

**Metropolitan Education Commission
Executive Board Meeting
MEC Office, 930 E. Broadway Blvd., Tucson, AZ.
Thursday, February 5, 2015, 7:30 a.m.**

MINUTES

Attendance: Members present: Dr. Kasey Urquidez, Dr. June Webb-Vignery, Bill Ardern, Pat Wiedhopf, Paul Lovelis, Dr. Louis Albert
Members absent: George Favela
Non-members present: Felicia Ramirez, David Rodriguez, Edward Nossem.

1.0 CALL TO ORDER – DR. KASEY URQUIDEZ

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 a.m.

2.0 ROLL CALL – DR. KASEY URQUIDEZ

Roll call was conducted; a quorum was established.

3.0 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – DR. KASEY URQUIDEZ

The Pledge of Allegiance to the United States of America was recited by all attendees.

4.0 APPROVAL OF JANUARY 8, 2015 MEETING MINUTES – DR. KASEY URQUIDEZ

Motion to approve: Bill Ardern
Second: Pat Wiedhopf
Motion approved unanimously.

5.0 APPROVAL OF FEBRUARY 18, 2015 REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

Motion: Bill Ardern
Second: Pat Wiedhopf
Motion carried unanimously.

6.0 MEC FUNDRAISING – DR. JUNE WEBB-VIGNERY

We are still awaiting word on \$30,000 from Pima County. Dr. Webb-Vignery and MEC staff will present on the need for the funds and MEC/RCAC accomplishments to the Pima County Outside Agency Committee on Tuesday, February 24th.

We have applied for a Helios Education Foundation grant extension, and have been in communication with them in this regard.

7.0 MEC LOBBY DAY – DR. JUNE WEBB-VIGNERY

The MEC Student Lobby Day has been set for Wednesday, March 4, 2015. Training of the YAC/TTC students took place on January 7, 2015 at their Bimonthly meeting; Senators Steve Farley and David Bradley, and Jen Darland from the Arizona Education Network presented on the lobbying process and protocols. We have been furnished a sample itinerary from Senator Farley's office. Ed has begun contacting the schools that attended the Teen Town Hall for additional student attendees. Students will have their parent/guardian and school principal sign permission forms for the students to attend the event. Handouts can include the resolution establishing the YAC/TTC. We will work to attract media attention; if Non Profit

News Source decides to get involved with video, the finished product can be presented at the 2015 Crystal Apple Awards Luncheon.

8.0 COMMITTEE REPORTS

8.1 Collaborations – Dr. June Webb-Vignery

Dr. Webb-Vignery attended the Sunnyside School District Strategic Planning meeting that will plot the next 5 years at Sunnyside. Dr. Webb-Vignery has also been invited to participate in the Tucson-Pima County Cradle-To-Career STRIVE initiative of United Way at the Doubletree Hotel. She will also appear in a video prepared by Arizona Public Media. Ed has been participating in meetings at the United Way Youth Development Coalition, the Workforce Investment Board Youth Council, and the LULAC Youth leadership Conference and Career Fair which will take place on Friday, March 27th at PCC West Campus.

8.2 Budget - Bill Ardern

The MEC's cash reserves are intact; we must focus on funding for the next fiscal year. We will be requesting funding extension from the Helios Education Foundation for the RCAC.

8.3 Crystal Apple Awards Luncheon – Dr. June Webb-Vignery

The 25th Annual Crystal Apple Awards Luncheon will take place on Friday, May 8th, 2015 at the Desert Diamond Casino & Hotel. We have 12 tables at present.

8.4 Issues – Pat Wiedhopf

No report.

8.5 RCAC – David Rodriguez

Pima County is asking for RCAC statistics for the \$30,000 funding, such as tracking matriculation rates from the high schools that have Student Ambassadors into college. Dr. Urquidez will provide general statistics for the U of A.

8.6 Appointments – Paul Lovelis

Jen Darland (replacing Ann Eve Pedersen) and Sheri Dahl (replacing Dr. Mari Helen High) were voted on at the January 21st meeting. We still have 2 TREC vacancies.

8.7 YAC/TTC – Paul Lovelis

Besides the Student Lobby Day, the YAC/TTC is once again partnering with the LULAC YLC & Career Fair, which will take place on Friday, March 27, 2015 at PCC West Campus, and its other regular activities. LULAC YLC Chair Javier Herrera and Rene Pacheco attended the last YAC/TTC meeting to solicit ideas for YLC Workshops. A YAC/TTC Committee will also be choosing the Crystal Apple Counselor and Youth Honorees.

8.8 Key to Employment Symposium – Ed Nossem

The 2015 Key to Employment Symposium will take place on Wednesday, February 11th at the UA Student Union, 9:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. 2014 K2E Coordinator Johanna Duffek has signed a contract and planning is underway; the first K2E Committee meeting will take place on Friday, November 7th. We have 14 schools registered and many more committed. We will be able to provide transportation to the event for some of the schools thanks to donations received

from the Pima County Attorney's office and Cox Communications; we are awaiting word from the Thomas R. Brown Foundation for an additional donation. Other sponsors and exhibitors are being solicited.

9.0 ADJOURNMENT – DR. KASEY URQUIDEZ

Motion to Adjourn: Bill Ardern

Second: Paul Lovelis

Motion carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 a.m.