

# Council Committee Meeting Minutes

## Workforce Readiness and Livable Communities

Council Committee Meeting Agenda  
*Virtual and In-Person Meeting in City Council Chambers*  
31 East 5<sup>th</sup> Street  
January 29, 2024  
3:00 pm  
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#### 1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

*The meeting was called to order at 3:02 p.m. by Councilmember Hodge with Councilmember Hodge attending in-person and Councilmember Keating attending virtually.*

#### 2. REVIEW MEETING MINUTES

A. October 23, 2023

*Approval of the October 23, 2023 meeting minutes was moved by CM Hodge and seconded by CM Keating.*

**3. PUBLIC COMMENTS** - The committee welcomes public comment. According to the Arizona Open Meeting Law, the Committee may only discuss matters listed on the agenda. Matters brought up by the public under public appearances that are not listed on the agenda cannot be discussed by the Committee. A 3-minute limit per person will be in effect.

#### A. Comment Cards Submitted

None.

#### 4. COMMITTEE SESSION ITEMS

##### A. Current Items and Updates

###### 1. Presentation and Update from Tempe Union High School District

###### **-Presentation from Tempe Union High School District Superintendent Dr. Stacia Wilson**

*Dr. Wilson discussed how she assumed her role as acting superintendent on August 9. In the fall, Tempe Union began implementing the strategic plan. The district put out surveys to community members and used the Delphi survey methodology to help create a 2024-25 strategic plan.*

*Dr. Wilson elaborated that Career and Technical Education efforts are of paramount important to Tempe Union. She wants students to have options and to understand that there are a multitude of career paths available for them once they graduate from high school. The district's CTE programs are all compliant with the Arizona Department of Education.*

*Councilmember Hodge asked Dr. Wilson how the City of Tempe can best assist the district. Dr. Wilson responded that the district enjoys a strong relationship with the city and asked to continue the partnership.*

###### 2. Presentation and Update from Tempe Elementary School District No. 3

###### **-Presentation from Tempe Elementary School District No.3 Superintendent Dr. James Driscoll**

*Dr. Driscoll presented on the recently implemented Arizona Teacher Residency Program that provides prospective Tempe Elementary teachers with on-the-job training. He mentioned how it's a yearlong apprenticeship program that provides teachers with a free master's degree from Northern Arizona University and a potential job in the district. The program helps teachers understand what it takes to do the job. If a teacher completes the program and gets a job with the district, they are expected to complete two to three years of work in Tempe Elementary.*

*Dr. Driscoll discussed the partnership between the district, Honeywell, and Barrett-Jackson for a STEM program. The end goal for this program is to expose Tempe Elementary students to careers in engineering. He also mentioned how there is a new "e-sports" elective available for students.*

###### 3. Presentation and Update from Kyrene Elementary School District

###### **-Presentation from Kyrene Elementary School District Superintendent Laura Toenjes**

*Superintendent Toenjes presented on the numerous events organized by Kyrene Elementary in the Fall 2023 semester. The district celebrated its 135<sup>th</sup> birthday. It also held the Ruby Bridges Walk to School Day for the first time in the last handful of years, and thousands of attendees participated. Superintendent Toenjes discussed the launch of the district's strategic plan, which will focus on early literacy.*

*The district has received \$200,000 in arts grants and over 20 former Kyrene students are now teaching in the district. Kyrene School District also received recognition with a meritorious budget award for the transparency it provided during the budgeting process.*

##### B. New Items for Consideration

1. Councilmember Hodge requested a presentation from the Office of Education, Career, and Family Services on Age Friendly Tempe.
2. Councilmember Keating requested a presentation the City of Tempe Economic Development Team on workforce updates.

##### C. Announcements

1. None.

#### 5. NEXT MEETING DATE: February 26, 2024

#### 6. ADJOURN

*Councilmember Hodge adjourned the meeting at 3:41 p.m.*