the Pinal County Board of Supervisors, and those members working within or in close proximity to Gila County are appointed by the Gila County Board of Supervisors. It is anticipated that the appointment by the Board of Supervisors shall take place within sixty days of the recommendation of appointment by the GPWIB.

Term of Office

The terms of the members shall be for four years, except for those initially appointed. Of those members initially appointed, half shall be appointed to a two year term and half shall be appointed to a four year term by each respective Board of Supervisors. Thereafter, each term shall be four years.

If a vacancy occurs otherwise than by expiration of term, the vacancy shall be filled by appointment by the Board of Supervisors for the unexpired portion of the term. The nomination process will be the same as outlined in these Bylaws under Article V - **Appointment**. The new member filling the vacancy shall represent the same sector as the outgoing member, as outlined in these Bylaws under Article V - **Representation/Criteria**, numbers 1 through 12.

Attendance

All GPWIB members are expected to attend regularly scheduled meetings. A member's absence is *unexcused* if the member fails to notify county staff in advance of a meeting. More than **two** consecutive *unexcused* absences by any member during any 12-month period shall result in an Executive Committee review. The Executive Committee would then present a recommendation to the GPWIB with regard to removing the member. The GPWIB, by a majority vote, may remove a member from the GPWIB.

Four *excused* absences during a twelve month period shall also result in an Executive Committee review. The Executive Committee would then present a recommendation to the GPWIB with regard to removing the member.

All GPWIB members may attend the meeting in person or telephonically. A cell phone call to a member's phone may be used in case the conference call is not available for the meeting.

Termination

Resignation by members shall be submitted in writing to the GPWIB Chairman. An agenda item will be placed on the next GPWIB meeting for the GPWIB to "acknowledge" that member's resignation.

Removal of any member from the GPWIB requires a review by the Executive Committee. Should the Executive Committee determine that it is in the best interest of the GPWIB to remove a member; a recommendation for removal will be presented to the GPWIB for official action to remove the member. **Ten days' written must be provided to the member being considered for removal from the GPWIB before a recommendation for removal is placed on a GPWIB meeting agenda.**

Notification will be given to the Chief Elected Officials of any actions taken to remove a member from the GPWIB, and when any member submits a resignation.

ARTICLE VI – OFFICERS

Chairperson

The Chairperson shall be elected by a majority vote of the GPWIB. The Chairperson shall be the Chief Officer of the GPWIB and shall preside at all meetings of the GPWIB. The Chairperson of the GPWIB shall appoint the Chairperson of standing committees and ad hoc committees, subject to ratification by vote of the GPWIB. The GPWIB Chairperson shall be responsible for carrying out the policies of the GPWIB. He/she is the attester to all documents containing necessary concurrences required by the Governor and/or the GPWIB recommendations deemed necessary to the Boards of Supervisors. The term of office for the Chairperson shall be two years, and no one individual may hold this office for more than one consecutive term unless so voted by a majority of

GPWIB. In general, he/she shall perform the duties of the Chairperson pursuant to these Bylaws and procedural decisions resulting from a duly cast vote of the GPWIB. The Chairperson shall be a representative of the business community on the GPWIB.

Vice-Chairperson

The Vice-Chairperson shall be representative of the business community on the GPWIB. The Vice Chairperson shall be nominated and elected by a majority vote of the GPWIB. He/she shall perform the duties of the Chairperson in his/her absence. The term of office for the Vice-Chairperson shall be two years, and no one individual may hold this office for more than one consecutive term.

Election of Officers

Election of officers shall be held bi-annually at the regularly scheduled monthly meeting of the GPWIB prior to the end of the program year with the term of office to begin at the start of a new program year.

ARTICLE VII – COMMITTEES

Standing Committees

The GPWIB has authority to establish standing committees in order to address specific issues. All standing committee recommendations are presented to the GPWIB for official action. All standing committees must operate according to Open Meeting Law requirements. If the GPWIB determines that a specific standing committee is no longer needed, it shall officially disband the committee. The Bylaws will thereafter be amended to remove the standing committee.

The following standing committees have been established by the GPWIB:

Fiscal Committee

The Fiscal Committee shall be responsible for annual preparation and review of the WIA Allocations for the Adult, Youth, and Dislocated Worker Programs. The committee shall have the responsibility for the oversight and approval of the budget throughout the year.

Workforce Development Committee

The Workforce Development Committee shall collaborate to create a unified, seamless customer friendly system of service delivery that will enhance access to programs, and ensure all core services are available at the One-Stop Centers.

The Workforce Development Committee shall review and discuss program and strategic planning issues and make recommendations to the GPWIB. The Committee is responsible for the process to select and train service providers.

The Workforce Development Committee shall also be responsible for evaluating the effectiveness of all WIA programs and will report its findings and/or recommendations to the GPWIB.

The Workforce Development Committee shall be responsible for the development and implementation of marketing tools and strategies to promote the WIA within Gila and Pinal Counties.

The Workforce Development Committee shall also be responsible for the recruitment of individuals to apply for membership on the GPWIB. Committee members will orientate, educate, and train new GPWIB members.

Youth Committee

The Youth Committee shall be responsible for the development of the 5-year plan relating to youth, and will recommend providers of youth services to the GPWIB. The committee will coordinate local youth programs and initiatives.

Executive Committee

The Executive Committee shall consist of the Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, past Chairperson of the GPWIB and two GPWIB members appointed by the GPWIB Chairperson subject to ratification by vote of the GPWIB. The GPWIB Chairperson shall serve as the Chairman of the Executive Committee.

The Executive Committee shall meet as necessary between scheduled meetings of the entire GPWIB membership and shall be responsible for interpreting and putting into effect the decisions, policies and programs of the GPWIB. If a GPWIB meeting has been cancelled and action items are needed to continue the programs, the Executive Committee shall put into effect and vote on the action items. All actions are subject to ratification by vote of the GPWIB at its next regularly scheduled meeting.

Ad Hoc Committee

An ad hoc committee may be established by the GPWIB for a specific purpose with a specific time frame. Once the Committee has presented its findings/report to the GPWIB, the GPWIB will take official action to disband the Committee.

Standing Committee and Ad Hoc Committee Officers

The GPWIB Chairperson appoints the Chairperson of the standing committees and ad hoc committees subject to ratification by a vote of the GPWIB.

The committee Vice-Chairperson shall be elected by a majority vote of the specific standing committee or ad hoc committee.

ARTICLE VIII – MEETINGS

The GPWIB shall hold at least four meetings per year on the date, time and place as may be designated by the Chairperson of the GPWIB. Special meetings of the GPWIB and its standing committees and ad hoc committees may be called, as needed, by the Chairperson of the GPWIB or the respective committee.

If one or more members are unable to be present in person, members may participate by telephone or video conference. The agenda should state that one or more members will participate by telephonic or video conference. The meeting agenda will state “Members of the Gila/Pinal Workforce Investment Board will attend either in person or by telephone conference call.” Members participating in a telephone conference shall be clearly identified in the minutes.

All meetings of the GPWIB and its standing committees and ad hoc committees shall be held in accordance with the Arizona Open Meeting Law (Arizona Revised Statutes, Title 38-Public Officers and Employees, Chapter 3-Conduct of Office, Article 3.1-Public Meetings and Procedures).

ARTICLE IX – VOTING

Per A.R.S. § 38-231, an executed/notarized Loyalty Oath of Office must be on file with the Gila County Clerk of the Board of Supervisors Department. Members have no voting rights until they have executed and filed their Loyalty Oath.

Each member of the GPWIB shall be entitled to one (1) vote on all matters brought before the GPWIB at any scheduled meeting. Whenever these Bylaws specify that an action is to be taken by vote of the GPWIB, the approval shall be granted by a simple majority of the members present and qualified to vote at any scheduled meeting of the GPWIB at which a quorum exists.

ARTICLE X – CONFLICT OF INTEREST, LIABILITY COVERAGE

The GPWIB shall follow Arizona law on Conflict of Interest law as set forth in Arizona Revised Statutes, Section 38-501 following, and Section 38-447. GPWIB members shall avoid both conflict of interest and the appearance of conflict of interest in the conduct of the GPWIB business. A potential conflict of interest exists if a GPWIB member takes any action, which would be to his/her private financial gain or loss, or to that of his/her family or employer, or any other apparent legal conflict of interest. A potential conflict does not exist if the financial gain or losses affect to the same degree all people in the LWIA or a large class of people with which the member is associated. Each individual serving on the GPWIB must sign a **Conflict of Interest Statement** on an annual basis.

If a potential conflict of interest arises, the affected GPWIB member must give notice before taking action. Such disclosure of potential conflict of interest

including the source of conflict will be made part of the minutes of the meeting. The affected GPWIB member must refrain from discussing and/or voting on that issue.

The GPWIB may spend such funds as are needed to protect the GPWIB and its individual members from liability incurred in the performance of their duties as members of the GPWIB.

ARTICLE XI – QUORUM

A majority of the current membership of the GPWIB must be present at any meeting of the GPWIB to constitute a quorum for the transaction of any business to come before the GPWIB. A quorum, once attained, is still attained even if a member leaves early or abstains from voting.

ARTICLE XII – AMENDMENTS

Amendments to these Bylaws may be necessary from time to time. Any proposed changes to the Bylaws must be presented to the members of the GPWIB and approved by a vote of the GPWIB. The amended Bylaws are then presented to the Boards of Supervisors for final approval. Each time the Bylaws are amended, a copy of the updated Bylaws will be distributed to all GPWIB members, and Pinal and Gila Counties' Boards of Supervisors.