



EDUCATION AND WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT ROUNDTABLE ACTION MINUTES

May 6, 2026

The Education and Workforce Development Roundtable of the City of Mesa met in The Studios at Mesa City Center, 59 E. 1st St., on May 6, 2026, at 1:34 p.m.

BOARDMEMBERS PRESENT

Candice Copple, Vice Chairperson
Dr. Erica Copeland (Designee for Dr. Perry Berry)
Dr. Richard Daniel
Sally Harrison
Marcie Hutchinson
Dr. Shane McCord
Renee Parker (Designee for Dr. Matthew Strom)
Craig Pearson (Designee for David Loutzenheiser)
Jenny Jackson Robinson
Jessica Steadman (Designee for Dr. Joseph Foy)
Vince Yanez

BOARDMEMBERS ABSENT

Councilmember Heredia, Chairperson
Councilmember Duff
Rich Nickel
Kristin Sorensen
David Williams
Dr. Chad Wilson

STAFF PRESENT

Lisa Cartwright-Harris
Holly Moseley
Rafaella Safarian
Sarah Tolar

Vice Chairperson Copple conducted a roll call.

Vice Chairperson Copple excused Chairperson Heredia, Boardmembers Duff, Nickel, Sorensen, Williams, and Wilson from the entire meeting.

Vice Chairperson Copple excused Boardmember Jackson Robinson from the beginning of the meeting; she arrived at 1:38 p.m.

Vice Chairperson Copple excused Boardmember Hutchinson from the beginning of the meeting; she arrived at 1:52 p.m.

1. Call meeting to order, welcome announcements and reminders from the Chair.

Vice Chairperson Copple called the meeting to order. She welcomed Designee Dr. Erica Copeland, Associate Superintendent at Queen Creek Unified School District; Designee Renee Parker, Director of Community Partnerships at Mesa Public Schools; Craig Pearson, Assistant Director of Career and Technical Education, and Jessica Steadman, Campus Manager and

Director of Marketing at Benedictine University.

2. Take action to approve the Roundtable Meeting Minutes from September 11, 2026.

It was moved by Boardmember McCord, seconded by Boardmember Daniel, that the September 11, 2026, Education and Workforce Development Roundtable meeting minutes be approved.

Upon tabulation of votes, it showed:

AYES– Copple–Copeland–Daniel–Harrison–Hutchinson–McCord–Parker–Pearson–Jackson
Robinson–Steadman–Yanez

NAYS – None

ABSENT – Heredia–Duff–Nickel–Sorensen–Williams–Wilson

Vice Chairperson Copple declared the motion carried unanimously by those present.

3. Recognition of outgoing and incoming Superintendents.

Discussion only; no formal action taken by the Board.

4. City staff to provide update regarding the progress of Arizona Institute for Education and the Economy initiative. City staff to provide additional update on the City's childcare needs assessment task force project and participation in Cities for Kiddies initiative.

Presentation and discussion only; no formal action taken by the Board.

5. Hear overview presentation from Mesa Public Schools, ICAN and Boys and Girls Club on Out of School Time programming. Panel discussion with MPS, ICAN and Boys and Girls Club focused on Out of School Time programming, needs, funding, future considerations and impact on Mesa's students.

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Discussion only; no formal action taken by the Board.

(At 2:38 p.m., Vice Chairperson Copple excused Boardmember Harrison from the remainder of the meeting.)

6. Roundtable members share information regarding their involvement in recent and upcoming education or workforce-related events or programs.

Discussion only; no formal action taken by the Board.

7. Call to the public.

There were no public comments.

8. Call for future agenda items.

There were no future agenda items discussed.

9. Adjourn.

Without objection, the Education and Workforce Development Roundtable meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

I hereby certify that the foregoing minutes are a true and correct copy of the minutes of the Education and Workforce Development Roundtable meeting of the City of Mesa, Arizona, held on the 6th day of May 2026. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

HOLLY MOSELEY, CITY CLERK

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(Attachments – 1)