I. Welcome & Introductions (10 minutes)
Mayor John Giles, City of Mesa, Chair

II. Municipal Updates & Sharing (30 minutes)
Mayors, staff members, and education leaders
Confirmed members:
Casa Grande – Mayor Craig McFarland, Anna Battle, Adam Leckie, Joel Villegas
Fountain Hills – Mayor Ginny Dickey
Mesa – Mayor John Giles, Lisa Cartwright-Harris, Sarah Tolar
Miami – Mayor Sammy Gonzales
Phoenix – Valerie Churchwell, Clark Princell, Tim Valencia
Sahuarita – Mayor Tom Murphy, Manuel Valenzuela
Superior – Mayor Mila Besich, Arlynn Godinez, Hank Gutierrez
Tempe – Naomi Farrell, Marie Raymond
Arizona Community Foundation – Anne Medina-Doak, Glenn Wike
Collaborative Communications – Ian Hickox, Kris Kurtenbach
Education Forward Arizona – Erin Hart, Rich Nickel

III. Presentation: Chronic Absenteeism in Arizona (40 minutes)
This statewide study of Arizona schools, co-developed by WestEd and the Helios Education Foundation, documents K–8 trends in student absences, which student groups and grade levels have the highest rates of chronic absence, and how rates compare across districts before and during the COVID-19 pandemic.
Speakers:
Lenay Dunn, PhD, Project Director and Senior Researcher, WestEd
Paul G. Perrault, PhD, Senior Vice President, Community Impact and Learning, Helios Education Foundation
Report: Chronic Absenteeism in Arizona: A Description of K-8 Trends 2017-2021