



Legal Action Report

Pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.02, notice was given on August 14, 2026, to the members of the Southern Arizona Education Council and on August 27, 2026, to the public that a virtual meeting of the Southern Arizona Education Council and its Executive Committee would be held on Thursday, September 3, 2026, from 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.

This report summarizes legal actions taken by the Southern Arizona Education Council and its Executive Committee during the meeting.

1. Call To Order

The meeting was called to order at 12:04 p.m.

2. Consent Agenda

Acting Body: Southern Arizona Education Council

Action: Approved the Consent Agenda, including:

- July 14, 2026 Council Meeting Minutes;
- Prepared draft of the 2025–2026 tax filing;
- 2025 Arizona Corporation Commission Annual Report Correction;
- 2026 Arizona Corporation Commission Officer Change Report; and
- Statement of Financial Activity through August 31, 2026.

Motion: Dustin Williams

Second: Sharon O'Brien

Vote: 8 ayes, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions

Result: Approved

3. New Business

3.1. Program Engagements

3.1.1. Peer Coach Orientation - Sept. 14, 2026

- 3.1.2. Southern Arizona College & Career Night - Sept. 29, 2026
- 3.1.3. Teen Town Hall - Nov. 16. 2026
- 3.1.4. 20 Under 20 - Dec. 10, 2026

No action was taken.

3.2. New Appointments and Organizational Action

- 3.2.1. Consideration and possible action by the Executive Committee to appoint new members, reappoint existing members, establish staggered membership term cycles, and direct development of corresponding bylaw provisions for the Southern Arizona Education Council. [Memo]

Acting Body: Southern Arizona Education Council Executive Committee

Action: Approved:

- Appointment of Marcus Castillo to a Learner seat;
- Appointment of Alex Randall to an At-Large seat;
- Appointment of Jennifer Arenas-Cárdenas to the K–5 Educator seat;
- Reappointment of Sharon O'Brien, Marla Franco, and Kasandra Urquidez to their respective seats;
- The membership-term schedule and administrative framework presented in the accompanying memorandum;
- Continuation and reaffirmation of those appointments upon anticipated amendment of the Council's authorizing resolutions by Pima County and the City of Tucson, provided the applicable seats and appointing authority remain substantively unchanged;
- Direction to staff to maintain and reconcile Council membership records accordingly; and
- Direction to incorporate the framework into proposed SAZEC bylaws for future consideration.
- The action incorporated correction of the spelling of Kasandra Urquidez's name.

Motion: Kasandra Urquidez

Second: Karla Silva

Vote: 3 ayes, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions

Result: Approved

- 3.2.2. Consideration and possible action by the Southern Arizona Education Council to make new appointments, and to reaffirm existing appointments, to the Executive Committee through June 30, 2027. [Memo]

Acting Body: Southern Arizona Education Council

Action: Approved:

- Appointment of Alex Randall to the Executive Committee and election as Treasurer, filling the vacancy previously held by Jake Blumenthal;
- Reaffirmation of Marla Franco as Chair;
- Reaffirmation of Kasandra Urquidez as Vice Chair;
- Reaffirmation of Jennifer Vasquez and Karla Silva as Executive Committee members; and
- Continuation of each Executive Committee appointment and officer designation through June 30, 2027, subject to continued service and eligibility as a member of the Southern Arizona Education Council.

Motion: Kasandra Urquidez

Second: Lane Santa Cruz

Vote: 10 ayes, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions

Result: Approved

- 3.2.3. Consideration and possible action by the Executive Committee to approve a memorandum amending authorized access, signatories, and administrative provisions associated with the organization's community banking account. [Memo]

Acting Body: Southern Arizona Education Council Executive Committee

Action: Approved:

- Removal of Jake Blumenthal from authorized access, signatory authority, and banking privileges associated with SAZEC's Vantage West Credit Union accounts;
- Addition of Alex Randall, Treasurer, as an authorized individual and signatory;
- Continuation of Rocque Perez, Chief Executive Officer & President, as the primary authorized account representative and administrator with existing authority unchanged; and
- Authorization for the Chief Executive Officer & President to execute administrative documentation necessary to implement the changes.

Motion: Kasandra Urquidez

Second: Karla Silva

Vote: 4 ayes, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions

Result: Approved

- 3.2.4. Consideration and possible action by the Executive Committee to approve authorization of engagement with an accounting firm for year-round review and reconciliation of payroll activities, in addition to existing annual tax filing services. [Memo]

Acting Body: Southern Arizona Education Council Executive Committee

Action: Authorized expansion of SAZEC's engagement with Pedroza & Hayes Accounting to include periodic review and reconciliation of payroll activity between Gusto and QuickBooks and related accounting consultation, at a cost not to exceed \$1,600 annually, in addition to existing annual tax filing services. The Chief Executive Officer & President was authorized to finalize the scope, frequency, and administrative terms of the engagement within the approved amount.

Motion: Marla Franco

Second: Karla Silva

Vote: 4 ayes, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions

Result: Approved

- 3.2.5. Consideration and possible action by the Executive Committee to approve the final fiscal year 2026-2027 budget, tentatively approved 7.14.2026. [Proposed Final Budget]

Acting Body: Southern Arizona Education Council Executive Committee

Action: Continued consideration of the final fiscal year 2026–2027 budget to the next meeting of the Executive Committee to allow correction of the Net Operating Revenue calculation and corresponding accounting records. SAZEC will continue operating under the budget tentatively approved July 14, 2026, pending final consideration.

Motion: Kasandra Urquidez

Second: Alex Randall

Vote: 4 ayes, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions

Result: Continued

4. Continuing Business

4.1. General Election Ballot Measures

- 4.1.1. Consideration and possible action or approval of a resolution, concerning positions of support or opposition on 2026 General Election ballot measures affecting educational systems and the welfare of learners, educators, and the institutions that serve them. [Draft Resolution]

Acting Body: Southern Arizona Education Council

Action: Continued consideration of the proposed resolution concerning positions on 2026 General Election ballot measures to the next meeting. Further review will include:

- Potential inclusion of Proposition 425, concerning Pima County's expenditure limitation;
- Additional legal guidance regarding SAZEC's authority and limitations concerning ballot-measure advocacy;
- Review of restrictions associated with public funding and organizational resources; and
- Development of clearer parameters governing staff time and organizational resources devoted to advocacy.

Motion: Marla Franco

Second: Karla Silva

Vote: 9 ayes, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions

Result: Continued

5. Adjournment

Acting Body: Southern Arizona Education Council

Action: Adjourned the September 3, 2026 meeting.

Motion: Marla Franco

Second: Karla Silva

Vote: 9 ayes, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions

Result: Approved

The meeting adjourned at 1:11 p.m.