



Office of the City Clerk
BOARDS, COMMITTEES & COMMISSIONS

METROPOLITAN EDUCATION COMMISSION (MEC)

(Non-Profit Corporation)

CREATED BY:

Resolution No. 15453, October 1, 1990
Resolution No. 16071, August 3, 1992
Resolution No. 16446, October 25, 1993
Resolution No. 20041, April 5, 2005
Resolution No. 20305, March 21, 2006
Ordinance 11599, December 4, 2018
Resolution No. 23447, February 22, 2022
* Resolution No. 23831, October 8, 2024

***MEMBERS:**

The Pima County Superintendent of Schools and the Executive Director of the Commission shall serve as ex-officio, non-voting members of the Commission. Representatives shall be appointed from each of the following for a total of 29:

- Three (3) members appointed by each of the following;
 - The Mayor and Council of the City of Tucson who meet the following qualifications:
 - One (1) appointee shall be a member of the City of Tucson Mayor and Council.
 - One (1) appointee shall be a member from the City of Tucson Housing and Community Development Department or Parks and Recreation Department.
 - one (1) appointee shall be a member from the City of Tucson Office of Economic Initiatives.
 - The Chairman, Pima County Board of Supervisors who meet the following qualifications:
 - One (1) appointee shall be a member of the Pima County Board of Supervisors.
 - One (1) appointee shall be a representative from the Pima County Health Department or Community and Workforce Development Department.
 - One (1) appointee shall be a member from the Pima County Economic Development Department.

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- Three (3) members appointed by the Pima County Superintendent of Schools who meet the following qualifications:
 - One (1) appointee shall be a member who is an educator for children ages 5-10.
 - One (1) appointee shall be a member who is an educator for children ages 11-13.
 - One (1) appointee shall be a member who is an educator for youth ages 14-18.

- Fourteen (14) members appointed by the Commission's Board of Directors who meet the following qualifications:
 - Two (2) appointees shall be members who are enrolled learners between the ages of 16-21 upon appointment.
 - One (1) appointee shall be a member who is a principal of a school.
 - One (1) appointee shall be a member who is a superintendent of a public school district.
 - One (1) appointee shall be a member who is an employed affiliate of the Joint Technical Education District (JTED).
 - Three (3) appointees shall be members from local agencies serving young people and children.
 - Six (6) appointees shall be at-large members; with one (1) appointee being representative of historically marginalized/excluded communities, one (1) appointee being representative of the religious community, and one (1) appointee being representative of a state-wide educational agency.

- Four (4) members who are, or are appointed by Presidents of regional institutions:
 - One (1) appointee shall be a member from Pima Community College.
 - One (1) appointee shall be a member from The University of Arizona.
 - One (1) appointee shall be a member from Arizona State University (ASU).
 - One (1) appointee shall be a member from Northern Arizona University (NAU).

QUORUM:

*A majority of the members of the greater Commission shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business, consistent with A.R.S. § 1-216. The number of members necessary to constitute a quorum at a duly held meeting of the Board of Directors shall be defined by its adopted rules and regulations, as long as they comply with A.R.S. § 10-3824.

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QUALIFICATIONS:

*Members, apart from the representatives from ASU, NAU, and one at-large member representative of a state-wide agency, must be residents of Pima County and should possess a continuing knowledge of educational issues, concerns, and endeavors. Representation on the MEC shall, in every way possible, represent different segments of the community, including age, gender, and ethnic groups.

TERMS OF OFFICE:

*The term of MEC membership, apart from the standing appointments of the Executive Director and Superintendent of Schools, is two years. A member may be reappointed, subject to an eight-year continuous service limitation.

APPLICABILITY OF TUCSON CODE CHAPTER 10A, ARTICLE XIII:

All provisions of TCC Chapter 10A, Article XIII are applicable. T.C. § 10A-134(c) Appointees, except for advisory members and members of the technical code committees named herein, may not serve on more than two (2) bodies at a time.

FUNCTIONS:

- Identify issues of economic, political, and social importance to education.
- Coordinate the work of the many agencies that support education.
- Articulate ideas, programs, and innovative practices in ways that increase access to the very best concepts and programs.
- Advocate for sound and wise educational policies, practices, and legislation, as well as commitments necessary to raise the government to the highest possible levels of interest in, and support for, education.

OPEN PUBLIC MEETING LAW REQUIREMENTS:

This public body is subject to all the provisions of the law. Minutes of meetings are to be maintained by staff of the Commission.

SUPPORTING DEPARTMENT:

Non - City staff.

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October 18, 2024

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Historical Notes:

Original: On October 1, 1990 - Mayor and Council adopted Resolution #15453, which established in concert with Pima County, the Metropolitan Education Commission. The Commission initially consisted of thirty-one (31) members, 29 voting members and 2 ex-officio non-voting members.

March 18, 1991 - Metropolitan Education Commission was granted non-profit corporation status by the State of Arizona Corporation Commission.

August 3, 1992 - Mayor and Council adopted Resolution #16071, which amended Resolution #15453, to increase the composition of the Metropolitan Education commission to thirty-two (32) members by including one (1) representative of the various Tucson education enrichment foundations.

October 25, 1993 - Mayor and Council adopted Resolution #16446, which amended Resolution #15453, to increase the composition of the Metropolitan Education Commission to thirty-four (34) members by including two (2) representatives of the Youth Advisory Council.

April 5, 2005 – Mayor and Council adopted Resolution #20041, which amended the membership of the Commission to change the representative from the Metropolitan Tucson Commission on Urban Native American Affairs, since the latter commission was abolished by the Mayor and Council, to a representative from a designated Native American organization.

March 21, 2006 – Mayor and Council adopted Resolution #20305, which amended the membership of the Commission to change the representatives from the Greater Tucson Economic Council to be representatives from the Tucson Regional Economic Opportunities (TREO).

December 4, 2018 – Ordinance 11599, amended the Tucson Code, Chapter 10A-134(c) allowing members to serve on up to two (2) BCC's Simultaneously.

February 23, 2022 - Mayor and Council adopted Resolution #23447, to increase the composition of the Metropolitan Education commission to thirty-nine (39) members to increase the diversity and ensure input from the LGBTQ+ community, early childhood education, the Joint-Technical Education District (JTED), a community college student, and a university student.

**October 8, 2024 – Mayor and Council adopted Resolution # 23831, amending the Metropolitan Education Commission to decrease membership from 39 members to 29 members, and to amend the terms of commissioners and governance structure.*