



**MINUTES – METROPOLITAN EDUCATION COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING**  
**Wednesday, September 21, 2016 at 5:00 P.M.**  
**at the Pima Community College Downtown Campus, 1255 N. Stone Ave.,**  
**Tucson, Arizona**

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Dr. Linda Arzoumanian, Dennis Barger, Dr. Kent Barrabee, Leshawn Bowen, Jen Darland, Patrick Derrig, Dr. David Doré, Molly Gilbert, Javier Herrera, Jessica Kull, Alexander Lewis, Beth Matthias-Loghry, Paul Lovelis, Jennifer Sprung, George Vance, Dr. June Webb-Vignery, Pat Wiedhopf, James Wiltbank.

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: Bill Ardern, Dr. Mary Jan Bancroft, James Cook, Richard Elias, Deborah Embry, George Favela, Steve Freeman, Teri Laguna, Luis Manjarrez, Rafael Meza, Dr. Daisy Rodriguez Pitel, Regina Romero, Dr. Alan Storm, Dr. Kasey Urquidez.

NON-COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Edward Nossem.

1.0 CALL TO ORDER – PAT WIEDHOPF

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.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 AUGUST 6, 2016 MEETING MINUTES – PAT WIEDHOPF

Motion to approve: Molly Gilbert

Second: Dr. David Doré

Motion carried unanimously.

5.0 APPROVAL OF JULY & AUGUST 2016 FINANCIAL REPORT – PAT WIEDHOPF

Motion: Dr. Kent Barrabee

Second: Jen Darland

Motion carried unanimously.

6.0 COMMITTEE REPORTS – PAT WIEDHOPF

6.1 Budget – Bill Ardern

The budget is tracking appropriately; we are awaiting remittance for Pima County billings for July and August.

- 6.2 Crystal Apple Awards Luncheon – Dr. June Webb -Vignery  
The 27<sup>th</sup> Annual Crystal Apple Awards Luncheon will take place on Friday, April 29, 2016 at the Desert Diamond Casino & Hotel, 7350 S. Nogales Highway. The 2016 Honorees are: Lifetime Achievement Award – Dr. Eugenia Favela; Education Advocate Award – Jeretta Douglas & Ruth Solomon. Teacher Award, Corporate Award, Counselor Award Small Business Award and Youth Award TBD.
- 6.3 Appointments –Deborah Embry  
Appointment of George Vance, representing Sun Corridor, to the MEC:  
Motion: Jennifer Sprung  
Second: Dr. David Doré  
Motion carried unanimously.  
Appointment of Patrick Derrig, MEC Youth Commissioner:  
Motion: Jennifer Sprung  
Second: Dr. David Doré  
Motion carried unanimously.
- 6.4 YAC/TTC – Leshawn Bowen & Patrick Derrig  
YAC/TTC members elected Patrick Derrig as the second MEC Youth Commissioner at their September 7<sup>th</sup> meeting; Mr. Derrig gave a short introduction of himself.  
The 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Teen Town Hall will take place on Friday, October 21<sup>st</sup>, 2016 at Catalina High School Auditorium. Community leaders and schools have been contacted and RSVP's will be collected.
- 6.5 Issues –George Favela  
No action.
- 6.6 Regional College Access Center – David Rodriguez  
A College Knowing & Going Initiative Kick-Off Reception will be held at the MEC office on Thursday, September 29<sup>th</sup>, from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Mayor Rothschild and Pima Co. Supervisor Richard Elias are slated to deliver welcoming remarks. Linda Jensen from College Success Arizona is also slated to speak. The AmeriCorps Student Ambassadors and school counselors involved in the Initiative will be introduced. Thanks to generous MEC Commissioner donations, we have collected enough funds to pay for catering from JTED's Santa Rita High School catering class, and the rental of folding chairs. MEC Commissioners are urged to attend.
- 6.7 Key to Employment Symposium – Ed Nossem  
The 2017 Key to Employment for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Symposium will take place on Wednesday, February 8, 2017 at the U of A Student Union. The Planning Committee will start to meet in early October.
- 7.0 CALL TO THE PUBLIC  
No action.
- 8.0 ADJOURNMENT – PAT WIEDHOPF  
Motion to approve: Dennis Barger  
Second: James Wiltbank  
Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 5:30 p.m