

**AGENDA**  
**WORKFORCE CONNECTIONS EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**  
**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2023 | 2:00 PM**

**Workforce Connections**  
**Rosalie Boulware Conference Room**  
**6330 W. Charleston Blvd., Suite 150**  
**Las Vegas, Nevada 89146**

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- City of North Las Vegas, 2250 N. Las Vegas Blvd. N., North Las Vegas, NV;
- Clark County Clerk's Office, 500 S. Grand Central Pkwy., Las Vegas, NV;
- Esmeralda County Courthouse, 233 Crook St., Goldfield, NV;
- City of Henderson (City Hall), 240 Water St., Henderson, NV;
- City of Boulder City (City Hall), 401 California Ave., Boulder City, NV;
- Workforce Connections, 6330 W. Charleston Blvd., Ste. 150, Las Vegas, NV (Principal Office);
- EmployNV Career Hub, 3405 S. Maryland Pkwy., Las Vegas, NV;
- Lincoln County Courthouse, 181 Main St., Pioche, NV;
- Nye County School District, 484 S. West St., Pahrump, NV; and
- Pahrump Chamber of Commerce, 1302 S. Highway 160, Pahrump, NV.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

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Anyone interested in providing public comment may participate via the following methods:

1. E-mail [publiccomment@snywc.org](mailto:publiccomment@snywc.org) no later than 1:00 PM on November 2, 2023.
2. Appear in person at Workforce Connections, 6330 W. Charleston Blvd., Suite 150, Las Vegas, NV, 89146. Please arrive no later than 1:45 PM on November 2, 2023.

If you wish to speak on matters on or off the agenda, please step to the podium and clearly state and spell your name for the record. In consideration of others, please avoid repetition and limit your comments to no more

than three (3) minutes. As a courtesy, we would also ask those not speaking to be seated and not interrupt the speaker. Public comment that is repetitious, slanderous, offensive, and inflammatory, amounts to personal attacks, or interferes with the rights of other speakers is not allowed. Any person who acts in violation of these rules will be excused from the remainder of the meeting.

It is the intent of the Committee to give all citizens an opportunity to be heard. Welcome to our meeting.

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**NOTE: MATTERS IN THIS AGENDA MAY BE TAKEN OUT OF ORDER.**

**Committee Members:** Jerrie Merritt, Board Chair; Eric Schmacker, Board Vice-Chair; Councilwoman Olivia Diaz, Local Elected Officials Consortium Chair; Mayor Michelle Romero, Local Elected Officials Consortium Vice-Chair, Valerie Murzl, Programs Committee Chair; Hugh Anderson, Finance & Budget Committee Chair.

*All items listed on this agenda are for action by the Committee unless otherwise noted. Action may consist of any of the following: approve, deny, condition, hold, or table. Public hearings may be declared open by the Chair, as required for any of the items on this agenda designated for discussion and possible action or to provide direction and recommendations to Workforce Connections.*

**AGENDA**

1. **CALL TO ORDER**, Confirmation of posting, roll call, and Pledge of Allegiance.  
*Jerrie Merritt, Chair* .....1
  
2. **FIRST PUBLIC COMMENT SESSION:** Members of the public may now comment on any matter posted on this agenda, which is before the Committee for consideration and action today. Please clearly state and spell your name for the record. Each comment will be limited to three (3) minutes.  
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3. **DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION:** Approve the agenda with inclusions of any emergency items and deletions of any items.  
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4. **DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION:** Approve the Minutes of September 2, 2021.  
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**5. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION:** Accept staff’s recommendation to award 2023 QUEST Disaster Recovery DWG funding to existing WIOA Title I Adult and Dislocated Worker (ADW) service providers as written in the grant narratives. The grant was submitted by Nevada’s Department of Employment, Training and Rehabilitation (DETR) and approved by the US Department of Labor. Upon approval and authorization by the Local Elected Officials Consortium, the contract and budget period shall be October 1, 2023 through September 30, 2025.

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a.	Equus Workforce Solutions	2,190,000.00	3,285,000.00
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c.	Foundation for an Independent Tomorrow	230,000.00	345,000.00
d.	HOPE for Prisoners	230,000.00	345,000.00
e.	Nye Communities Coalition	160,000.00	240,000.00
f.	Lincoln County Grants Administration	50,000.00	75,000.00
	<b>Total</b>	3,175,550.00	4,763,325.00

**6. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION:** Accept staff’s recommendation to increase C2 Global Professional Services contract ceiling for Adult and Dislocated Worker funding for Program Year 2023. These amounts represent the maximum anticipated funding amounts that are dependent upon performance and actual funding availability. Upon approval and authorization by the Local Elected Officials Consortium, the contract and budget period shall remain July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024.

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a.	C2 Global Professional Services	1,800,000.00	2,700,000.00

**7. INFORMATION:** Committee member updates and identification of emerging issues to be addressed at a future meeting.

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**8. SECOND PUBLIC COMMENT SESSION:** Members of the public may now comment on any matter or topic, which is relevant to or within the authority or jurisdiction of the Committee. You may comment now even if you commented earlier, however, please do not simply repeat the same comment you previously made. Please clearly state and spell your name for the record. Each comment will be limited to three (3) minutes.

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**9. ADJOURNMENT**

**Agenda Item 2. FIRST PUBLIC COMMENT SESSION:**

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**Agenda Item 3.     DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION:**

Approve the agenda with inclusions of any emergency items and deletions of any items.

*~ Jerrie Merritt, Chair*

**Agenda Item 4.     DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION:**

Approve the Minutes of September 2, 2021.

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**MINUTES  
WORKFORCE CONNECTIONS  
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE  
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**Committee Members Present**

Jerrie Merritt, Workforce Connections (WC) Board Chair (Zoom)  
Commissioner Varlin Higbee, Local Elected Officials Consortium Chair  
Cecil Fielder, WC Board Vice-Chair  
Jack Martin, Programs Committee Chair (Zoom)  
Dan Giraldo, Finance & Budget Committee Chair

**Committee Members Absent**

None

**Staff Present**

Jaime Cruz, Executive Director  
Irene Bustamante Adams, Deputy Director & Chief Strategy Officer  
Jim Kostecki, Chief Financial Officer  
Dr. Ricardo Villalobos, Chief Programs Officer  
Brett Miller, Strategic Analysis Manager  
Dianne Tracy, Administrative Assistant  
Chris Shaw, IT Analyst  
Tom Dang, IT Analyst

**Others Present**

Teddy Parker, Parker Nelson Associates/Legal Counsel for WC  
Joe Sharpe, Equus Workforce Solutions/One-Stop Career Center  
Launa Chouquer, Lincoln County Workforce  
Leslie Mujica, Las Vegas Power Professionals

It should be noted that all attendees may not be listed above.

**1) CALL TO ORDER, confirmation of posting, roll call, Pledge of Allegiance.**

The meeting was called to order by Chair Commissioner Varlin Higbee at 2:00 p.m. Staff confirmed the meeting had been properly noticed and posted in accordance with the Nevada Open Meeting Law. Roll call was taken, and a quorum was present. The gavel was passed to Commissioner Varlin Higbee.

2) **FIRST PUBLIC COMMENT SESSION:**

Joe Sharpe, project director of Equus Workforce Solutions, provided an update on the success and the impact of the OSCC’s joint Employ NV Business Hub teams are having with the employer partners, including a large hiring event at the convention center, in partnership with DETR, that offered thousands of employment opportunities and resulted in hundreds of direct job placements. Additionally, the OSCC had its first employer residency with MGM properties for two weeks generating direct employment offers to over 100 job seekers for a variety of positions with a starting wage of \$18.00 per hour.

3) **DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION: Approve the agenda with inclusions of any emergency items and deletion of any items.**

Jaime Cruz, Executive Director, confirmed there are no changes to the agenda.

*A motion was made by Dan Giraldo and seconded by Cecil Fielder to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried.*

4) **DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION: Approve the Executive Committee minutes of April 23, 2020.**

The minutes are provided on pages 7-12 of the agenda packet.

*A motion was made by Cecil Fielder and seconded by Dan Giraldo to approve the Executive Committee minutes of April 23, 2020 as presented. Motion carried.*

5) **DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION: Accept staff’s recommendation to increase the contract ceilings for National Dislocated Worker Grant (DWG) Disaster Recover and Employment Recovery funding to existing WIOA Title I Adult and Dislocated Worker (ADW) service providers as written in the grant narratives. Both grants were submitted by Nevada’s Department of Employment, Training, and Rehabilitation (DETR) and approved by the U.S. Department of Labor. There is no additional funding. The increased ceilings are needed to ensure that all current funds are expended before the grant expires. The contract and budget period shall remain July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2022.**

	Service Provider	Current Contract Ceiling	Proposed Contract Ceiling
a.	Equus Workforce Solutions	\$7,103,400.00	\$9,234,420.00
b.	Foundation for an Independent Tomorrow	\$1,565,000.00	\$2,034,500.00
c.	HOPE for Prisoners, Inc.	\$700,000.00	\$910,000.00
d.	Lincoln County Grants Administration	\$37,000.00	\$48,100.00
e.	Nye Communities Coalition	\$325,600.00	\$423,280.00

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6) **INFORMATION: Committee member updates and identification of emerging issues to be addressed at a future meeting.**

Jack Martin, Director, Department of Juvenile Justices Services (DJJS) – DJJS and WC have discussed different perspectives for administering youth contracts moving forward. DJJS has seen a lot of collaboration at the Harbor sites, which are the five juvenile assessment centers that serve children with needs, such as mental health issues, that are outside of what their families, schools, and support networks can do. Most of these youth upon entering the workforce, have requirements for other services that are outside of Title I and Title II funded programs. These youth need these other services wrapped around them. DJJS has offered free space to WC at three of the Harbor locations, Henderson, Flamingo, and North Las Vegas. The benefit is to increase traffic at the Harbors and provide wraparound services for the families.

Jaime Cruz, Executive Director, stated that this falls in line with the strategy to find better ways to leverage the resources. Some participants need more resources than WIOA Title I services that the Harbor can provide, such as food, shelter, mental health services, etc. Other entities have asked to partner with WC and offered free space to provide services, including the chambers of commerce and the municipalities. When all are totaled the deferred infrastructure cost amounts to over \$700,000, and many more job seekers and small businesses are served. WC will request three existing service providers that serve the north, south, and central parts of the valley to provide staff at the three Harbor locations Mr. Martin mentioned. WC is excited about this new partnership.

Commissioner Varlin Higbee, Lincoln County, gave kudos to Mr. Martin and WC for thinking outside the box and coming up with this great idea.

Mr. Cruz shared that over the past few weeks,

7) **SECOND PUBLIC COMMENT SESSION:**

None.

8) **Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 2:29 p.m.

**Agenda Item 5. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION:**

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