



JOINT MEETING OF THE
CITY COUNCIL SUBCOMMITTEE ON EDUCATION,
SCOTTSDALE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT JOINT
ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION, AND
SCOTTSDALE COMMUNITY COLLEGE JOINT
ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

Minutes

Wednesday, August 9, 2023

5:00 p.m.

Community Design Studio

7506 E. Indian School Rd.

Scottsdale, Arizona 85251

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Members of the Subcommittee and Advisory Committee may attend the meeting by telephone or internet conferencing as allowed by A.R.S. §38-431(4).

Call to Order

Mayor Ortega called the meeting to order at 5:07 p.m.

Roll Call

City Council Subcommittee on Education:

Mayor David D. Ortega

Councilwoman Betty Janik

Councilmember Tom Durham

Scottsdale Unified School District Joint Advisory Committee on Education

Dr. Scott Menzel, SUSD Superintendent

Amy Carney, SUSD Board Member

Dr. Libby Hart-Wells, SUSD Board Member (Remote)

Scottsdale Community College Joint Advisory Committee on Education

Dr. Eric Leshinskie, SCC President

Melanie Burm, Director of External Affairs

Dr. Stephanie Polliard, SCC Vice President of Academic Affairs

Public Comment

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1. **Approval of April 12, 2023 Meeting Minutes**

Mayor David Ortega made a motion to approve the Meeting Minutes of April 12, 2023. Dr. Eric Leshinskie seconded the motion. Mayor David D. Ortega, Councilwoman Betty Janik and Councilmember Tom Durham voted in the affirmative. Scottsdale Unified School District Joint Advisory Committee on Education members Dr. Scott Menzel, Dr. Libby Hart-Wells and Amy Carney voted in the affirmative. Scottsdale Community College Joint Advisory Committee on Education members Dr. Eric Leshinskie, Dr. Stephanie Polliard, and Melanie Burm voted in the affirmative; there were no dissenting votes

2. **Accomplishments and Updates**

Mayor Ortega introduced Councilwoman Betty Janik and Councilmember Tom Durham as they are the councilmembers newly serving on the subcommittee. Mayor Ortega asked the rest of the members to briefly introduce themselves for Councilmembers Janik and Durham. Mayor Ortega recognized the beginning of the school years.

3. **ASU Economic Impact Study**

Kristine Harrington, provided an overview of the study titled "The Economic and Fiscal Impacts Of Scottsdale Unified School District, and the Value of its High School Graduates"

- Dr. Hart-Wells thanked Kristine for her work with ASU on this study
- Councilwoman Janik asked about trends on higher education versus the point in time count presented.
- Councilmember Durham asked about statewide high school graduation rate
 - Dr. Leshinski mentioned the collaboration and higher education groups coming together to make strides in this area.

4. **Bachelor's Degree Status Update**

Dr. Eric Leshinskie will provided an update on SCC's four-year degree program.

- Mayor Ortega asked how we can help market and spread the word about these types of programs.
- Dr. Menzel asked if this would be the only program or if additional would be added in the future
- Councilwoman Janik asked about enrollment numbers for the 4-year degrees
- Councilmember Durham asked about 4 year Medical Technology and Nursing Degrees
- Dr. Hart-Wells asked if the decision to move forward with business first was informed by business leaders in the community

5. **Future Agenda Items and Meeting Dates**

- November 8th is the next meeting
- Email future agenda items to Rebecca Kurth

6. Adjournment 6:05 p.m.

There being no further business before the committee, Mayor Ortega declared the meeting adjourned.

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