

EDUCATION AND WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT ROUNDTABLE ACTION MINUTES

December 3, 2025

The Education and Workforce Development Roundtable of the City of Mesa met in The Studios at Mesa City Center, 59 E. 1st St., on December 3, 2025, at 1:35 p.m.

BOARDMEMBERS PRESENT

Councilmember Heredia, Chair
Dr. Erica Copeland (Designee for Dr. Perry Berry)
Candice Copple
Dr. Richard Daniel
Dr. Joseph Foy*
Sally Harrison
Marcie Hutchinson
David Loutzenheiser
Dr. Shane McCord
Rich Nickel
Renee Parker (Designee for Dr. Matthew Strom)
Jenny Jackson Robinson
Matt Sexton (Designee for David Williams)
Vince Yanez

BOARDMEMBERS ABSENT

Kristen Sorensen
Dr. Chad Wilson

COUNCIL PRESENT

None

STAFF PRESENT

Andrea Alicoate
Lisa Cartwright-Harris
Holly Moseley
Rafaella Safarian
Sarah Tolar

(*Participated in the meeting through the use of video conference equipment.)

Chairperson Heredia conducted a roll call.

Chairperson Heredia excused Boardmember Sorensen from the entire meeting.

Chairperson Heredia excused Boardmember Daniel from the beginning of the meeting; he arrived at 1:40 p.m.

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

Chairperson Heredia called the meeting to order. He welcomed Designee Dr. Erica Copeland, Associate Superintendent at Higley Unified School District; Designee Renee Parker, Director of Community Partnerships at Mesa Public Schools; and Designee Matt Sexton, Community Development Manager at Meta.

2. Take action on selecting Education and Workforce Development Roundtable Vice Chair for new term.

It was moved by Chairperson Heredia, seconded by Boardmember Harrison, that Boardmember Copple be appointed as Vice Chairperson of the Education and Workforce Development Roundtable for the remaining term ending June 30, 2026.

Upon tabulation of votes, it showed:

AYES– Heredia–Copeland–Copple–Daniel–Foy–Harrison–Hutchinson–Loutzenheizer–McCord–Nickel–Parker–Jackson Robinson–Sexton–Yanez

NAYS – None

ABSENT – Sorensen–Wilson

Chairperson Heredia declared the motion carried unanimously by those present.

3. Take action to approve the Roundtable Meeting Minutes from September 3, 2025.

It was moved by Boardmember Jackson Robinson, seconded by Boardmember Daniel, that the September 3, 2025, Education and Workforce Development Roundtable meeting minutes be approved.

Upon tabulation of votes, it showed:

AYES– Heredia–Copeland–Copple–Daniel–Foy–Harrison–Hutchinson–Loutzenheizer–McCord–Nickel–Parker–Jackson Robinson–Sexton–Yanez

NAYS – None

ABSENT – Sorensen–Wilson

Chairperson Heredia declared the motion carried unanimously by those present.

4. City staff to provide overview and debrief on Arizona Institute for Education and the Economy's progress and next steps.

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

5. Hear report from Rich Nickel, Education Forward President and CEO, on statewide education attainment report.

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

6. Hear presentation from Melinda Gulick, First Things First CEO, on early childhood issues and impact on economic and workforce development in Mesa.

a. Discuss priorities, work and opportunities for engagement with City of Mesa.

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

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

Discussion only; no formal action taken by the Board.

(At 3:01 p.m. Chairperson Heredia excused Boardmember Foy from the remainder of the meeting.)

8. Call to the public.

There were no public comments.

9. Call for future agenda items.

There were no future agenda items discussed.

10. Adjourn.

Without objection, the Education and Workforce Development Roundtable meeting adjourned at 3:03 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 3rd day of December 2025. 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)