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METROPOLITAN EDUCATION COMMISSION
Youth Advisory Council/Tucson Teen Congress Meeting Minutes
MONDAY, AUGUST 26, 2019, at 5:30 P.M.
Santa Rosa Library, 1075 S. 10th Avenue,
Tucson, AZ

Members Present: Yusuf Rahman, Milana Marshall, James May, Mazzy Marshall, Patrick Robles, Leilani Serbousek, Henry Harms, Mia Palmer, Leyla Cortez-Shenk.

Non-Members Present: Arlene Benavidez, Ed Nossem.

1.0 Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 5:30 PM.

2.0 Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all attendees.

3.0 Roll Call

Roll was called; a quorum of members was present.

4.0 Approval of April 22, 2019 Meeting Minutes

Motion: Milana Marshall

Second: James May

Motion carried unanimously.

5.0 MEC Updates

Arlene Benavidez presented updates on the MEC, including information on the City of Tucson Human Services' MEC budget elimination and remedial action; the importance of fundraising and grant-writing for sustainability; possible alternate venues for the Key to Employment Symposium and the Crystal Apple Awards Luncheon; and college intern positions for the MEC office and programs and expansion of advising services, with on-site representatives from the U of A, ASU, NAU, and GCU.



6.0 Orientation Session/YAC Handbook

YAC 2019-2020 YAC Handbooks were distributed to the members, and were reviewed. Members were advised to study the Handbook and to refer to it as needed.

7.0 Election of MEC Youth Commissioner

Item postponed.

8.0 YAC Activities Overview for 2019-2020

The 2019-2020 YAC Calendar of Activities was reviewed. The major focuses this year will be student voter registration; the DemocraSeed Project; leadership training utilizing the Uof A's Blue Chip Program; and civic engagement activities related to the Teen Town Hall and the DemocraSeed Project.

9.0 Selection of Committees

The members selected one of three committees, which will outline their responsibilities as the year progresses.

10.0 Announcements

The DemocraSeed Project's first of four training sessions will take place on Wednesday, September 11th, probably in Oro Valley; more information is forthcoming.

YAC Recruitment activities will continue, with Patrick Robles covering schools south of 22nd Street, and Milana Marshall and James May covering Vail School District schools. MEC Program Coordinator Ed Nossem will give a recruitment presentation to City High School on Wednesday, September 4th, and will set appointments at other schools.

11.0 Call to Public

No action.

12.0 Adjournment

Motion to approve: James May

Second: Leilani Serbousek

Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 6:35 p.m.