

# SCOTTSDALE ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMISSION

## \*\*\* FIRST **MARKED** AMENDED MEETING NOTICE AND AGENDA

[\*Agenda Packets Updated for Agenda Item #6, #7, and #8.]



### SCOTTSDALE ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMISSION

Alisa McMahon, Chair  
Ute Brady, Commissioner  
Alexandra Craig, Commissioner

Tara Iyengar, Commissioner  
Siobhan Ulreich-Power, Commissioner  
Judah Waxelbaum, Commissioner

Wednesday, September 16, 2026

**5:30 P.M.**

### SCOTTSDALE ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMISSION MEETING

Community Design Studio, 7506 E. Indian School Road, Scottsdale, Arizona.

The public will have access to the meeting place 30 minutes prior to the meeting.

**Call to Order– 5:30 P.M.**

**Roll Call - PRESENT: Chair McMahon, Commission Members Brady, Craig, Iyengar, and Waxelbaum.**

**ABSENT: Commissioner Ulreich-Power**

One or more members of the Scottsdale Environmental Advisory Commission may be attending the meeting by telephone, video, or internet conferencing, pursuant to A.R.S. §38-431(4).

### Public Comment – Non-Agendized Items

Citizens may address the members of the Scottsdale Environmental Advisory Commission during Public Comment. However, Arizona State law prohibits the Scottsdale Environmental Advisory Commission from discussing or taking action on an item that is not on the prepared agenda. Public Comment time is reserved for Scottsdale citizens, business owners and property owners to comment on non-agendized items that are within the Commission's jurisdiction. Speakers may submit a blue "Request to Speak" card in person prior to the beginning of the meeting. Public testimony is limited to three (3) minutes per speaker and a total of 15 minutes.

Written comments are also being accepted for non-agendized items and may be submitted in-person at the hearing or electronically by [clicking here](#). Written comments submitted electronically will be emailed to the Commission Members.

**There was no public comment**

### 1. Administrative Report – Adam Yaron, Commission Liaison

**Note:** The Commission may make comments or ask questions of the Commission Liaison; however, no Commission action will be taken.

**Commission Liaison Adam Yaron provided an administrative update regarding upcoming City Council meetings and anticipated items of interest to the Commission, including dates and topics previously identified by Chair McMahon. Items discussed included the 2026 Sustainable Scottsdale Awards**

**presentation, the Large Water User Ordinance work study, the SEAC Annual Report presentation, the Data Center Zoning work study, and a future Scottsdale Water work study discussion.**

## Minutes

2. Approval of May 20, 2026, Scottsdale Environmental Advisory Commission [Regular Meeting Minutes](#).  
**Commission Action:** Discussion and action (roll call vote).

**APPROVED: 5-0 by roll call vote. Chair McMahon moved to approve the May 20, 2026, Scottsdale Environmental Advisory Commission Regular Summarized Meeting Minutes. Commissioner Iyengar seconded the motion.**

**Chair McMahon and Commissioners Brady, Craig, Iyengar, and Waxelbaum voted in the affirmative. There were no dissenting votes.**

## REGULAR AGENDA

3. [2026 Sustainable Scottsdale Awards City Council Presentation — Presenter Coordination](#)  
The Commission will discuss and identify the primary presenter and alternate presenter(s) for the 2026 Sustainable Scottsdale Awards presentation scheduled for the September 22, 2026, City Council meeting.

**Presenter:** Commissioner Craig

**Staff Contact:** Adam Yaron, Commission Liaison, [ayaron@scottsdaleaz.gov](mailto:ayaron@scottsdaleaz.gov), 480-312-2761

**Commission Action:** Presentation, possible discussion and action

**APPROVED: 5-0 by roll call vote. Commissioner Craig moved to approve Commissioner Craig as the primary presenter, with Chair McMahon and Commissioner Brady serving as alternate presenters, for the 2026 Sustainable Scottsdale Awards presentation scheduled for the September 22, 2026 City Council meeting. Chair McMahon seconded the motion.**

**Chair McMahon and Commissioners Brady, Craig, Iyengar, and Waxelbaum voted in the affirmative. There were no dissenting votes.**

4. [Possible Continuation of Sustainable Scottsdale Awards Program for 2027](#)  
Discussion regarding whether to conduct a 2027 award cycle, including whether the Commission can expect support from the Office of Communications. Discussion may also include possible changes to the program and a 2027 award cycle timeline. Action may be taken regarding the disposition of the 2027 award cycle, changes to the program, and a 2027 award cycle timeline.

**Presenter:** Commissioner Craig and Chair McMahon

**Staff Contact:** Adam Yaron, Commission Liaison, [ayaron@scottsdaleaz.gov](mailto:ayaron@scottsdaleaz.gov), 480-312-2761

**Commission Action:** Presentation, possible discussion and action

**The Commission discussed the item.**

**APPROVED: 5-0 by roll call vote. Commissioner Craig moved to continue the discussion to the next regular meeting of the Commission to allow for a full discussion with broader Commission representation present. Commissioner Iyengar seconded the motion.**

**Chair McMahon and Commissioners Brady, Craig, Iyengar, and Waxelbaum voted in the affirmative. There were no dissenting votes.**

**5. Vice Chair Vacancy and Election of Vice Chair**

The Commission will consider nominations and may take action to elect a Vice Chair to serve for the remainder of the current officer term.

**Presenter:** Chair McMahon

**Staff Contact:** Adam Yaron, Commission Liaison, [ayaron@scottsdaleaz.gov](mailto:ayaron@scottsdaleaz.gov), 480-312-2761

**Commission Action:** Presentation, possible discussion and action

**APPROVED: 5-0 by roll call vote. Commissioner Iyengar moved to elect Commissioner Brady as Vice Chair of the Scottsdale Environmental Advisory Commission for the remainder of the current officer term. Chair McMahon seconded the motion.**

**Chair McMahon and Commissioners Brady, Craig, Iyengar, and Waxelbaum voted in the affirmative. There were no dissenting votes.**

## NON-ACTION AGENDA

**How the Non-Action Agenda Works:** The Commission will receive a presentation and may have a discussion on each item but no action will be taken by the Commission. The Non-Action Agenda provides an opportunity for staff to receive input from the Commission and for the public to observe these discussions.

\* 6. **Plastic Waste & Health: Soft Plastics Recycling Program**

Commissioner Iyengar will introduce J.D. Hill, proprietor of a local food-scrap-to-farmland company, who will provide an informational presentation on the addition of soft plastics recycling to the company's services. The presentation will address available program metrics, service to Scottsdale residents, participation and implementation considerations, and opportunities for broader community awareness.

Following the presentation, Commissioner Iyengar will facilitate a discussion on the topic, including questions from the Commission and identification of potential areas for future consideration.

**Presenter:** Commissioner Iyengar & Mr. J.D. Hill

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**Commission Action:** Presentation and possible discussion

**Commissioner Iyengar introduced Mr. J.D. Hill from R. City. a proprietor of a local food-scrap-to-farmland company, who provided an informational presentation on the addition of soft plastics recycling to the company's services.**

**The Commission discussed the item.**

**No action was taken.**

\* 7. [Water Conservation Strategies](#)

The Commission will discuss water conservation strategies including a) separate metering and submetering, b) flow sensors and other irrigation strategies, c) strategies specific to medical and laboratory facilities and equipment, d) strategies for ornamental water features, e) strategies for pools and spas, f) hot water recirculation pumps, and g) elimination of non-functional turf.

**Presenter:** Chair McMahon

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**Commission Action:** Presentation and possible discussion

**The Commission discussed the item.**

**No action was taken.**

\* 8. [Large-Volume Water Users](#)

Presentation and discussion regarding how Arizona municipal water providers are regulating large-volume water users.

**Presenter:** Chair McMahon

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**Commission Action:** Presentation and possible discussion

**The Commission discussed the item.**

**No action was taken.**

9. [Identification of Future Agenda Items](#)

The Scottsdale Environmental Advisory Commission may suggest items they wish to be placed on a future agenda. Consideration of such items includes: 1) request that the Commission Liaison agendaize the item for a future meeting; 2) request that the Commission Liaison investigate the matter and prepare a written response to the Commission; or 3) take no further action. Per Arizona State law, the Commission may not discuss, deliberate, or take legal action on any matter in the "Identification of Future Agenda Items" unless the specific matter is properly noticed for legal action.

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**Adjournment – 7:27 P.M.**

**APPROVED: Unanimously by voice vote; Motion to adjourn by Chair McMahon, 2nd by Commissioner Brady.**



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