



City of Scottsdale
Scottsdale Environmental Advisory Commission (SEAC)
SUMMARIZED REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

5:30 p.m. Wednesday, January 21, 2026
Community Design Studio
7506 E. Indian School Road, Scottsdale 85251

Call to Order: 5:32 p.m.

PRESENT: Chair Scheck, Vice Chair McMahon, and Commission Members Brady, Craig, Iyengar, Ulreich-Power, and Waxelbaum

STAFF PRESENT: Tim Conner, Environmental Policy Manager / Commission Liaison;
Adam Yaron, Planning & Development Area Manager;
Tim Curtis, Planning and Development Area Director;
Karen Tyler, Principal Assistant City Attorney;
Justin Suryanata, Environmental Programs Coordinator;
Jack Kelly, Planning Technician

Public Comment: There was no public comment.

Note – Chair Scheck conducted the Meeting Agenda Items in the following order: Item 14, Administrative Report, Item 6, Item 8, Item 1, Item 2, Item 3, Item 4, Item 5, Item 7, Item 12, Item 15, Item 13, and Item 16

Administrative Report – Tim Conner, Commission Liaison

Mr. Conner reminded the Commission of the meeting material timelines.

No action was taken.

Minutes

1. **Approval of August 20, 2025, Scottsdale Environmental Advisory Commission Regular Meeting Minutes.**
Commission Action: Discussion and action (roll call vote).

The Commission discussed the item.

APPROVED:6-1 by roll call vote. Motion to approve the August 20, 2025, Summarized Regular Meeting Minutes, by Commissioner Brady noting the following:

- 1. Said Minutes do not provide the openness, transparency, accessibility, efficiency, and functionality of SEAC's traditional meeting minutes, meaning the minutes approved over the past several years through to the May 21, 2025 meeting minutes;**
- 2. Said Minutes do not provide the openness, transparency, accessibility, efficiency, and functionality of the Minutes to date of other Scottsdale boards and commissions, including but not limited to Airport, Budget Review, Human Relations, Human Services, Judicial Appointments, Library, McDowell Sonoran Preserve, Parks and Recreation, Transportation, and Veterans; and**
- 3. A summary of the meeting analogous to the Minutes referenced in 1 and 2 can be found in the August 20, 2025 Commissioner Meeting Report linked to the October 15, 2025 Regular Meeting Marked Agenda at Item #3.**

2nd by Chair Scheck. Chair Scheck, Vice Chair McMahon, and Commission Members Brady, Craig, Iyengar, and Ulreich-Power, voted in the affirmative; Commissioner Waxelbaum dissenting.

In response to staff's offer to speak to his non-approval Commissioner Waxelbaum explained that he is used to what is done at the state level where approval of minutes is a formality, and he is fine with approving each of the minutes without the additional language in the motion.

- 2. Approval of September 17, 2025, Scottsdale Environmental Advisory Commission Regular Meeting Minutes.**

Commission Action: Discussion and action (roll call vote).

The Commission discussed the item.

Vice Chair McMahon noted the following corrections for the September 17, 2025, Summarized Meeting Minutes:

- Item 2 should indicate a "Motion to authorize Commissioner Craig to consider extending the timeline for submissions for the Sustainable Scottsdale Award for the purposes of increasing publicity...", and**
- Item 6 should include a third bullet citing, "Vice Chair McMahon added for the October meeting a continuation of tonight's discussion regarding SEAC minutes/notes".**

APPROVED:6-1 by roll call vote. Motion to approve the September 17, 2025, Summarized Regular Meeting Minutes, with Vice Chair McMahan's corrections, by Commissioner Brady

noting the following:

- 1. Said Minutes do not provide the openness, transparency, accessibility, efficiency, and functionality of SEAC's traditional meeting minutes, meaning the minutes approved over the past several years through to the May 21, 2025 meeting minutes;**
- 2. Said Minutes do not provide the openness, transparency, accessibility, efficiency, and functionality of the Minutes to date of other Scottsdale boards and commissions, including but not limited to Airport, Budget Review, Human Relations, Human Services, Judicial Appointments, Library, McDowell Sonoran Preserve, Parks and Recreation, Transportation, and Veterans; and**
- 3. A summary of the meeting analogous to the Minutes referenced in 1 and 2 can be found in the September 17, 2025 Commissioner Meeting Report linked to the January 21, 2026 Regular Meeting Marked Agenda at Item #8.**

2nd by Chair Scheck. Chair Scheck, Vice Chair McMahon, and Commission Members Brady, Craig, Iyengar, and Ulreich-Power, voted in the affirmative; Commissioner Waxelbaum dissenting.

- 3. Approval of October 15, 2025, Scottsdale Environmental Advisory Commission Regular Meeting Minutes.**

Commission Action: Discussion and action (roll call vote).

APPROVED:6-1 by roll call vote. Motion to approve the October 15, 2025 Summarized Regular Meeting Minutes, by Commissioner Brady noting the following:

- 1. Said Minutes do not provide the openness, transparency, accessibility, efficiency, and functionality of SEAC's traditional meeting minutes, meaning the minutes approved over the past several years through to the May 21, 2025 meeting minutes;**
- 2. Said Minutes do not provide the openness, transparency, accessibility, efficiency, and functionality of the Minutes to date of other Scottsdale boards and commissions, including but not limited to Airport, Budget Review, Human Relations, Human Services, Judicial Appointments, Library, McDowell Sonoran Preserve, Parks and Recreation, Transportation, and Veterans; and**
- 3. A summary of the meeting analogous to the Minutes referenced in 1 and 2 can be found in the October 15, 2025 Commissioner Meeting Report linked to a future Regular Meeting Marked Agenda.**

2nd by Chair Scheck. Chair Scheck, Vice Chair McMahon, and Commission Members Brady, Craig, Iyengar, and Ulreich-Power, voted in the affirmative; Commissioner Waxelbaum dissenting.

4. Approval of November 19, 2025, Scottsdale Environmental Advisory Commission Regular Meeting Minutes.

Commission Action: Discussion and action (roll call vote).

APPROVED:6-1 by roll call vote. Motion to approve the November 19, 2025 Summarized Regular Meeting Minutes, by Commissioner Brady noting the following:

- 1. Said Minutes do not provide the openness, transparency, accessibility, efficiency, and functionality of SEAC's traditional meeting minutes, meaning the minutes approved over the past several years through to the May 21, 2025 meeting minutes;**
- 2. Said Minutes do not provide the openness, transparency, accessibility, efficiency, and functionality of the Minutes to date of other Scottsdale boards and commissions, including but not limited to Airport, Budget Review, Human Relations, Human Services, Judicial Appointments, Library, McDowell Sonoran Preserve, Parks and Recreation, Transportation, and Veterans; and**
- 3. A summary of the meeting analogous to the Minutes referenced in 1 and 2 can be found in the November 19, 2025 Commissioner Meeting Report linked to a future Regular Meeting Marked Agenda.**

2nd by Chair Scheck. Chair Scheck, Vice Chair McMahon, and Commission Members Brady, Craig, Iyengar, and Ulreich-Power, voted in the affirmative; Commissioner Waxelbaum dissenting.

5. Approval of December 10, 2025, Scottsdale Environmental Advisory Commission Regular Meeting Minutes.

Commission Action: Discussion and action (roll call vote).

The Commission discussed the item.

Vice Chair McMahon noted the following corrections for the December 10, 2025, Summarized Meeting Minutes:

- Item 4 should indicate the 2nd motion maker was Chair Scheck and not Commissioner Craig, and**
- Item 8 should indicate“...nominees who did not advance to the second and final round of review.”**

APPROVED:6-1 by roll call vote. Motion to approve the December 10, 2025, Summarized Regular Meeting Minutes, with Vice Chair McMahan's corrections, by Commissioner Brady noting the following:

- 1. Said Minutes do not provide the openness, transparency, accessibility, efficiency, and functionality of SEAC's traditional meeting minutes, meaning the minutes approved over the past several years through to the May 21, 2025 meeting minutes;**
- 2. Said Minutes do not provide the openness, transparency, accessibility, efficiency, and functionality of the Minutes to date of other Scottsdale boards and commissions, including but not limited to Airport, Budget Review, Human Relations, Human Services, Judicial Appointments, Library, McDowell Sonoran Preserve, Parks and Recreation, Transportation, and Veterans; and**
- 3. A summary of the meeting analogous to the Minutes referenced in 1 and 2 can be found in the December 10, 2025 Commissioner Meeting Report linked to a future Regular Meeting Marked Agenda.**

2nd by Chair Scheck. Chair Scheck, Vice Chair McMahon, and Commission Members Brady, Craig, Iyengar, and Ulreich-Power, voted in the affirmative; Commissioner Waxelbaum dissenting.

REGULAR AGENDA

6. 2026 Election of Officers

In accordance with the Bylaws of the Scottsdale Environmental Advisory Commission, members will elect a Chair and Vice Chair for 2026.

Presenter: Chair Scheck

Staff Contact: Tim Conner, Commission Liaison, tconner@scottsdaleaz.gov, 480-312-7833

Commission Action: Presentation, possible discussion and action

APPROVED: 7-0 by roll call vote. Motion to appoint Commissioner McMahon as Vice Chair of the Scottsdale Environmental Advisory Commission by Chair Scheck, 2nd by Commissioner Brady. Chair Scheck, Vice Chair McMahon, and Commission Members Brady, Craig, Iyengar, Ulreich-Power and Waxelbaum, voted in the affirmative; there were no dissenting votes.

APPROVED: 7-0 by roll call vote. Motion to appoint Commissioner Scheck as Chair of the Scottsdale Environmental Advisory Commission by Commissioner Brady, 2nd by Commissioner Ulreich-Power. Chair Scheck, Vice Chair McMahon, and Commission Members Brady, Craig, Iyengar, Ulreich-Power and Waxelbaum, voted in the affirmative; there were no dissenting votes.

7. Scottsdale Environmental Advisory Commission 2025 Annual Report

The Commission will review, discuss and consider approval of the 2025 Scottsdale Environmental Advisory Commission Annual Report.

Presenter: Chair Scheck

Staff Contact: Tim Conner, Commission Liaison, tconner@scottsdaleaz.gov, 480-312-7833

Commission Action: Presentation, possible discussion and action

The Commission discussed the item.

Commissioner Brady and Vice Chair McMahon suggested that the Commission be provided with more time to review late modifications submitted by Commissioner Brady and the Vice Chair McMahon. Vice Chair McMahon requested staff send an email to the Commission tomorrow (January 22, 2026) with the following items:

- **2024 Annual Report as approved,**
- **2025 draft Annual Report in the January packet, and**
- **All submitted revisions to same**

APPROVED: 6-1 by roll call vote. Motion to continue the review and possible approval of the 2025 Scottsdale Environmental Advisory Commission Annual Report to the February 18, 2025 Regular Meeting, by Chair Scheck, 2nd by Commissioner Brady. Chair Scheck, Vice Chair McMahon, and Commission Members Brady, Craig, Iyengar, and Ulreich-Power, voted in the affirmative; Commissioner Waxelbaum dissenting.

8. Commissioner Meeting Report – September 17, 2025, Regular SEAC Meeting

A written Meeting Report prepared by Commissioners for the September 17, 2025, regular meeting may be reviewed, discussed, and considered for approval by the Commission as a resource for interested parties and to support SEAC's ongoing discussions and function.

Presenter: Chair Scheck

Staff Contact: Tim Conner, Commission Liaison, tconner@scottsdaleaz.gov, 480-312-7833

Commission Action: Presentation, possible discussion and action

APPROVED: 7-0 by roll call vote. Motion to approve the Commissioner Meeting Report for the September 17, 2025, Regular SEAC Meeting by Vice Chair McMahon, 2nd by Commissioner Brady. Chair Scheck, Vice Chair McMahon, and Commission Members Brady, Craig, Iyengar, Ulreich-Power and Waxelbaum, voted in the affirmative; there were no dissenting votes.

9. *Commissioner Meeting Report – October 15, 2025, Regular SEAC Meeting

This item has been removed.

10. *Commissioner Meeting Report – November 19, 2025, Regular SEAC Meeting

This item has been removed.

11. ***Commissioner Meeting Report – December 10, 2025, Regular SEAC Meeting**

This item has been removed.

12. ****2026 Sustainable Scottsdale Award Program Update**

Commissioner Craig will provide an update on the program's progress and any outstanding tasks that need to be addressed by the Commission.

Presenter: Commissioner Craig

Staff Contact: Tim Conner, Commission Liaison, tconner@scottsdaleaz.gov, 480-312-7833

Commission Action: Presentation, possible discussion and action

The Commission discussed the item.

No action was taken.

13. ****Update on 2019 Bond Project #41 Install Solar Heating System for Eldorado Pool**

Vice Chair McMahon will provide an update and lead a discussion regarding 2019 Bond Project #41 as the project has evolved since the staff presentation to SEAC in August 2025. The Commission will consider appointing a Commissioner to represent SEAC to make a recommendation regarding the use of solar to enhance Scottsdale's environment at a City Council meeting when Bond Project #41 is agendaized for action.

Presenter: Vice Chair McMahon

Staff Contact: Tim Conner, Commission Liaison, tconner@scottsdaleaz.gov, 480-312-7833

Commission Action: Presentation, possible discussion and action

The Commission discussed the item.

APPROVED: 7-0 by roll call vote. Motion to appoint Vice Chair McMahon to represent the Commission in making a recommendation regarding the use of solar to enhance Scottsdale's environment at a future City Council meeting when Bond Project #41 is agendaized for action by Chair Scheck, 2nd by Commissioner Ulreich-Power. Chair Scheck, Vice Chair McMahon, and Commission Members Brady, Craig, Iyengar, Ulreich-Power 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.

14. ***Plastic Waste & Health

Commissioner Iyengar will introduce Mr. David Charns, a local supplier of food service products, who will provide an informational presentation on alternatives to plastic food service items. The presentation will address cost considerations, product availability, disposal and end-of-life issues, barriers to broader adoption, and education opportunities from a restaurant and supplier perspective.

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. David Charns

Staff Contact: Tim Conner, Commission Liaison, tconner@scottsdaleaz.gov, 480-312-7833

Commission Action: Presentation and possible discussion

Commissioner Iyengar introduced Mr. David Charns, a local supplier of food service products, who discussed alternatives to plastic food service items with the Commission.

No action was taken.

15. Scottsdale Environmental Advisory Commission Annual Bylaw Review

Staff will present the Bylaws of the Commission for annual review.

Staff Contact/Presenter: Tim Conner, Commission Liaison, tconner@scottsdaleaz.gov, 480-312-7833

Commission Action: Presentation and possible discussion

The Commission discussed the item.

No action was taken.

16. **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.

Staff Contact: Tim Conner, Commission Liaison, tconner@scottsdaleaz.gov, 480-312-7833

The Commission discussed the item.

No action was taken.

Adjournment – 7:19PM

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



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