



**NOTICE OF MEETING
REGIONAL COLLEGE ACCESS CENTER NETWORK
SUBCOMMITTEE OF THE METROPOLITAN EDUCATION COMMISSION**

MEETING MINUTES

Pursuant to A.R.S. 38.431.02, notice is hereby given to the members of the Regional College Access Center Advisory Group Subcommittee of the Metropolitan Education Commission and to the general public that The Regional College Access Center Subcommittee of the Metropolitan Education Commission will hold a meeting open to the public on **Thursday, March 24, 2022 at 8:30-10:30 AM MST, Via Zoom Virtual Meeting Platform**. Agendas will be available to the public at the Metropolitan Education Commission, 1080 S. 10th Avenue, Tucson, Arizona, 85701.

Dated this March 24, 2022

Ricky Hernández, Executive Board Chair
Dr. Daisy Rodriguez Pitel, Interim Executive Director
Chelsea Forer, RCAC Program Coordinator
Alexa Kingman, MEC Program Assistant
Metropolitan Education Commission

Zoom Link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82039162018?pwd=dDlPUXNoMTZjelpHN25ZWlZrK2lGUT09>

Meeting ID: 820 3916 2018

Passcode: 290879

1.0 Call to Order and Welcome Chelsea Forer
Meeting Topic: Pathways After High School
Meeting called to order at 8:35 am

2.0 Pledge of Allegiance and Land Acknowledgment Alexa Kingman and Chelsea Forer

On behalf of the Metropolitan Education Commission, we honor the tribal nations who have served as caretakers of this land from time immemorial and respectfully acknowledge the ancestral homelands of the Tohono O'odham Nation and the multi-millennial presence of the Pascua Yaqui Tribe within Pima County. Consistent with Pima County's commitment to diversity and inclusion, we strive toward building equal-partner relationships with Arizona's tribal nations.

3.0 Roll Call (from Google survey link) Chelsea Forer

1. Chelsea Forer, RCAC Program Coordinator
2. Alexa Kingman, MEC Program Assistant
3. Abby Pool
4. Abby Tudor
5. Amy Fregonese

6. Amy Tellez
7. Antonio Silva-Garcia
8. Athena Sandoval-Martinez
9. Belinda Stevens
10. Carmen Hernandez
11. Casey Richardson
12. Cathy Meyer
13. David Goldberg
14. Edward Nossem
15. Emily Alonso
16. Jeffery Proctor
17. John Farrell
18. John Kramowski
19. Juanita Bonillas
20. Julia Eischeid
21. Julio Espinoza
22. Karina Dominguez
23. Karla Cruze-Silva
24. Karla Gonzalez
25. Kenneth M Welch
26. Lydia Arnada
27. Manny Carrillo
28. Meghan McKenney
29. Melissa A Gollihar
30. Nadia Rodriguez
31. Nicole Dobias
32. Rebecca Carrier
33. Ryan Sermon
34. Sean Haynes
35. Tammy Hille
36. Tanisha Tatum
37. Tara McCall
38. Tony
39. Xvania Esquivel

4.0 Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

Chelsea Forer

September 30, 2021

Move to approve by John Farrell

Seconded by Tammy Hille

Motion passes unanimously 8:40 am

December 2, 2021

Motion to approve by Lydia Aranda

Seconded by Abby Tudor

Motion passes unanimously 8:41 am

3-5 Minute Reflective Writing

- 1) What are “traditional” pathways after high school and how are these similar and/or different for today’s graduating youth?
- 2) What is 1 or 2 of the greatest challenges facing youth today in achieving their desired post-high school pathway?
- 3) What is one pathway you would like to learn more about? Who is a potential network connection you could make to strengthen your knowledge of this post-high school pathway?

5.0 Community Presentations

Scholarship A-Z

- www.scholarshipsaz.org
- Karina Dominguez: karinadominguez@scholarshipsaz.org
- Our Mission: Undocumented Youth Empowerment Initiative (UYEI)
 - Who can join? Students in AZ, undocumented community college students, HS graduates, and university students
 - Why join? Access to resources and opportunities available to undocumented students
 - Orientation is March 31st from 6-7:30 pm but students can still join after
- https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdKXWBgwQR5kbUAnOx5JOuQzRZdfbxDLPu_c3FISmSPw8XJXw/viewform

Workforce Ready

- www.workforceready.org
- Emily Alonso: emily@impact-allies.com
- Professional development courses
- Free to access
- Referral Partner: Metropolitan Education Commission
- Three career readiness certificate programs
- Lesson plans available to work with students in a classroom or club setting

HED Institutional Deadline Announcements

UA, ASU, NAU, GCU, PCC, etc.

- Sunnyside FAFSA Event at District Office on Saturday from 10am-1pm
 - Giveaways for students who come and fill out the FAFSA
- Freedom Education Fund for Prescott College
 - Full tuition for Prescott College
 - April 8th deadline
- Triuniversity Events
 - April 4-7 for 9th-11th graders
 - April 11-14th for transfer students
 - <https://visit.asu.edu/tri-university/high-school-student-programming>
- Pima CC FAFSA Workshops
 - Open to ALL students
 - April 1st 4-6pm at Northwest Campus

- May 6th 10am-12pm
- <https://pima.edu/paying-for-college/financial-aid/events.html>
- Pima Merit and Excellence Awards
 - Applications open till June 30th
- GCU
 - 2.8 admissions GPA requirement extended
 - Final priority registration scholarship award deadline April 15th
 - Accelerated nursing program (16 months) in Tucson now open - open to HS students and adults
 - Does require prerequisite courses
- UA
 - <https://financialaid.arizona.edu/other-resources/events>

Breakout Rooms - Please share with your fellow breakout room members your responses to the reflection questions answered above. Summarize your group's responses on the [RCAC Network Meeting Group Brainstorm document](#).

Break

- 6.0 MEC Updates Alexa Kingman
- College and Career Readiness Workshops on Zoom
 - Interviewing, resumes, cover letters, etc.
 - Calendar to be sent out to mailing list
 - YAC Meeting April 6th at 5pm at the Santa Rosa Center
 - Applications are being reviewed for our next permanent executive director position, interviews occurring this week and next week
 - Two college interns have been hired - Hannah Lansa and Kyle Hetherington who will be working with us until June
- 7.0 RCAC Updates Chelsea Forer
- Currently recruiting Peer Coaches for next school year
 - New HS added to peer coach program - Sahuaro HS
 - Chelsea available for meetings and appointments on Zoom and in person at the MEC office
 - https://calendly.com/rcac_mec/rcac-college-consultation?month=2022-03
- 8.0 Roundtable All
- Pima CC
 - Masks are now recommended but optional starting on Monday
 - Table set up at soccer games
 - UA
 - FAFSA Workshops
 - <https://financialaid.arizona.edu/other-resources/events>
 - Your Best Financial Future for students and parents
 - 2 part series - 1st series has already occurred but recording is on the website

- Scholarship Universe Portal
 - Admitted Students Day <https://goingto.arizona.edu/>
 - University of Arizona Open Houses: March 31st and April 19th 5:30-7:30
- Pima JTED enrollment emails were sent out on 3/21 to the person the student listed as parent/guardian 1 on the pre-enrollment form. Be sure they check their inbox/spam folder as our emails will go to spam. Students can still pre-enroll for JTED programs. JTED will offer free summer experiences for students, information will be sent out as soon as it is available.
 - Parent Information Night for Incoming Freshman, March 30th, 5:30 at Desert View HS if you would like to be involved contact carmenh@susd12.org

Networking Breakout Rooms - Please self-select which networking breakout room you would like to attend.

9.0 Adjournment

Chelsea Forer

Move to adjourn by John Farrell

Seconded by Karla Gonzalez

Meeting adjourned at 10:02 am

Persons with a disability may request reasonable accommodations, such as a sign language interpreter, by contacting the MEC office at 520-670-0055. Requests should be made as early as possible to allow time to arrange accommodation.