



**GOVERNOR'S WORKFORCE INVESTMENT BOARD**

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**Minutes of the March 11, 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 ..... Maite Salazar Chair

Members present: Maite Salazar, Ken Dugan, Ken LoBene, Mike Raponi, Jill Marano, Eric James and Odalys Carmona

Members absent: Edith Fernandez and Dennis Perea

Public: Chanda Cook, Asha Jones and Leah Sherbondy Nevada Public Education Foundation-Ready For Life, Tameca Ulmer, Sylvia Spencer, Clementine January, Kimberly Colagia, Nancy White, John Ball, Ricardo Villalobos workforceCONNECTIONS, Erin Cook Community Service Agency, Jody Manzella Jr. Achievement, Mark Bayer and Steven Aramini Arsenal,

It was established that there was a quorum.

II. Verification of Posting.....Maite Salazar

Mrs. Carmona verified that the meeting Agenda was posted in accordance with the Open Meeting Law at locations throughout the State.

III. Welcome and Introductions .....Maite Salazar

We would like to welcome Jerome Williams of the JYD Group.

IV. \*Discussion/Possible Action- Approval of the March 11, 2011 Agenda.....Maite Salazar

Maite asked for a motion to approve the March 11, 2011 agenda. Eric James motioned. Mike Raponi second. The agenda for March 11, 2011 is approved.

V. \*Discussion/Possible Action- Approval of February 8, 2011 meeting minutes.....Maite Salazar

Maite asked for a motion to approve the February 8, 2011 meeting minutes. Jill Marano motion. Ken LoBene second. The meeting minutes for February 8, 2011 are approved.

VI. Presentation: The JYD Group.....Maite Salazar  
Jerome Williams

The JYD Project is a non-profit organization (501c3) guided by a Board of Directors comprised of leaders in education, business and community development. These dedicated individuals give generously of their time and resources in support of the JYD Project's critical mission "To Build Community and Change Lives". Through decades of education, experience, and working

knowledge, Jerome Williams, retired NBA star, has propelled JYD Project and its associates to become internationally acclaimed for community service for children programs, corporate fundraising, commercial project development and neighborhood rehabilitation.

Jerome “Junkyard Dog” Williams presented the “Rally 4 Kids” event being held April 28 through May 1, 2011 at Town Square. There will be several event planned for the week. At the Awards Banquet, Project Kids 5000 will be highlighted. The event is being supported by DETR, Governor’s Office, City of Henderson and the City of Las Vegas and community sponsors.

On Friday, April 29, the movie “Waiting for Superman” will be featured on Town Square lawn.

On Saturday, April 30<sup>th</sup> Rally Down the Strip will take place. Jerome Williams and his Pit Crew along with car show exhibitors will drive down the strip with school the Green School Bus and the two RTC Busses “Rallying” for education.

On Sunday, May 1<sup>st</sup>, there will be a college fair, carnival and entertainment during the Car Show along with food and car vendors.

VII. \*Discussion/Possible Action – Approval of NevadaYouth.org Website .....Maite Salazar  
Arsenal: Mark Bayer and Steve Aramini

Maite asked if Council Members had an opportunity to review the Youth Website/portal. Is there a motion to approve the website/portal to go in front of the Governor’s Workforce Investment Board (GWIB) for final approval?

Eric James motion to recommend going before the GWIB on March 24, 2011 for approval with the recommended changes as provided by Arsenal. Ken Dugan second. Ken LoBene opposed. The motion carried to have the youth website/portal go in front of the GWIB at the March 24, 2011 meeting for final approval.

VIII. **Presentation:** Department of Education – Overview of Program Study/Career & Technical.....Mike Raponi

Mike Raponi reported on the overview of the Career & Technical department at the Department of Education. There is a new vision for Career Technical education. There is a CTE video that can be seen at: <http://www.doe.nv.gov/CTE.htm>  
It is important for CTE to be high visible regarding: Perkins Reauthorization; College & Career Readiness and Race To The Top. Mr. Raponi also spoke about the strategizing vision and Programs of Study. The PowerPoint presentation is available upon request.

IX. Review Governor’s Reserve Year-Round Monthly Reports .....Maite Salazar

- Ready For Life  
January brought us the Committee on Youth (COY) Teenage, Pregnancy, Prevention and Parenting Provider Meeting. This meeting was held to allow COY members to ascertain the type of services currently being offered and the services needed for teen parents. The meeting reached a diverse group of service providers ranging from hospitals to transitional housing providers. Next step is to develop a mapping project of the services and begin to address the gaps.

The rural seed grants are completed and plans have begun, in Nye County the RFL initiative will be lead by Nye Communities Coalition. There first effort will be to gather data regarding the barriers to system building and the current resources available in their community. This data will be used to develop a strategic, comprehensive plan for youth service in Nye County. We’re excited about the expansion and look forward to a coordinated RFL system in rural southern Nevada.

Lyon/Storey RFL plans to create a system where community and schools work together to identify at-risk students before they get to high school. They also plan to develop structures and opportunities that insure all students (each student) have a graduation plan in place that is reviewed annually.

Washoe RFL has begun preparing for the upcoming summer and the academic and vocational goals that will need to be addressed. In this effort the Employment Workgroup is working to find ways to expand on a Job Readiness Summer Camp to include at-risk youth.

- YouthBuild  
Clients currently participate in classroom and worksite Construction, Work Readiness Training, Leadership Development and high school completion or GED preparation.  
To date, 14 clients have obtained their high school diploma or GED, 14 clients have moved on to employment/education. The enrollment goal of 68 has been reached and the 2<sup>nd</sup> cohort is underway. 63 participants have received OSHA 10 certification.
- Junior Achievement  
On Wednesday, February 2, 2011, 45 students from Desert Pines High School attended JA Job Shadow ® Day at the AT&T Call Center located at 10550 W. Charleston Blvd. Las Vegas, NV 89135. The Job Shadow Day began at 8:30 am and culminated at 1:00pm. Throughout the day, students met with their AT&T workplace volunteers to discuss skills and characteristics needed to be successful in the workforce. Students participated in mock interviews, role plays, toured the facility and participated in workplace discussions.

Pre-tests and post-tests have been administered and the results will be tabulated to determine the increase of student knowledge as a result of the program.

Junior Achievement staff is in the process of meeting with both companies and schools to schedule JA Job Shadow® programs in 2011.

Met with Tonya McKinney from Mojave High School and she and her students are confirmed to participate in Job Shadow at AT&T Call Center for JA Job Shadow on April, 12, 2011.

The administration at Rancho High School, Eldorado High School, and Canyon Springs High School have confirmed participation with the program. In the process of scheduling the actual dates with the school and business.

- Community Service Agency  
Have recruited 35 students split between two cohorts. 19 mentors have signed on. First outreach meeting to be scheduled for March 2011. Mixture of classroom activities, field trips and guest speakers. The full report is available upon request.

X. Reporting/Update.....Maite Salazar

- Nevadaworks - Absent
- *workforce*CONNECTIONS  
Ardell Galbreth reported out on YouthBuild and Junior Achievement.  
Maite Salazar asked Mr. Galbreth regarding the draw downs for Junior Achievement. Last report did not show any draw downs.
- Nevada Department of Education - Absent
- Nevada System of Higher Education – Mr. Raponi reported under Item VIII.

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

There were no public comments.

XII. \*Adjournment and Next Meeting.....Maite Salazar  
*The next meeting is to be announced.*

The next Youth Council meeting will be teleconferenced on Tuesday, April 12 at 10am.

Maite Salazar asked for a motion to adjourn meeting? Odalys Carmona motion. Leah Sherbond second. The meeting adjourned at 11:40 am.

**COUNCIL MEMBERS**

**Maite Salazar (Chair); Ken Dugan, Kenneth J. LoBene, Dennis Perea,  
Mike Raponi, Jill Marano, Eric James, and Edith Fernandez**

**Ex-Officio Members:**

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