

# **Executive Committee Meeting Minutes**

Pursuant to A.R.S. 38.431.02, notice was given on May 21, 2025, to the members of the Metropolitan Education Commission Executive Committee and to the public, that the Metropolitan Education Commission would hold a Microsoft Teams meeting on Thursday, May 29, 2025, convening at 4:00 p.m.

#### 1. Call to Order

Called to order by Commissioner Silva at 4:07 PM with all board members present including Leslie Ferre, Jake Blumenthal, Karla Silva, and Jennifer Vasquez, with City Council Member Rocque Perez present.

#### 2. New Business

2.1. Program Updates

Council Member Perez covered program progression and impacts relative to the Read Aloud Week, Legislative Day, Peer Coach Program and Evening to Empower Ed.

- 2.2. Role of the Executive Director
  - 2.2.1. Acceptance of Resignation
  - 2.2.2. Offer of Continued Oversight as City Council Representative
  - 2.2.3. Offer of Return on December 1, 2025

The Executive Committee reviewed a proposal entitled "Proposed Plan for the Metro Education Commission Executive Committee Consideration on Resignation of Executive Director Rocque Perez". The proposed plan moves to:

- Accept the resignation of Rocque Perez as Executive Director, effective May 6, 2025, as required by conflict-of-interest considerations stemming from his temporary public office.
- Appoint Rocque Perez to continue serving in an unpaid capacity as the
  designated City Council Representative to the Commission, with full authority to
  provide strategic leadership and operational oversight during the interim period,
  contingent upon adherence to transparency protocols and the Board's fiduciary
  responsibilities.
- Institute an interim financial oversight plan, including:
  - Monthly posting of financial statements and expenditure reports to the Board via email or secure cloud platform, regardless of whether a full board meeting occurs that month;

- Engagement of an external accounting or financial support by June 30, 2025, to assist with financial tracking, reporting, and continuity in an arrangement subject to approval by the MEC Executive Committee.
- Offer Rocque Perez the opportunity to return to his prior role as Executive
  Director in a paid capacity, upon the conclusion of his service on City Council
  on or around December 1, 2025, pending a formal vote by the Executive
  Committee approving his new employment contract at that time.

So moved by Commissioner Silva and seconded by Commissioner Vasquez, with a unanimous vote in favor.

#### 2.3. Finances

- 2.3.1. Chartering of Outside Accounting Services
- 2.3.2. Approval of Amended Budget

City Council Member Perez presented the current standing of actuals vs. budget for the fiscal year. The Executive Committee agreed to table approval of an amended budget until its next meeting in which it sets the budget for the next fiscal year.

## 3. Discussion on Agenda of Next Commission Meeting

The Executive Committee discussed the anticipated agenda for the meeting of the Commission including an identical agenda to this meeting for the purposes of informing the Commission of Executive Committee actions and thereafter electing new officers.

### 4. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned by 4:46 pm upon motion to be adjourn by Commissioner Silva and seconded by Commissioner Vasquez, with a unanimous vote in favor.

Pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.02, notice was given that a meeting would be conducted at the time and date set forth above. Questions and requests for reasonable accommodations or a copy of the agency could have been directed to the Metropolitan Education Commission, by emailing <a href="mailto:admin@mectucson.org">admin@mectucson.org</a>.