

**MINUTES OF PUBLIC MEETING OF THE
ARIZONA GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION COUNCIL
OUTREACH COMMITTEE
EDUCATION WORKGROUP**

A public meeting of the Arizona Geographic Information Council Outreach Committee Education Workgroup was convened on May 21, 2024 at 11:00 am on Google Meets. Present at the meeting were the following members or designees of the group:

Workgroup Voting Members

Member	Agency/Company	In-Attendance
Lucas Murray, Interim Chair	AZ Dept of Transportation	Yes, Virtual
Brandon Barnett	Republic Services	Yes, Virtual
Emily La Sala	Pinal County	Yes, Virtual
Joseph Kerski	Esri	No, excused
Sage Donaldson	AZ Dept of Transportation	Yes, Virtual

Public Members At-Large

Member	Agency/Company	In-Attendance
Ronald Huettnner	AZ State Land Department	Yes, Virtual
Patrick Whiteford	AZ Dept of Transportation	Yes, Virtual
Cheryl Thurman	TerraSystems Southwest	Yes, Virtual

Recording of meeting (Minute each item occurs in the video is highlighted in red below):
<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1NpjbUbHuyWJ2jTtsUo-sMX4RDonZczYu/view?usp=sharing>

- I. **Call to order:** Meeting was called to order at 11:01 am; Introductions were made by the workgroup ensuring attendance list was managed and quorum established.
- II. **Workgroup Administration (Minute 3:10):** Lucas, Brandon, Emily, and Sage elected to remain as voting members. Cheryl, Patrick and Ronald elected to become public members at-large.

Nominations were received from Emily and Lucas to co-chair the committee. Lucas motioned and Sage seconded for Emily and Lucas to co-chair the Workgroup. The motion passed with Lucas abstaining.

- III. **Workgroup Goals and Purpose (Minute 6:27):** The group discussed what goals they want to focus on for the year. One goal is to focus on colleges and universities and provide guidance to adjust curriculum so students graduate with the skills that most businesses are seeking. To meet that goal, the group will identify select universities and colleges with GIS programs to help pilot the project and will create a survey for businesses that will identify the skills they are

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seeking but not getting from students. Emily also mentioned a value in interviewing students to find out what skills they felt they were missing after entering the workforce.

A possible second goal would be to engage in K-12 education and identify opportunities to support GIS education in schools. The group discussed identifying companies that are already working with K-12 schools, like Green Drone, and how best to support them, identifying sources of lesson plans that may already be published and available.

Action Item: Lucas will begin drafting a work plan to be reviewed by the group at the next meeting

- IV. **Meeting Schedule and Cadence (Minute 50:11)**: Workgroup agreed to meet monthly on Tuesdays at 11:00 am
- V. **Comments or Items for Future Agendas (Minute 52:11)**: None.
- VI. **Adjourn (Minute 53:18)**: Meeting was adjourned at 11:54 am