



## **Notice of the Meeting Minutes of the Youth Advisory Council**

Pursuant to A.R.S. 38.431.02, this notice is hereby given to the members of the Metropolitan Education Commission and to the public that the Metropolitan Education Commission will hold a virtual meeting.

**February 17, 2024 2-3PM via Zoom**

**<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83839571147?pwd=STJ1OHBYWVRyWjlEaVcraC9xNWNnQT09>**

Agendas will be available to the public at the Metropolitan Education Commission website at [metedu.org](http://metedu.org) and at the office 1080 S. 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Tucson, Arizona.

**Dated this 17 day of FEBRUARY 2024**

1.0 Call to Order Emilia Kim

Meeting was called to order at 2:06PM.

2.0 Roll Call Nina

Quorum was met. Participants include Anthony Akator Jr., Emilia Kim, Diya Bhattacharya, Tanish Doshi, Nishita Karikatti, and Nihar Goulapally. Jude, Allison and Christopher were excused.

3.0 Teen Town Hall Debrief Emilia

- Improvements
  - Not all facilitators understood the instructions in the same way. In some circles, the facilitators were providing their opinion in the circle. If youth want to include their opinions in the Teen Town Hall reports, they need to excuse themselves from facilitating.
  - Selecting topics during the event was a bit confusing. Communication could be improved on this front. YAC members and facilitators arriving early for a quick check in and YAC members staying behind at the end to clean up will decrease this confusion.



- Put topic descriptions outside during the topic select or share with participants before the event so they are aware of what the options are.
- Increase engagement during the adult and youth panels.
  - We could combine the two panels to reduce the total time for the panels or shorten them both. This extra time could be used for the resource fair or another event.
  - If YAC members sit throughout the crowd, this may increase general participation.
  - Dr. Allen was very engaging - how do we get all speakers to be engaged on that level? She asked the crowd to be engaged by raising their hands. This grounds the responses in action rather than theoretical thinking.
- Final recap was quick. We should add more time for this.
- Poster summarization during lunch worked really well.
- Media release forms need to be completed during sign-up, before the event.

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| 4.0 | Training Feedback   | All    |
|     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● The training did not take place because people were unavailable. We need to reschedule.</li><li>● Options<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ 2:30-4PM 3/3/24</li><li>○ 2:30-4PM 5/19/24</li></ul></li></ul> |        |
| 5.0 | Social Event  | Emilia |
|     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● BOOK 3/8/24</li></ul>   |        |
| 6.0 | YAC Recruitment Efforts   | Emilia |
|     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Increase recruitment efforts leading up to social event and CED. Spread fliers in the community.</li><li>● Priority is diversity in all ways to increase Tucson's representation in YAC.</li></ul>              |        |



- Tucson Festival of Books - let's recruit their next year.
- 7.0 Merchandise & Logo Updates Chelsea
- Nihar will work on some mock ups for the 3/3 general meeting.
- 8.0 Christopher's Resignation Chelsea
- Will be filled by YAC member, through the end of term (July 2024). In August, another round of elections will be held.
- 9.0 Vice President Elections Emilia
- During the general meeting 3/3/24. Chelsea will send out details in slack.
- 10.0 Civic Engagement Day Chelsea
- CED Date: Thursday, 4/18/24
    - **BOOK BUS**
  - CED Committee: Nishita, Nihar, Diya, Tanish, Anthony, Emilia
    - (3/4/24) Outreach to schedule meetings:
  - CED training: 4/4/24 5-6:30PM, **LOCATION TBD**
    - During CED training, talk about civic engagement process in AZ.
- 11.0 Announcements All
- Update on Yellow Ribbon campaign?
- 12.0 Closing Emilia Kim
- Meeting closed at 2:50PM.

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