



**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, February 7, 2023 at 8-9:30AM 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 February 7, 2023

Daniella 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=dDIPUXNoMTZjelpHN25ZWWTzRk2IGUT09>

Meeting ID: 820 3916 2018

Passcode: 290879

1.0 Call to Order and Welcome Chelsea Forer
Meeting called to order 8:05AM MST

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

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| 1. Karla Gonzalez | 13. John Parham |
| 2. John Farrell | 14. Graciela Nobles |
| 3. Dan Kellish | 15. Xvania Esquivel |
| 4. Maria Hart-Salinas | 16. Haydee Kukowski |
| 5. Julia Eischeid | 17. Rudy McCormick |
| 6. James Palacios | 18. Antonio Silva-Garcia |
| 7. Ryan Sermon | 19. Manny Carrillo |
| 8. Chula Robertson | 20. Amy Fregonese |
| 9. Kyle Hetherington | 21. Kirk Perrini |
| 10. Cathy Meyer | 22. John Kramkowski |
| 11. Tanisha Tatum | 23. Mark Hanna |
| 12. Frida Cota | |

4.0 Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes Chelsea Forer

December 6, 2022



Motion: John Farrell
Second: Karla Gonzalez

5.0 Presentations

- Summer Youth Employment Program, Pima County One Stop Employment Center
 - Maria Suarez, Summer Youth Program Coordinator
 - maria.suarez@pima.gov
 - 520.724.9641
 - Register at summeryouth.pima.gov by March 24, 2023
 - Unavailable for undocumented youth
- Summer Youth Employment and Resource Fair on March 11, 2023
- Marge Christensen Gould Memorial Scholarship
 - Mark Hanna
 - Students from select high schools are eligible to apply: Catalina High School, Desert View High School, Sunnyside High School, Star Academic High School, Project More High School, and TAP High School
 - Download the application at <https://www.margegouldscholarship.org/> or <https://cfsaz.org/scholarships/marge-christensen-gould-scholarship/>
 - Deadline for returning the application and all supporting materials is **Friday, Feb. 17 @ 5pm** (instructions on the website and on the application)

HED Institution Announcements

- UA
 - All decision making requirements are available through nextsteps.arizona.edu
 - Delays in offer letters; Pell Eligible students are just receiving letters this week (2.7.23)
 - Arizona Promise campaign received additional funds, increasing the number of students who received additional financial aid based on Pell Grant eligibility
 - Honors College deadline 2.15.23
 - Next Steps Center: <https://nextsteps.arizona.edu/nextsteps>
 - Undergraduate Grants: <https://financialaid.arizona.edu/types-of-aid/undergraduate-grants>
 - W.A. Franke Honors College: <https://frankehonors.arizona.edu/>
- PCC
 - Financial Aid
 - [Scholarships](#) due: 6.30.23
 - Prop 308 eligible students have access to these scholarships
 - Various FAFSA events throughout Spring 2023
 - Contact Karla González-Quezada (kgonzalez31@pima.edu)
 - Tucson Festival of Books
 - Looking for published authors to speak
 - Contact John Farrell (jfarrell@pima.edu) with any questions
 - Dual Enrollment in Pima Community College
 - Contact James Palacios (jpalacios3@pima.edu)

6.0 MEC Updates

Chelsea Forer

- Welcome new College Intern Aydan Berrelelez
- All MEC programming is back and in-person!
- Kyle's last day with MEC is 2.14.23

7.0 RCAC Updates

Chelsea Forer

- 2023-24 Peer Coach Program is looking to take on 1-2 new schools; contact Chelsea if you are interested
- Upcoming events:
 - Teen Town Hall 2/9/23 Santa Rosa Center 8:30-2PM (lunch provided)



- 2023 [SA-Z Educators Conference](#) Saturday 4/1/23
- Keys to Employment Career Fair Tuesday 4/4/23 8-12PM at Pima Downtown
 - [Key to Employment School Registration](#)
 - [Keys to Employment Exhibitor Registration](#)
- Q4 Network Meeting Rescheduling: 4.4.23 -> ???

8.0 Roundtable

All

- Scholarships A-Z
 - Prop 308 Info Session - February 16 from 6-7:30PM
 - [Prop 308 Info Session Registration](#)
 - Undocumented Youth Empowerment Initiative application open on a rolling basis
 - Available to all students in Arizona
 - [UYEI Application Form](#)
- Pima JTED
 - 2023-2024 JTED enrollment has opened through August
 - [pima.jted.org](#)
 - Notifications start 4.3.23
 - Some applications require transcripts and graduation notifications
- Suggestions about the Network Meeting design and purpose brainstorm
 - Engage business representatives in meetings

9.0 Adjournment

Chelsea Forer

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Second: Frida Cota

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.