

**Metropolitan Education Commission
Executive Board Meeting
MEC Office, 930 E. Broadway Blvd., Tucson, AZ.
Thursday, April 7, 2016, 7:30 a.m.**

MINUTES

Attendance: Members present: Dr. June Webb-Vignery, Pat Wiedhopf, Dr. Kasey Urquidez, Paul Lovelis, George Favela
Members absent: Bill Ardern, Deborah Embry.
Non-members present: Edward Nossem

1.0 CALL TO ORDER – PAT WIEDHOPF

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

2.0 ROLL CALL – PAT WIEDHOPF

Roll call was conducted; a quorum was established.

3.0 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – PAT WIEDHOPF

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

4.0 APPROVAL OF MARCH 3, 2016 MEETING MINUTES – PAT WIEDHOPF

Motion to approve: Dr. Kasey Urquidez

Second: Paul Lovelis

Motion approved unanimously.

5.0 APPROVAL OF APRIL 20, 2016 MEC REGULAR MEETING AGENDA – PAT WIEDHOPF

Motion to Approve: Paul Lovelis

Second: Dr. Kasey Urquidez

Motion approved unanimously.

6.0 HELIOS COLLEGE KNOWING & GOING INITIATIVE KICK-OFF – DR. JUNE WEBB-VIGNERY

The Helios College Knowing and Going Initiative Southern Arizona Kickoff will take place on Thursday, April 14, 2016 at Catalina High School Auditorium. Tucson Mayor Jonathan Rothschild, Pima County Supervisor Richard Elias, and Helios President & CEO Paul Luna will speak, and the partnering school districts' Superintendents or their representatives will attend, along with MEC Commissioners and other community members. The media has been invited to attend.

Dr. Webb-Vignery and RCAC Coordinator David Rodriguez will attend the Phoenix CKNI Kickoff on Wednesday, April 13, 2016.

7.0 MEC GUIDELINES FOR INTERACTION WITH YOUTH

Guidelines for MEC Staff and Commissioners interaction with youth, which include personal, telephonic, and social media communications, have been developed.

Motion to Approve:

Motion: Paul Lovelis

Second: George Favela

Motion carried unanimously.

8.0 COMMITTEE REPORTS

8.1 Collaborations – Dr. June Webb-Vignery

The MEC has applied for the NCAN FAFSA Completion Challenge, which will grant \$55,000.00 to the awardees for increasing high school student FAFSA completions. This offer has been extended to 120 cities across the United States. The partnering entities with the MEC are the College Advising Corps (through the University of Arizona); Community Schools Initiative; United Way of Southern Arizona, the Community Foundation for Southern Arizona; Tucson Unified School District, and Pima Community College.

8.2 Budget - Bill Ardern

No new report; the budget is tracking appropriately. The 941 tax deposit made on 7/24/15 was actually posted by the IRS to the 3rd quarter 2014 - that payment is now in the process of being applied to the third quarter (September, 2015) to zero out the liability. which was resolved, but they are still charging us a small interest payment, which we are contesting.

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

We have reserved Friday, April 29, 2016 with the Desert Diamond Casino & Hotel for the 26th Annual Crystal Apple Awards Luncheon. We have 17 tables at present.

The 2006 CAA Lifetime Achievement Honoree is Dr. John Pedicone. The 2016 Education Advocacy Award Honoree is General Ron Shoopman of the Southern Arizona Leadership Council. The Teacher Honoree is Jennifer Anglin, Flowing Wells Junior High School, Flowing Wells USD; and the Counselor Honoree is Judy Bowers. The Youth Honoree is Nayra Ochoa, Rincon High School and Upward Bound, TUSD. The Corporate Award will be presented to Cox Communications for their many years of service to education. The Small Business Award be given to the Robert Elliott Accounting Group for their scholarship activities. Elected officials are being contacted for presenting the Crystal Apple trophies at the event. The only honoree who will speak at the 2016 event will be the Lifetime Achievement Honoree, in order to save time.

The Outstanding Teen Citizens and Poster Contest winners have been selected by the YAC/TTC Committees, and they have been notified. The OTC Mayor & Council presentation will take place on Tuesday, April 19, 2016.

8.4 Issues – George Favela

No issues.

8.5 RCAC – David Rodriguez

The MEC has applied for a City of Tucson Human Services funding of \$51,800.00 for the RCAC to implement the Summer Melt Program.

We have a new AmeriCorps worker, Francine Neal, assigned to assist RCAC Coordinator David Rodriguez.

8.6 Appointments – No action.

8.7 YAC/TTC – Paul Lovelis

MEC Commissioner Jen Darland will attend the March 16th YAC/TTC meeting to discuss the possibility of a candidates forum for the Pima County Superintendent of Schools that would take place in September 2016.

Volunteers for the March 11th LULAC Youth leadership Conference were briefed, along with Crystal Apple Awards Luncheon attendees.

YAC/TTC members have been asked to actively recruit new members for 2016-2017.

8.8 Key to Employment Symposium – Ed Nossem

Paul Lovelis has asked that we secure the 2017 date as soon as possible so that we can solicit a Samsung sponsorship for event expenses. The 2017 K2E will take place on Wednesday, February 8, 2017.

9.0 ADJOURNMENT – PAT WIEDHOPF

Motion to approve: Paul Lovelis

Second: Dr. Kasey Urquidez

Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 8:00 a.m.