

RESOLUTION NO. 2024 - _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE PIMA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS CHANGING THE “APPOINTMENTS, QUALIFICATIONS AND TERM OF OFFICE” AND “COMMISSION’S OFFICERS AND RULES” OF THE METROPOLITAN EDUCATION COMMISSION, AMENDING RESOLUTION NUMBER 1990-178.

WHEREAS, on October 1, 1990, Pima County Resolution 1990-178 created the Metropolitan Education Commission ("MEC") jointly with the City of Tucson, empowering the MEC to advise and make recommendations on the educational welfare of the citizens of the City of Tucson and Pima County; and

WHEREAS, the MEC was also entrusted to fulfill various functions and purposes essential to the educational welfare of the community, including identifying and addressing key issues in education, coordinating efforts among various educational and community agencies, promoting innovative practices and ideas, and taking actions necessary to raise the County, City, and State to the highest levels of interest in and support for education; and

WHEREAS, the Pima County Board of Supervisors desires to amend the composition of the MEC by reducing the number of members from thirty-nine (39) to twenty-nine (29), distinguishing the role of its officers, and empowering the MEC to increase the effectiveness of its rules and regulations as a public body and nonprofit organization.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE PIMA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS THAT SECTION I, II AND III OF RESOLUTION 1990-178 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION I. APPOINTMENTS, QUALIFICATIONS, AND TERM OF OFFICE

A. Appointments

The Commission shall consist of twenty-nine (29) members. All members, other than the Executive Director, shall serve without compensation. Membership of the Commission shall consist of the following representation:

Two (2) standing ex-officio (non-voting) members:

- The Pima County Superintendent of Schools.
- The Executive Director of the Metropolitan Education Commission.

Three (3) members appointed by the Pima County Board of Supervisors:

- One (1) member of the Pima County Board of Supervisors.
- One (1) member from the Pima County Health Department or Community and Workforce Development Department.
- One (1) member from Pima County Economic Development Department.

Three (3) members appointed by the City of Tucson Mayor and Council:

- One (1) member of the City of Tucson Mayor and Council.
- One (1) member from the City of Tucson Housing and Community Development or Parks and Recreation.

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- One (1) member from the City of Tucson Economic Initiatives.

Three (3) members appointed by the Pima County Superintendent of Schools:

- One (1) member who is an educator for children ages 5-10.
- One (1) member who is an educator for children ages 11-13.
- One (1) member who is an educator for youth ages 14-18.

Fourteen (14) members appointed by the Commission's Board of Directors:

- Two (2) members who are enrolled learners between the ages of 16-21 upon appointment.
- One (1) member who is a principal of a school.
- One (1) member who is a superintendent of a public school district.
- One (1) member who is an employed affiliate of the Joint Technical Education District.
- Three (3) members from local agencies serving young people and children.
- Six (6) at-large members; with one (1) being representative of historically marginalized/excluded communities, one (1) being representative of the religious community, and one (1) being representative of a state-wide educational agency.

Four (4) members assumed or appointed by Presidents of regional institutions:

- One (1) member from Pima Community College.
- One (1) member from The University of Arizona.
- One (1) member from Arizona State University (ASU).
- One (1) member from Northern Arizona University (NAU).

B. Qualifications

Members, apart from the representatives from ASU, NAU, and one at-large member representative of a state-wide agency, must be residents of Pima County and should possess a continuing knowledge of educational issues, concerns, and endeavors. Representation on the MEC shall, in every way possible, represent different segments of the community, including age, gender and ethnic groups.

C. Term of Office

The term of MEC membership, apart from the standing appointments of the Executive Director and Superintendent of Schools, is two years. A member may be reappointed subject to an eight-year continuous service limitation.

SECTION II. COMMISSION'S OFFICERS AND RULES

A. Officers

The MEC shall elect its own officers who will collectively constitute a Board of Directors with oversight of the greater Commission and its operations as a nonprofit organization as empowered under A.R.S. 10-3824.

B. Rules

The MEC shall adopt rules and regulations in relation to the functioning of the Board and the greater Commission consistent with this resolution and applicable laws and regulations.

SECTION III. VACANCIES, REMOVAL AND QUORUM

A. Vacancies

Vacancies on the MEC shall be filled by appointment in the same manner in which members are initially appointed. Appointments to fill vacancies caused by expiration of terms shall be filled no more than thirty (30) days after the expiration of the term. Appointments to a vacated position shall be for the unexpired portion of the term; however, this unexpired portion of the term is not subject to the eight-year continuous service limitation. If reappointed for a new term, the member is thereafter subject to the limitation.

B. Removal

A member of the MEC who misses four (4) consecutive meetings for any reason, or who fails to attend at least forty percent (40%) of the meetings called in a calendar year, shall be automatically terminated. For appointees of Pima County and the City of Tucson, termination will be in accordance with written directives as established by both municipal governing bodies.

C. Quorum

A majority of the members of the greater Commission shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business, consistent with A.R.S. 1-216. The number of members necessary to constitute a quorum at a duly held meeting of the Board of Directors shall be defined by its adopted rules and regulations, as long as they comply with A.R.S. 10-3824.

WHEREAS, to ensure a smooth transition to this newly defined membership, the Board shall develop a transition plan to reassign and appoint members to new types of representation as necessary and appropriate.

NOW, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE PIMA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS Resolution No. 1990-178 is hereby amended to conform with this Resolution, and all provisions of Resolution No. 1990-178 which are inconsistent with this Resolution are hereby repealed. All remaining provisions of Resolution No. 1990-178, as otherwise amended to date, are hereby reaffirmed and shall remain in full force and effect.

PASSED and ADOPTED this 13th day of August, 2024.

Chair, Pima County Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:

Clerk of the Board

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Deputy County Attorney