



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

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 **Tuesday, December 6, 2022 at 8-9:30AM, 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 12/6/22

Daniela Figueroa, Executive Board Chair
Dr. Daisy Rodriguez Pitel, Interim Executive Director
Chelsea Forer, RCAC Program Coordinator
Kyle Hetherington, MEC Program Assistant
Metropolitan Education Commission

Zoom Link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82039162018?pwd=dDlPUXNoMTZjelpHN25ZWtZrK2lGUT09>

Meeting ID: 820 3916 2018

Passcode: 290879

Per-Meeting Tasks

- Captions Enabled
- Program Assistant Made Zoom Co-Host
- Participants asked to add organization to Zoom Name
- Attendance sheet added to chat

1.0 Call to Order and Welcome Chelsea Forer
Meeting called to order at 8:08 a.m.

2.0 Pledge of Allegiance and Land Acknowledgment 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. Belinda Stevens
2. Randy Virden

3. Anthony Boehm
4. Robyn Pratt



5. Haydee Kukowski
6. Tommie Clardy III
7. Tanisha Tatum
8. Gayle Morrison
9. John Farrell
10. Cathy Meyer
11. Karla Gonzalez
12. Tara McCall
13. Amy Fregonese
14. Robert Breault
15. Natalia Gabrielsen
16. Ryan Sermon
17. Christe LePeau
18. Joi Stirrup
19. Antonio Garcia
20. Michael Wang
21. Rudy McCormick
22. John Kramkowski
23. Rebecca Carrier
24. Cynthia Ruich
25. Dan Kellish
26. Leila Duncan
27. NJ Utter
28. Stacy Flores
29. Alisa Aguilar
30. Bryan Pisetsky
31. Frida Cota
32. Maria Hart-Salinas
33. Ed Nossem

4.0 Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

Chelsea Forer

September 6, 2022

Motion: John Farrell

Second: Joi Stirrup

5.0 Presentations (8:15-9:15AM)

- EDU Relevant Midterm Elections Updates, Dustin Williams
 - 30 senators, 60 House of Representatives (dictate what goes on in Arizona)
 - Republican held majority in legislature, Democratic Governor
 - Probably going to see an increase in want for SROs, rather than counselors
 - A.E.L. (aggregate expenditure limit)
 - azleg.gov - Arizona Legislature website
- KEYS Research Internship, Robyn Pratt
 - “Keep Engaging Youth in Science”
 - June 5th - July 21
 - Earn three units of cellular biology from the University of Arizona
 - No cost for the program. However, external costs (transportation, catcard, etc)
 - Training week (biotechnology, data science, science literacy)
 - Social Events
 - Online application: open right now, closes January 17th. Must be 16 at the start date (june 5th), U.S. citizen, no GPA requirement, no prior research experience, 4 short answer questions, student/parent agreement, Unofficial transcript
 - Keys.arizona.edu
- Community Foundation of Southern Arizona Scholarship Application, Natalia Gabrielsen (8:45-9AM)
 - Scholarships open January 9th 2023 and closes February 24th 2023
 - Application: Current Transcript, Student Aid Report, Estimated Cost of Attendance, Letter of Recommendation (for first time users), proof of eligibility (for corporate scholarships)
 - <https://cfsaz.org/what/scholarships/>
 - Need to create an account to complete and submit an application



- Offer volunteering opportunities (<https://cfsaz.org/volunteer/>)
- General scholarship: Open to all graduates of Southern Arizona high schools
 - must meet a minimum GPA requirement of 2.5, \$2000 for first year, \$2500 second year, \$4000 for years 3 and 4, current college students can apply
- Corporate Scholarship
 - Splendido Resident Association, Skyline Country Club, Pizza Hut of Aruzona, Betty Smedley Memorial Scholarship
 - For employees or children of employees
- Criteria Specific (each scholarships has own set of criteria and award amount)
 - Marge Christensen Gould Memorial Scholarship
 - Sandra Weber Memorial Scholarship (students pursuing music)
 - Boilar-Harkin Scholarship (students going to community college)

HED Institution Announcements

- UA
 - Dan Kellish: Scholarship and FAFSA application time
- CUofT
 - Anthony Boehm: Added student success coordinator to their staff (charles aragon), still accepting transfer students for the spring, accepting applications for the 2023 Fall Semester

6.0 MEC Updates Kyle Hetherington

- Upcoming Events
 - Crystal Apple Awards, May 5, 2023
 - Teen Town Hall, TBA
 - Keys to Employment, TBA

7.0 RCAC Updates Chelsea Forer

- [Annual Student Applications List](#)
- [Trusted Scholarships List](#)

8.0 Roundtable All

- Ed Nossem Pima County One stop
Outreach and stressing the importance of obtaining GED

9.0 Adjournment Chelsea Forer

Motion: Hannah Lansa
Second: Kyle Hetherington

Persons with a disability may request a reasonable accommodation, 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.