

**Metropolitan Education Commission  
Executive Board Meeting  
Thursday, June 2, 2016, 7:30 a.m.  
MEC Office, 930 E. Broadway Blvd., Tucson, AZ.**

**MINUTES**

**Attendance:** Members present: Dr. June Webb-Vignery, Pat Wiedhopf, Dr. Kasey Urquidez, Bill Ardern, Paul Lovelis  
Members absent: George Favela, 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 MAY 19, 2016 MEETING MINUTES – PAT WIEDHOPF**

Motion to approve: Paul Lovelis

Second: Bill Ardern

Motion approved unanimously.

**5.0 MEC COMMITTEE AFTER PROPOSITION 123 VOTE – PAT WIEDHOPF**

The Proposition 123 Subcommittee meeting has been postponed; although the Proposition was passed by Arizona voters, there are still two outstanding issues: there has been a lawsuit filed against it, and also there has been a committee formed by the Arizona State Treasurer to address the State Land Trust funding aspect. Additionally, the issue of amending the Arizona State Constitution regarding use of State Land Trust funds may have to be addressed by the U.S. Congress.

The issue will be discussed at the MEC Retreat by the School Superintendents' panel, and in the MEC State Education Funding breakout session.

**6.0 MEC RETREAT – PAT WIEDHOPF**

The MEC Retreat will take place on SATURDAY, AUGUST 6, 2016 at the University of Arizona Student Union Tucson/Catalina Rooms, from 7:45 a.m. to 12:00 noon. We will be inviting the School Superintendents that are part of the Helios Education Foundation's College Knowing and Going Initiative Southern Arizona component to sit on a panel to discuss the initiative and its impacts. Mayor Rothschild and Pima County Supervisor Richard Elías have agreed to attend, and Pima County Supervisor Sharon Bronson and City Council Member Regina Romero will be invited to attend. Dr. Kasey Urquidez will invite the U of A Provost Andrew Confrey to attend. Members of the YAC/TTC will be

in attendance, and we will once again request that 2 students from each of the school districts attend to represent those districts.

The agenda will be as follows:

7:30 – 8:00 a.m.: Sign In – Light Breakfast

1.0 Greetings

1.1 Call to Order

1.2 Roll Call

1.3 Pledge of Allegiance

2.0 Welcoming Remarks

3.0 Introductions

4.0 Panel: Helios Education Foundation College Knowing & Going Initiative

This panel will be moderated by Dr. Alan Storm, and consist of the School Superintendents involved in the Initiative or their representative. They will discuss the implementation and expected outcomes of the Initiative, and also discuss Proposition 123.

5.0 Business Meeting

5.1 Approval of June 2016 Financial Reports

5.2 Approval of April 20, 2016 MEC Meeting Minutes

5.3 Appointments

6.0 State of the MEC

Dr. June Webb-Vignery will present on the state of the MEC and RCAC; the Helios video will be presented

7.0 Break

8.0 Breakout Sessions

The three Breakout Committees are as follows:

State Education Funding - facilitated by Jen Darland

YAC/TTC – facilitated by Paul Lovelis

Regional College Access Center, facilitated by Pat Wiedhopf

9.0 Small Group Reports

10.0 Adjourn

Ed will request large easels for the 3 Breakout Groups.

## 7.0 COMMITTEE REPORTS

### 7.1 Collaborations – Dr. June Webb-Vignery

There was discussion regarding the planned joint MEC/League of Women Voters Pima County School Superintendent Candidates Forum; Pat Wiedhopf will contact Shirley Muney at the LWV to arrange a meeting. Possible venues included the Library Lower Level Meeting Room; Catalina High School Auditorium, Catalina High School Drama Room; The Tucson City Council or Pima County Board of Supervisors Meeting Chambers; and Pima Community College West Campus Black Box Theater. Ed will look into these and their requirements. We also need to address possible insurance requirements.

### 7.2 Budget - Bill Ardern

Regarding MEC funding issues that are not on the Retreat agenda, Paul Lovelis suggested that we include a list of the MEC's accomplishments in the Crystal Apple invitations to demonstrate the value of sponsoring tables, and which would

also demonstrate the value of donating to the RCAC. This would include RCAC numbers/data, with scholarships information. Regarding YAC/TTC funding, we could request a meeting with General Shoopman at SALC and also the league of Women Voters to solicit funds for Civic Engagement Day, and include a couple of YAC/TTC members to bolster our case.

The MEC will be receiving an audit from Beach Fleischman in July; the total cost should be \$6,750 including work on the MEC's 2015-2016 taxes.

Dr. Webb-Vignery has drawn up a draft 2016-2017 MEC Budget, which should amount to \$262,977, based on City & County funding, Crystal Apple Awards Luncheon sponsorships and donations, and grants. Dr. Webb-Vignery and Bill Ardern will discuss further in the near future.

### **7.3 Crystal Apple Awards Luncheon – Dr. June Webb-Vignery**

We have reserved Friday, April 28, 2017 at the Desert Diamond Casino & Hotel for next year's event, and the catering contract has been signed. We discussed having the event's activities continue through the "Lunch" portion of the event in order to shorten it.

### **7.4 Issues – George Favela**

Executive Board members Dr. June Webb-Vignery, George Favela, and Paul Lovelis met with Pima County Supervisor Richard Elias to bring him up to date on various MEC issues, including the plans for greater YAC/TTC engagement with the Board of Supervisors and Mayor & Council issues involving education and youth; the Sun Corridor MEC appointment; the planned Pima County School Superintendent's Form; and the RCAC's activities. Supervisor Elias thought that it is a good idea for the youth to become more engaged, and offered to meet with the new YAC/TTC liaison Michelle Aguilera quarterly. He also suggested that we select a smaller venue for the Candidates Forum than Catalina High School Auditorium, in order to encourage a more intimate environment. Supervisor Elías has agreed to attend the MEC's August 6<sup>th</sup> Retreat.

### **7.5 RCAC – David Rodriguez**

MEC Executive Board members Dr. Webb-Vignery and Pat Wiedhopf met with Mayor Rothschild on May 23<sup>rd</sup> to discuss various issues regarding RCAC and other MEC-related activities. The Mayor agreed to attend the MEC's August 6<sup>th</sup> Retreat. He inquired about the Community Schools project and was informed that recent meetings have not occurred. Regarding the YAC/TTC's Civic Engagement Day, he suggested that we contact moderate state legislators who are supportive of education to meet with, and promised to send us some suggestions.

### **7.6 Appointments – Deborah Embry**

The Commission's Sun Corridor representative Guillermo Figueroa has resigned; George Favela will talk to CenturyLink regarding a possible replacement, and a meeting will be set up with Pima County Supervisor Sharon Bronson on June 3<sup>rd</sup> to discuss this issue.

All of the Pima County Board of Supervisors appointees will term out at the end of the calendar year; we will contact them asking if they would like to be reappointed. Also, three other Commissioners are due to expire in August 2016; we will also contact them to ask if they would like to be reappointed.

### **7.7 YAC/TTC – Paul Lovelis**

Paul Lovelis & Ed Nossem have constructed the 2015-2016 meeting template, and discussed with Dr. Webb-Vignery. We plan to engage more fully on local education and youth issues through interaction with the Mayor & Council and Board of Supervisors meetings. In this regard Dr. Webb-Vignery has contacted UA Doctoral Student Michelle Aguilera to assist us in keeping track of the City & County meeting agendas. We will also request that the YAC/TTC members sound out their peers on what issues they feel need to be addressed, and bring these to the YAC/TTC meetings for discussion. We plan on being placed on the City & County agendas at appropriate times to bring these concerns to them, thus fulfilling the YAC/TTC's intended role as an advisory body to them.

### **7.8 Key to Employment Symposium – Ed Nossem**

The 2017 K2E will take place on Wednesday, February 8, 2017 at the UA Student Union. Planning will begin in late summer 2016.

## **8.0 ADJOURNMENT – PAT WIEDHOPF**

Motion to approve: Bill Ardern

Second: Paul Lovelis

Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 8:50 a.m.