REGULAR MEETING CALL TO ORDER - AGENDA ITEM #1
Governing Board Chairman, Frank Straka, called the meeting to order at 4:38 pm. Governing Board Members present in-person/online were: Frank Straka, Peter Pingerelli, James Kaltenbach, Barbara Wyllie, Jim Migliorino, Michael Hutchinson, and Juan Ramirez.

West-MEC staff in attendance/online were: Greg Donovan, Jessica McDowell, Anna Abe, Samantha Coffey, Kara Dellsanti, Lizeth Fils-Aime, Christine Ireland, Speranta Klees, Jessica Putton, Brian Wright, Spencer Isom, Laura Jaime, Troy Gabaldon, Jarett Guy, Joel Wakefield, Matt Heath, Shelly Thome, Deb Godley, Marilynn Babyar, Holly Medina, David Svorinic, John Kukowski, Darin Sowby, Jack Erb, Toni Manzo, Dan Hester, Chris Cook, Rahsaan Bartet, Aaron Parsons, Barbara Thompson, George Gerardo, and Dee Markham.

Others in attendance/online were: Amy Christopher, Rose Garcia, Susan Baker, Linda Busam, and Christine Gabaldon.

ADOPTION OF THE NOVEMBER 10, 2021 REGULAR GOVERNING BOARD MEETING AGENDA - AGENDA ITEM #2
Jim Migliorino made a motion to adopt the November 10, 2021 regular Governing Board Meeting Agenda. James Kaltenbach seconded the motion, and the motion was approved unanimously by Frank Straka, Peter Pingerelli, James Kaltenbach, Barbara Wyllie, Jim Migliorino, Michael Hutchinson, and Juan Ramirez.

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PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND MOMENT OF SILENCE - AGENDA ITEMS #3 & 4
Toni Manzo, Social Media Specialist, led the Pledge of Allegiance, and a Moment of Silence was observed afterward.

INTRODUCTION OF DISTRICT #1 NEW GOVERNING BOARD MEMBER, JUAN RAMIREZ - AGENDA ITEM #5
Frank Straka introduced the new Governing Board Member for District 1, Juan Ramirez, and welcomed him to West-MEC. Juan reported that he grew up in Yuma and San Luis. He has a Bachelor of Science Degree in Electrical Engineering from Arizona State University and went on to get his Law Degree. He is currently working as a Personal Injury Attorney with Escamilla Law Group.

DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING HELD OCTOBER 13, 2021 - AGENDA ITEM #6
James Kaltenbach made a motion to approve the October 13, 2021 Governing Board Minutes. Jim Migliorino seconded the motion, and the motion was approved unanimously by Frank Straka, Peter Pingerelli, James Kaltenbach, Barbara Wyllie, Jim Migliorino, Michael Hutchinson, and Juan Ramirez.

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SUMMARY OF CURRENT EVENTS - AGENDA ITEM #7A
Greg Donovan, the Superintendent, reported on the following:
- West-MEC completed its Cognia Accreditation review last week. The visiting team gave West-MEC exemplary comments after interviewing 226 individuals and reviewing documentation and artifacts. The final report will be received in approximately 45 days.
- Last week, The Alliance held a fundraiser at Top Golf, and with the Bowling Fundraiser proceeds to bring the total to $62,500.00 raised for student scholarships.
- Dysart Unified School District was awarded $450,000.00 for a Transportation Grant to purchase several “white buses” to transport students to West-MEC Campuses.
- Dysart High School has remodeled its Auto Facility into a state-of-the-art facility with West-MEC grant funds.
- James Matthews, a West-MEC employee, has completed the Aviation A&P Technician Program and passed his FAA exams. This is the first West-MEC employee to use the Adult Program to further his career opportunities.
- The annual audit was performed this week, and there were no major audit findings. Thank you to the Business Department for their outstanding work.
• Gila Bend Unified School District and Littleton Elementary School District were successful in their votes to join West-MEC.

GOVERNING BOARD SUMMARY OF CURRENT EVENTS - AGENDA ITEM #7B
Both Frank Straka and James Kaltenbach attended the Best of the West Awards Dinner. West-MEC received its second Regional Advancement in Education Award, this time for the Southwest Campus.

DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF A MOTION TO APPROVE THE CONSENT - AGENDA ITEM #8
Jim Migliorino made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. James Kaltenbach seconded the motion, and the motion was approved unanimously by Frank Straka, Peter Pingerelli, James Kaltenbach, Barbara Wyllie, Jim Migliorino, Michael Hutchinson, and Juan Ramirez.

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The following items were approved:
- Payroll Vouchers 8 & 4080 and 9 & 4090
- Accounts Payable Vouchers 6021 - 6026
- Personnel
- Donations
- Career and Technical Student Organization (CTSO) Student Activity Monthly Cash Report
- Travel
- Reclassifying Revolving Bank Account

Jim asked why anyone would donate a 2021 Subaru, and Superintendent Donovan explained that West-MEC has a partnership with Subaru. Students at the Northeast Campus can become Certified Specialists if they want. Subaru donates newer models so students can work on them.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC - AGENDA ITEM #9
No items were brought forth in the Call to the Public.

LEGISLATIVE AND BUSINESS PARTNERSHIP UPDATE - AGENDA ITEM #10
Spencer Isom, Director of Business Partnerships and Government Affairs, reported on the following items:
- A general landscape of the current Arizona Legislature.
• The State General Fund revenues are growing rapidly. Economists project an ongoing balance of $7 million and a one-time balance of $1.7 billion in 2023.
• The 2022 CTE Legislative Priorities are: Transportation to Central Campuses, Continue the annual Incentive Grant for schools who have high school students graduate with a credential, Create an Arizona Career Proficiency and College Readiness Seal, Adult Education, and Establish a state-wide articulation agreement between CTEDs and Community Colleges.
• Currently performing due diligence on the 30 acres owned by John F. Long by Central Campus.
• Representatives from the Curriculum and Instruction Department met with Executives from TSMC (Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Company). TSMC likes the idea of partnering with West-MEC to develop a student and adult program leading to entry-level careers in the company.

PENDERGAST ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT PRESENTATION - AGENDA ITEM #11
Amy Christopher, Director of School Improvement and Program Development, reported on the profile of a graduate and the qualities the District strives to instill in each student.
• Collaborator
• Problem Solver
• Communicator
• Career Success Skills
• Character
• Technology Skills

The goals of the District are to increase student understanding about career options, increase the number of students that take CTE coursework through West-MEC and earn completion certificates, improve project-based learning opportunities, and provide opportunities for Jr. High students to participate in STEAM-related activities such as Makerspace.

Amy also discussed the current work at the District and where they were headed. The grant they received from West-MEC was $159,800.00.

Comments and Questions from the Governing Board/Superintendent:
• It is exciting that your daughter is learning FUSE, that’s a high-level programming language. (Juan Ramirez)
• I am always excited about tracking students; thank you for doing that. (Frank Straka)
• Pendergast keeps stretching more opportunities for students; thanks for the great work you are doing. (Greg Donovan)
• Which High Schools does Pendergast lead into? (James Kaltenbach) Tolleson Union, Charter Schools, and Maricopa Institute of Technology.

Peter Pingerelli left the meeting at 5:08 pm.
WICKENBURG UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT PRESENTATION - AGENDA ITEM #12
Rose Garcia, CTE Director, reported on the CTE activity in the District. Currently, Wickenburg has 7 CTE Programs. The District is fighting a declining enrollment, but 63% of students are taking a CTE course this year. Almost all graduates have taken a CTE course.

Susan Baker, Stagecraft Instructor, reported on all the elements of Stagecraft: sets, lighting, makeup, costumes, sound, and props. Examples were given on each of these segments of the Stagecraft Program. The partnership with Del E. Webb has been an instrumental help with the students and all facets of Stagecraft.

Questions and Comments from the Board:
- What criteria do you use to find new Programs? (Jim Migliorino) Community local needs assessment.
- Where do Stagecraft students go when they graduate? (Barbara Wyllie) They work at the Del E. Webb Center for the Performing Arts, Sound engineering at Community Colleges and theatres throughout the Phoenix area.
- This class is not only a volunteer opportunity but a chance for a career. (Frank Straka)

WEST-MEC CALENDAR EVENTS - AGENDA ITEM #13
Frank Straka reported on the West-MEC Calendar Events:
- Think Tank - November 18, 2021 (Northwest Campus)
- ACTE Visions - December 1-4, 2021 (Hybrid/New Orleans)
- All Staff Meeting - January 14, 2022 (Northwest Campus Lightbox)

DISCUSSION OF FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS - AGENDA ITEM #14
Future Agenda Items should include an update on the EVIT Partnership, Campus presentations (NEC next month), and land purchases for the future.

CONSIDERATION OF A MOTION TO ADJOURN - AGENDA ITEM #15
Frank Straka adjourned the meeting at 6 pm by acquiescence.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dee Markham | Governing Board Secretary