

**METROPOLITAN EDUCATION COMMISSION
YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL/TUCSON TEEN CONGRESS (YAC/TTC)
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2015
PIMA COUNTY LIBRARY LOWER LEVEL MEETING ROOM,
101 N. STONE AVE., TUCSON, ARIZONA
MEETINGS MINUTES**

Members Present: Maggie Zheng, David Ojeda, Leshawn Bowen, Ki Huang, Madeline Zheng, Arnoldo Martinez, Brennen Feder, Abrigail Martinez, Angel Alcorcha, Patrick Derrig, Karmae Douglass, Evan Essif, Alexis Potter, Nia Moran.

Non-Members Present: Paul Lovelis, Ed Nossem.

- 1.0 CALL TO ORDER – DAVID OJEDA
Meeting called to order at 6:05 P.M.
- 2.0 ROLL CALL – DAVID OJEDA
Roll was called; a quorum of members was present.
- 3.0 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – DAVID OJEDA
The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all attendees.
- 4.0 APPROVAL OF MINUTES – DAVID OJEDA
Motion to approve October 4, 2015 minutes: Maggie Zheng
Second: Karmae Douglass
Minutes approved unanimously.
- 5.0 TEEN TOWN HALL – MAGGIE ZHENG
The October Teen Town Hall was briefly reviewed; the main topics of discussion at the Town Hall were the continuing crisis of public education funding, teacher retention, student dropouts, and deterioration of schools' infrastructure.
- 6.0 STATE BUDGET PRESENTATION – PAUL LOVELIS
Paul Lovelis presented on the Arizona State Budget process, and designed an exercise for the YAC/TTC wherein they debate and pass a budget. The students were divided into two groups, the respective sizes of which reflected the percentage of the two parties in the Arizona Legislature. For Exercise 1, were given information on expenditure categories, expenditure breakdown by category, revenue breakdown, and revenue impact. The groups chose a Speaker and Treasurer, and debated amongst themselves how to formulate a balanced budget. In Exercise 2, the groups presented their budgets to each other, then voted for what was felt the best overall budget, keeping their priorities in mind. The exercises provided a means of understanding the budget process at the state level, using real-life examples and procedures.

- 7.0 **YAC/TTC RECRUITMENT- DAVID OJEDA**
YAC/TTC members have been recruiting fellow students via word of mouth at their schools. Social media will be vetted and approved by Paul Lovelis before being allowed to be sent out generally.
- 8.0 **PIMA COUNTY LIBRARY – KENDRA DAVEY**
No action.
- 9.0 **ANNOUNCEMENTS**
Javier Herrera, MEC Commissioner and Chair of the LULAC Youth Leadership Conference & Career Fair Planning Committee, requested that the group consider topics for the workshops that will be held at the LULAC Youth Leadership Conference & Career Fair on Friday, March 11, 2016. A list of last year's workshop topics and content was distributed as a guide. He will attend the November 18th meeting and the group is expected to be prepared to discuss workshop topics and an overall Conference theme.
- 10.0 **CALL TO THE PUBLIC**
No action.
- 11.0 **ADJOURNMENT**
Motion to approve: Leshawn Bowen
Second: Brennen Feder
Motion carried unanimously.
Meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m