



EDUCATION AND WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT ROUNDTABLE ACTION MINUTES

November 9, 2021

The Education and Workforce Development Roundtable of the City of Mesa met via a virtual format on November 9, 2021, at 1:32 p.m.

BOARDMEMBERS PRESENT

Councilmember Spilsbury,
Chairperson
Councilmember Heredia,
Vice Chairperson
Kevin Broeckling
David DiDomenico
Dr. Dawn Foley
Dr. Andi Furlis
Sally Harrison
Katie Lohec
Dr. Shane McCord
Rich Nickel
Dr. Joe O'Reilly
Johathan Schmitt
Vince Yanez

BOARDMEMBERS ABSENT

Dr. Lori Berquam
Dr. Perry Berry
Toni Morales Broberg
Dr. Chad Wilson

STAFF PRESENT

Lisa Anderson
Dee Ann Mickelsen
Erin Romaine
Kelly Whittemore
Amy Trethaway

COUNCIL PRESENT

None

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

Discussion only; no formal action taken by the Board.

2. Take action to approve the Roundtable Meeting Minutes from August 24, 2021, and September 27, 2021.

It was moved by Boardmember Yanez, seconded by Boardmember Schmitt, that the August 24, 2021, and September 27, 2021, Education Roundtable meeting minutes be approved.

Upon tabulation of votes, it showed:

AYES – Spilsbury-Heredia-Broeckling-DiDomenico-Foley-Furlis-Harrison-Lohec-McCord-Nickel-O'Reilly-Schmitt-Yanez

NAYS – None
ABSENT – Berquam- Berry-Broberg-Wilson

Chairperson Spilsbury declared the motion carried unanimously by those present.

3. Hear a presentation from Roundtable Member Joe O'Reilly on and discuss education demographics and statistics in Arizona.

Discussion only; no formal action taken by the Board.

4. Hear updates from the Superintendents on the Roundtable on and discuss:

- a. Percentage of High School Senior on track to graduate in 2022.
- b. Teacher shortage.
- c. Staff struggles with student behaviors.
- d. Superintendent response to impacts of COVID.
- e. Other district related issues or successes you want to share with the Roundtable.

Discussion only; no formal action taken by the Board.

5. Hear a presentation from Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) staff experts, discuss and take action on a proposed DEI statement as part of the Roundtable's purpose and mission statement.

- a. Discuss and provide direction on potential "DEI Institute" at Mesa Community College.

It was moved by Boardmember Nickel, seconded by Boardmember Schmitt, to include the additional language to the Roundtable purpose statement. (See Page 3 of Attachment 2)

Upon tabulation of votes, it showed:

AYES – Spilsbury-Heredia-Broeckling-DiDomenico-Foley-Fourlis-Harrison-Lohec-McCord-Nickel-O'Reilly-Schmitt-Yanez

NAYS – None

ABSENT – Berquam- Berry-Broberg-Wilson

Chairperson Spilsbury declared the motion carried unanimously by those present.

6. Hear an update about and discuss the purpose and the function of each of the Strategic Focus Areas and the schedule for the finalized upcoming meetings regarding the Strategic Focus Areas.

- a. Hear an update about the meetings and progress of the Strategic Focus Areas.
 - Early Childhood through High School
 - Post-Secondary Success
 - Data and Fundraising

Discussion only; no formal action taken by the Board.

7. Hear a presentation on and discuss the Roundtable SharePoint site.

Discussion only; no formal action taken by the Board.

8. Review direction, next steps and the next meetings scheduled.

Discussion only; no formal action taken by the Board.

9. Call to the public.

Reyna Montoya, a Gilbert resident, addressed the Board.

10. Adjournment.

Without objection, the Education and Workforce Development Roundtable meeting adjourned at 2:54 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 9th day of October 2021. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

DEE ANN MICKELSEN, CITY CLERK

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(Attachments – 3)