



## METRO EDUCATION COMMISSION

### Legal Action Report

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Pursuant to A.R.S. 38.431.02, notice was given on February 25, 2025, to the members of the Metropolitan Education Commission and to the public, that the **Metropolitan Education Commission would hold a Zoom meeting on Monday, March 3, 2025, convening at 4:00 p.m.** Meeting ID: 870 6055 1447. Join the meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87060551447?from=addon>  
Find your local number: <https://us02web.zoom.us/u/khjG6lcAv>

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#### 1. Call to Order

Mark  
Hanna

*Chair Mark Hanna called the meeting to order at 4:05 p.m.*

*Present: Commissioners Rocque Perez, Rex Scott, Lane Santa Cruz, Leslie Ferre, Jennifer Vasquez, Alejandro Tavera-Reyes, Dave Mason, Karla Silva, Michael Wilkerson, Jake Bluementhal, Jose Gastelum, Rich Nickel, Robert Ramirez, and Irene Robles-Lopez. Sharon O'Brien joined at 4:48 p.m.*

*Not Present: Commissioners Dustin Williams, Matthew Schmidgall, Adriana Grijalva, Kathy Prather. With 14 of the 20 Commissioners present, a quorum was established.*

#### 2. Pledge of Allegiance

*Chair Mark Hanna conducted the Pledge of Allegiance.*

#### 3. Land Acknowledgement

*Chair Mark Hanna conducted the land acknowledgement.*

Rocque  
Perez

#### 4. Consent Agenda

- 4.1. Approval of 1.23.2025 Commission Meeting Minutes
- 4.2. Approval of Q1 Report to Pima County Economic Development
- 4.3. Approval of Q2 Report to Pima County Economic Development

*Motion to approve the consent agenda: Alejandro Tavera-Reyes. Seconded by Rich Nickel. Passed by unanimous vote of approval and motion carries.*

#### 5. Old Business

- 5.1. Completion of Loyalty Oaths

*Discussion took place among commissioners, facilitated by Mr. Perez.*

- 5.2. January Financial Review

- 5.2.1. Statement of Activity as of March 3, 2025
- 5.2.2. P&L Actual vs. Budget as of March 3, 2025

*Motion to approve the Statement of Activity and Actual vs. Budget as of March 3,*

2025: Robert Ramirez. Seconded: Dave Mason. Passed by unanimous vote of approval and motion carries.

## 6. New Business

- 6.1. Programs and Initiatives Update
  - 6.1.1. Pima-Tucson Read Aloud Week
  - 6.1.2. An Evening to Empower(ED)
    - Nominations open until March 10, 2025.
  - 6.1.3. Peer Coach Program
    - Proposed partnership with the Arizona Board of Regents

*Presentation took place, facilitated by Mr. Perez.*

- 6.2. Resolutions of the Commission
  - 6.2.1. 2025-002 Budget Request of Pima County and the City of Tucson.

*Presentation took place facilitated by Mr. Perez, accompanied by questions from Commissioner and Pima County Board Supervisor and Chair Rex Scott. Motion to approve: Michael Wilkerson. Seconded: Lane Santa Cruz. Passed by unanimous vote of approval and motion carries.*

- 6.2.2. 2025-003 In Solidarity with DEIA Initiatives at the University of Arizona and Call for Support by Pima County and the City of Tucson.

*Presentation took place facilitated by Mr. Perez. Motion to approve: Mark Hanna. Seconded: Lane Santa Cruz. With a vote of 11 yays, 0 nays, and 4 abstentions from Jose Gastelum, Rich Nickel, Irene Robles-Lopes, and Robert Ramirez. Passed by a majority vote of approval and motion carries.*

- 6.3. Bylaw Amendment & Elections
  - 6.3.1. Amendment to the Bylaws
    - Notice of Intent to Amend, explanation and redline draft

*Presentation took place, facilitated by Mr. Perez. Motion to approve: Robert Ramirez. Seconded: Alejandro. With a vote of 10 yays, 0 nays, and 1 abstention by Mark Hanna. Passed by a majority vote of approval and motion carries.*

- 6.3.2. Election of Chair(s) and Vice Chair

*Discussion occurred amongst members. A motion to nominate Jennifer Vasquez and Karla Silva as Board Members was made by Mark Hanna. With the acceptance of this nomination, Mr. Hanna motioned to appoint Ms. Vasquez and Ms. Silva as Board members. Seconded: Dave Mason. Passed by unanimous vote of approval and motion carries.*

## 7. Adjournment

**Mark Hanna**

*Motion to adjourn: Alejandro Tavera-Reyes. Seconded: Jake Bluementhal. Passed by a unanimous vote of approval and motion carries.*

Pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.02, notice is given that a meeting will be conducted at the time and date set forth above. Questions and 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](mailto:rocque@mectucson.org).