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**\*SOUTHERN ARIZONA EDUCATION COUNCIL (SAEC)**  
**Formerly known as - METROPOLITAN EDUCATION**  
**COMMISSION (MEC)**

**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 23, 2022  
Resolution No. 23831, October 8, 2024  
**\*Resolution No. 24041, November 18, 2025**

**\*MEMBERS:**

The Education Council shall consist of twenty-four (24) members. Except for the Chief Executive Officer or equivalent officer, all members shall serve without compensation but may receive reasonable reimbursement for expenses as may be fixed by resolution. Membership shall be composed as follows:

- **Automatic Appointments Contingent on Employment:**
  - One (1) Chief Executive Officer, who shall also serve as President of the Council. The President/Chief Executive Officer shall be a full voting member of the Council and an ex-officio, non-voting member of the Executive Committee.
  - One (1) Pima County Superintendent of Schools or designee.
  - One (1) Santa Cruz County Superintendent of Schools or designee
- **Appointed or Assumed by the Arizona Governor:**
  - One (1) representative of the Office of the Arizona Governor.
- **Appointed by Pima County Board of Supervisors:**
  - One (1) Board Supervisor or county designee.
- **Appointed by Santa Cruz County Board of Supervisors:**
  - One (1) Board Supervisor or county designee

- **Appointed by City of Tucson Mayor and Council:**
  - **One (1) Council Member or city designee.**
  
- **Appointed by the Education Council's Executive Committee:**
  - **Two (2) learners, aged 16-21**
  - **One (1) educator for grades K-5**
  - **One (1) educator for grades 6-8**
  - **One (1) educator for grades 9-12**
  - **One (1) school principal**
  - **One (1) school district superintendent or chief executive officer**
  - **One (1) representative of an organization serving children or youth**
  - **Six (6) at-large representatives of the broader academic or civic community**
  
- **Appointed or Assumed by Post-Secondary Institutions**
  - **Three (3) Presidents or Chancellors, or their designees, representative of public postsecondary institutions.**

**\*QUORUM:**

**A majority of appointed Education Council members shall constitute a quorum for meetings of the Education Council, while a majority of those elected to the Executive Committee shall constitute a quorum for meetings of its Executive Committee. All meetings of either body are subject to Arizona Open Meeting Law.**

**\*QUALIFICATIONS:**

**All members, excluding those appointed by the Governor and Post-Secondary Institutions, in addition to At-Large Members, must reside within the jurisdictions of the appointing entities and possess demonstrated knowledge applicable to the Education Council mission. The Education Council shall strive for diversity in age, gender, ethnicity, geography, lived experience, and professional expertise.**

**\*TERMS OF OFFICE:**

**The Chief Executive Officer & President, or equivalent principal officer, and the County Superintendent of Schools or their designees, shall serve in**

**continuous terms contingent upon their respective appointments or employment in such roles.**

**Members who are learners shall serve one-year terms.**

**All other members shall serve staggered two-year terms and may be reappointed for up to six (6) consecutive years.**

**Vacancies - An individual appointed to fill a vacancy shall serve the remainder of the unexpired term. If the remainder of that term exceeds one year, it shall count as a full term for the purposes of term limitations.**

**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 and develop solutions to issues of economic, political, and social importance to education, ensuring responsiveness to the needs of learners, educators, and the community.**
- **Promote ideas, programs, and practices that deliver high-quality educational outcomes and expand access to learning opportunities across all ages and stages.**
- **Elevate and align the efforts of organizations engaged in education and civic development to ensure public awareness and shared pursuit of educational excellence.**
- **Advocate for sound policies, practices, and public commitments necessary to advance educational opportunity, civic engagement, and regional well-being.**

**Partner Engagement:**

**To further the organization's mission of enhancing the academic and civic welfare of Southern Arizona, the Education Council may establish a structured, tiered Partner framework for individuals and organizations, designed to inform, support, and amplify its work, without conferring any governing authority or public body status, who:**

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- **Serve in an advisory, supportive, or investment capacity;**
- **Are not members of the public body or eligible to vote on Council matters; and**
- **May be appointed to committees or task forces by the Executive Committee.**

### **Advocacy, Lobbying and Political Activity**

- **Advocacy Permitted - The Education Council may conduct educational and advocacy activities consistent with its mission and legal status.**
- **Limited Lobbying Activities - Limited lobbying is permitted within IRS thresholds for 501 (c)(3) organizations and must be approved by the Executive Committee and disclosed in reporting.**
- **Prohibition on Political Activity - The Education Council shall not support or oppose any candidate for elected office. Members and partners may engage in personal political activity, provided it is separate from their Council role and resources.**
- **Guidance and Compliance - The Executive Committee shall issue policies and oversight procedures to ensure lawful and ethical conduct.**

### **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.

**\* The Education Council shall adopt bylaws and policies aligned with this resolution and applicable law, addressing governance, ethics, conflicts of interest, nondiscrimination, indemnification, and whistleblower protections.**

**SUPPORTING DEPARTMENT:** Non - City staff.

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### *Historical Notes:*

*On October 1, 1990 - Mayor and Council adopted Resolution #15453, which was 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.*

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*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.*

***\*November 18, 2025 – Mayor and Council adopted Resolution #24041, amending City of Tucson Resolution #15453 to formally evolve the metropolitan education commission into the Southern Arizona Education Council, in partnership with Pima and Santa Cruz counties.***