

SA2020 COMMISSION ON EDUCATION MEETING MINUTES

Monday, April 13, 2015

8:30 AM

Pre-K 4 SA North Center, 3635 Medical, San Antonio, Texas, 78229

Members Present: Anita Fernandez, District 1 Representative
Julius Lorenzi, District 5 Representative
Philip N. Taele, District 6 Representative
Cristina Bazaldua-Salazar, District 7 Representative
Paul Martin, District 8 Representative
Maryann Jarrell, District 10 Representative

Member Absent: Lester Bryant, Chair, District 2 Representative
Michael Soto, Mayoral Appointee

Staff Present: Ana Acevedo, Education Policy Administrator, City of San Antonio

1. Approval of Minutes from February 10, 2015 Meeting

Philip Taele motioned to approve minutes. Cristina Bazaldua-Salazar seconded the motion. The minutes were approved by the Commission.

2. Introduction of New Commissioners

Paul Martin introduced himself to the Commission as the new appointee for District 8. Maryann Jarrell introduced herself to the Commission as the new appointee for District 10. The rest of the Commissioners introduced themselves to the new Commissioners.

3. Discussion and possible action regarding goals and objectives of Commission [Anita Fernandez, District 1]

Anita opened the discussion regarding the direction of the Commission. There was a shared sentiment to consider renaming the Commission to the City of San Antonio Commission on Education. The Commissioners agreed to invite Molly Cox, Interim President and CEO, to the May meeting to discuss dropping SA2020 from the name of the Commission.

A discussion was had regarding the kind of information that the Commission would like to have. In particular, the Commission wanted to know about Destination College and all the events for the week. Ana Acevedo said that she would get that information and email it to everyone. Cristina Bazaldua-Salazar shared that Univision was going to host a call-in show regarding college information on April 27, 2015 from 4 pm – 10 pm as part of Destination College.

The idea of having a City website to serve as a repository or clearinghouse for education-related resources was suggested. Moreover, maintaining a calendar of educational community events would also be beneficial to inform the public.

Ana Acevedo reminded the Commission that they need to prepare an annual report for City Council. She suggested that she could begin to work on a report which shows current City spending related to education along with Commission comments regarding City spending on education.

The Commission discussed the following ideas for future work: evaluate programs and make recommendations about what to continue to support and what to drop; partner with the chambers to do a State of Education luncheon/fundraiser and maybe use funds raised for scholarships; and partner with the San Antonio Youth Commission.

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Ana Acevedo asked the Commissioners for their input in preparing a clearinghouse of educational resources for the community.

4. Announcements

Julius Lorenzi asked about moving the meeting times to the afternoon. Cristina Bazaldua-Salazar asked if the Commission could consider a lunch time meeting. Ana Acevedo said she would survey the Commission available dates and times for the May meeting.

Paul Martin motioned to adjourn the meeting. Philip Taele seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 9:55 AM.