



Southern Arizona Education Council

Meeting Minutes

Pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.02, notice is hereby given on June 23, 2026, to the members of the Southern Arizona Education Council Executive Committee, the whole of the Southern Arizona Education, and the general public, that a meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 14, 2026, convening at 10:00 a.m. [The public may join the meeting here.](#)

This meeting is formally noticed as a meeting of the Executive Committee. A quorum of the full Council may be present. If a quorum of the full Council is established, the body may take up and act on items that fall within the jurisdiction of the full Council.

Questions, requests for reasonable accommodations, or requests for a copy of the agenda may be directed to the President & CEO by emailing admin@sazeducation.org.

1. Call To Order

A quorum for the whole of the Southern Arizona Education Council was met. The meeting was called to order by Marla Franco at 10:06 p.m., with Rocque Perez, Karla Silva, Jennifer Vasquez, Dustin Williams, Lane Santa Cruz, and Irene Robles-Lopez present.

2. Consent Agenda

a. Approval of Meeting Minutes:

- 1.26.2026 - Executive Committee Meeting
- 8.22.2025 - Commission Meeting
- 3.3.2025 - Commission Meeting
- 3.18.2025 - Executive Committee Meeting
- 11.25.2024 - Board of Directors Meeting

b. Approval of 2024 990 Tax Filing

- Draft Form 990 for July 1 2024 to June 30, 2025 fiscal year prepared by Pedroza & Hayes in June 2026

The consent agenda was presented by Rocque Perez who invited a motion to approve. A motion to approve the consent agenda invited by Rocque Perez, so moved by Jennifer Vasquez, and seconded by Marla Franco. A unanimous vote was in favor.

3. Program Report and Approval of 2026-2027 Budget

- Back to School Backpacks (July 2026)
- Peer Coach Program - Fall Training (September 2026)
- Southern Arizona College & Career Night (September 29, 2026)
- Teen Town Hall (October 2026)
- 20 Under 20 Outstanding Citizens (December 2026)

The program report was presented by Rocque Perez with discussion on promotional opportunities for respective events. The associated budget was presented by Rocque Perez with comparative insights between amended FY 26 and proposed FY27. A motion to approve the 2026-2027 budget was invited by Rocque Perez, so moved by Marla Franco, and seconded by Karla Silva. A unanimous vote was in favor.

4. Proposed Southern Arizona Education Council Resolution 2026-001

- A resolution of the Southern Arizona Education Council requesting amendment of Pima County Resolution No. 2025-48 and City of Tucson Resolution no. 24041 to remove Santa Cruz County from the formal governance and membership structure of the council and to revise the status of the chief executive officer for clarity in governance and compliance with applicable law.
 - The proposed amendments to City Resolution No. 15453 and County Resolution No. 1990-178, included herein as *Exhibit A*.

The resolution was presented by Rocque Perez with discussion on delineation of past and proposed amendments, the process for its implementation, and the aspiration for future collaborations with Santa Cruz County to re-engage on their originally intended inclusion within the organization's structure. A motion to approve Resolution 2026-001 was

invited by Rocque Perez, so moved by Dustin Williams, and seconded by Lane Santa Cruz. A unanimous vote was in favor.

5. Proposed Southern Arizona Education Council Resolution 2026-002
 - a. A resolution of the Southern Arizona Education Council in opposition to 2026 legislative ballot referrals affecting the educational welfare and wellbeing of learners, educators, and the institutions that serve them.

The resolution was presented by Rocque Perez with discussion on the historical role in legislative advocacy, the process in which the individual ballot items are considered in the whole of approval, and the use of the organization's funds outside of municipal allocation. A motion to table Resolution 2026-002 was invited by Rocque Perez, so moved by Dustin Williams, and seconded by Jennifer Vasquez. A unanimous vote was in favor.

6. Adjournment.

A motion to adjourn was invited by Rocque Perez, so moved by Dustin Williams, and seconded by Karla Silva. A unanimous vote was in favor. The meeting adjourned at 10:53 a.m.