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## Executive Board Meeting Minutes

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Pursuant to A.R.S. 38.431.02, notice was given on the August 6, 2024, to the officers of the Metropolitan Education Commission and to the public, that **the Metropolitan Education Commission Executive Board would hold a Zoom meeting on Monday, August 12, 2024, convening at 4:00 p.m.**

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**1. Call to Order**

*Meeting called to order by Chair Mark Hanna at 4:13 p.m.*

*Present are Commissioners and Board Members Mark Hanna, Leslie Ferre, Treya Allen, and Rocque Perez.*

**2. Financial Review and Approvals**

**2.1. Approval of tentative budget**

- 2.1.1. Commissioner Perez reintroduced the tentatively approved 2024/2025 budget with amendments to various line items to account for the unanticipated continuance of rent at the same rate. Commissioner Allen had questions regarding whether there are any items in which the budget could be missing, in addition to whether in our work we can reduce costs through collaborations and partnerships. Commissioners Hanna and Perez explained the budget is a working document and provides a starting framework for expenditures and can be amended through the year as Teen Town Hall and Crystal Apple Awards will give rise to sponsorship opportunities that may increase the budget.
- 2.1.2. *Commissioner Hanna motioned to approve the budget as amended with room for opportunity to revisit as revenues allow. Seconded by Commissioner Ferre. All voted in favor.*

**2.2. Approval of contract with Tucson Young Professionals**

- 2.2.1. Commissioner Perez presented the benefits package for the sponsorship of Tucson Young Professionals, inclusive of a contract for affording 40 memberships to educators between the ages of 21-45 and the creation of a 15-week mentorship program in which 15 early-career educators are matched with established educators and administrators in the spirit of personable professional connection, retention in the profession, and community building. Commissioner Hanna expressed hesitations in MEC being the party to select those admitted into the membership and mentorship. To Commissioner Perez's recommendation, TYP could be the sole authority in choosing the 40 individuals to be granted memberships, in addition to whom among them will be the 15 to be selected to enter the program. However, maintaining that MEC is a developmental partner in the experience of membership and mentorship. Commissioner Ferre expressed support for this endeavor and recommendations.
- 2.2.2. *Commissioner Ferre motioned to approve the contract subject to amendment with the aforementioned recommendations from Commissioner Perez. Commissioner Allen seconded. All voted in favor.*

**3. Update on membership transition plan**

- 3.1.1. Commissioner Perez shared the resolution amending the composition, terms, and governance of the MEC will be introduced to the Board of Supervisors on Aug. 13. and have the support of a majority. MEC Resolution 2024-01 was affixed to this Board of Supervisors agenda item for consideration in their review. Emails terminating service, enlisting service, and confirming continued service have been distributed to all old, prospective and current Commissioners, inviting applicable individuals to indicate their

availability for an Annual Meeting and Retreat.

3.1.2. *No action was taken by the Board at this time.*

**4. Review of new proposed bylaws**

4.1. Commissioner Perez presented proposed incremental changes to the MEC Bylaws that would more immediately allow for the Commissioners whom would have otherwise been unable to join the board due to a one-year service requirement, to join upon confirmation of service as a commissioner. Additionally, changes relative to the number of meetings to take place in a year. Commissioner Hanna questioned whether the Board or Commission would adopt these amendments. Commissioner Perez explained these amendments would be subject to a vote of the whole Commission.

4.2. *No action was taken by the Board at this time.*

**5. Approval of ■ 6.) 7.25.24 BOARD MEETING MINUTES of the Executive Board.**

5.1. Commissioner Hanna confirmed review of the 7.25.24 Board Meeting Minutes.

5.2. *Commissioner Hanna motioned to approve, seconded by Commissioner Allen. All voted in favor.*

**6. Adjournment**

Pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.02, notice was 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 would be continued. Questions, requests for reasonable accommodations or a copy of the agency could have been and can still be directed to Rocque Perez, Executive Director for the Metropolitan Education Commission, by calling (520) 462-3806 or rocque@metedu.org.