ARIZONA STATE SENATE

56TH LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION

MINUTES OF COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE

DATE: January 18, 2023 **TIME:** 9:00 A.M. **ROOM:** SHR 1

CHAIRMAN: Senator Steve Kaiser **VICE-CHAIRMAN:** Senator Frank Carroll

ANALYST: Jason Theodorou

ATTENDANCE

BILLS

Committee Members	Pr	Ab	Ex	Bill Number	Disposition
Senator Hatathlie	X				
Senator Hernandez	X				
Senator Kern	X				
Senator Mesnard			X		
Senator Miranda	X				
Senator Carroll, Vice-Chairman			X		
Senator Kaiser, Chairman	X				

PRESENTATIONS

- The West Valley's Economic Outlook- Sintra Hoffman, President & CEO, WESTMARC
- The State of East Valley Business – Eric Emmert, East Valley Chambers of Commerce Alliance, Dorn Policy Group
- Investing in Arizona's Future: Community College Workforce Initiatives – Dr. Chato Hazelbaker, President, Northland Pioneer College and Darcy Renfro, Vice Chancellor of Community, Government Relations & Economic Development, Maricopa County Community College District
- EVIT- Changing Lives - Dr. Chad Wilson, Superintendent, East Valley Institute of Technology
- How Arizona Business Taxes Compare Nationally - Kevin McCarthy, President, Arizona Tax Research Association

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https://www.azleg.gov/videoplayer/?clientID=6361162879&eventID=2023011079

Chairman Kaiser called the meeting to order at 9:09 a.m. and attendance was taken.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Senator Kaiser stated that without objection, the Commerce committee minutes of January 11, 2023 stand approved.

PRESENTATIONS

The West Valley's Economic Outlook - Sintra Hoffman, President & CEO, WESTMARC

Sintra Hoffman, President & CEO, WESTMARC, distributed and explained a PowerPoint presentation entitled "WESTMARC, 15 Communities…One Voice" (Attachment A) and answered questions posed by the Committee.

The State of East Valley Business – Eric Emmert, East Valley Chambers of Commerce Alliance, Dorn Policy Group

Tom Dorn, East Valley Chambers of Commerce Alliance, Dorn Policy Group, distributed and explained a PowerPoint presentation entitled "State of East Valley Businesses, EVCCA, East Valley Chambers of Commerce Alliance" (Attachment B) and answered questions posed by the Committee.

Investing in Arizona's Future: Community College Workforce Initiatives – Dr. Chato Hazelbaker, President, Northland Pioneer College and Darcy Renfro, Vice Chancellor of Community, Government Relations & Economic Development, Maricopa County Community College District

Dr. Chato Hazelbaker, President, Northland Pioneer College, distributed and explained a PowerPoint presentation entitled "Arizona's Community Colleges" (Attachment C) and answered questions posed by the Committee.

Darcy Renfro, Vice Chancellor of Community Government Relations & Economic Development, Maricopa County Community College District, distributed and explained a PowerPoint presentation entitled "Industry Collaboration for Quick Start Workforce Development" (Attachment D) and answered questions posed by the Committee.

EVIT- Changing Lives - Dr. Chad Wilson, Superintendent, East Valley Institute of Technology

Dr. Chad Wilson, Superintendent, East Valley Institute of Technology, gave an overview of the opportunities that are offered at the East Valley Institute of Technology (EVIT), current education in Arizona and answered questions posed by the Committee.

How Arizona Business Taxes Compare Nationally - Kevin McCarthy, President, Arizona Tax Research Association

Kevin McCarthy, President, Arizona Tax Research Association, distributed and explained a PowerPoint presentation entitled "Senate Commerce, How Arizona Business Taxes Compare Nationally" (Attachment E) and answered questions posed by the Committee.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:07 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Tracey Gardner
Committee Secretary

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