



Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Pursuant to A.R.S. 38.431.02, notice was given on September 25, 2024, to the officers of the Metropolitan Education Commission and to the public, that **the Metropolitan Education Commission Board of Directors would hold a Zoom meeting on Tuesday, Oct. 1, 2024, convening at 4:30 p.m.**

1. Call to Order

Mark Hanna

Present are Commissioners Mark Hanna and Jake Blumenthal, alongside Commissioner and Executive Director Rocque Perez. Meeting called to order by Commissioner and Chair Mark Hanna at 4:36PM.

2. Program Update

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- 2.1. Peer Coaches
 - 2.1.1. Earlier this month, the Pima College Access Network took 52 students and counselors from across Pima County — including our Peer Coaches — up to the annual FAFSA and College Readiness Symposium. There we gathered to learn and strategize our support for students as they navigate FAFSA and the college-going process this academic year. While there, our Peer Coaches toured Arizona State University, visited a classroom, and met other Peer Coaches under the Arizona Board of Regents program in neighboring schools.
 - 2.1.2. This occasion was a partnership with ABOR and the Arizona College Access Network, with whom we will partner with on a regional convening and debut of the Pima College Access Network on November 1, 2024, via an afternoon happy hour with speakers, information, and networking.
 - 2.1.3. Teen Town Hall
 - 2.1.3.1. The 30th Teen Town Hall will occur on November 13, 2024 at the Pima County Historical Courthouse. The occasion will welcome schools, community resources and representatives, and colleges and universities. Registration for colleges, community resources, and schools is now live.
 - 2.1.3.2. For opening remarks we will have video sentiments from Governor Hobbs, Congressman Ciscomani, while during the elected official panel we will welcome Pima County Supervisor Adelita Grijalva, Recorder Gabriella Cazarez-Kelly, Mayor of Sahuarita Tom Murphy, Vice Mayor of Tucson Kevin Dahl, and Arizona State Representative Nancy Gutierrez.
 - 2.1.3.3. Vantage West is committed as our Presenting Sponsor for this program.
- 2.2. Youth Civic Fellowship
 - 2.2.1. Two sessions have been scheduled, welcoming former members of the

Youth Advisory Council to learn about the direction of our programs and the ways in which the now fellows can get involved. There will be a limitation in the total number of fellows admitted due to limited funds for benefits, including education awards granted upon successful completion of service hours.

- 2.2.2. Vantage West is committed as our Presenting Sponsor for this program.
- 2.3. Monthly Educator Recognitions
 - 2.3.1. As a part of our announcement to schools, administrators and community officials regarding the debut of the Pima College Access Network, the opportunity to nominate educators for monthly awards will be included.

3. 2024/2025 Budget

- 3.1. Review of Federal Work Study arrangement and positions
 - 3.1.1. In our prior agreement with the University of Arizona regarding Federal Work Study, we were to receive 1 student hire, in which we front the costs and receive a monthly 50% reimbursement for wages. The University has since notified me of the opportunity to bring on up to 3 of these positions, in which we continue to front the costs and instead receive a 100% reimbursement for wages.
 - 3.1.2. This will include the previously discussed College Access Coordinator, however, would like to begin the process of onboarding an additional two in November, with one being a partnership with Tucson Young Professionals as a split program assistant to support the mentorship program and other event needs as assigned.
- 3.2. Review and consider amendment to budget previously approved 8.12.2024
 - 3.2.1. Vantage West's financial commitment alongside the University of Arizona's change to our Federal Work Study contract affords us the opportunity to amend our budget. Additionally, our current budget is not inclusive of in-kind contributions and was lacking in a structure comparable to standard accounting practices.
 - 3.2.2. Motion to approve amended budget by Mark Hanna and seconded by Jake Blumenthal, all voted in favor.

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4. Membership

- 4.1. Current and vacant seats
 - 4.1.1. 11 current commissioners, 9 pending onboarding by Pima County Clerk's Office, and 8 vacancies.

5. Approval of 8.12.24 Executive Board Meeting Minutes.pdf the Executive Board.

- 5.1. Motion to approve minutes by Commissioner Mark Hanna and seconded by Jake Blumenthal, all voted in favor.

Mark Hanna

6. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Commissioner Mark Hanna and seconded Jake Blumenthal, all voted in favor.

Mark Hanna

Pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.02, notice is hereby given that a meeting will be conducted at the time and date set forth above, and on any subsequent date or dates to which this meeting or any hearing which is a party thereof may be continued. Questions, requests for reasonable accommodations or a copy of the agency can be directed to Rocque Perez, Executive Director for the Metropolitan Education Commission, by calling (520) 462-3806 or rocque@mectucson.org.