



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

5:30 p.m. Wednesday, February 18, 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 Craig, Iyengar, Ulreich-Power, and Waxelbaum

ABSENT: Commissioner Brady

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.

Administrative Report – Tim Conner, Commission Liaison

Mr. Conner reminded the Commission of the meeting material timelines and invited a member of the Commission to participate in the city’s spring 2026 Annual Citizen Water Academy. Commissioner Ulrich-Power expressed interest in participating.

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).

APPROVED: 6-0 by roll call vote. Motion to approve the August 20, 2025 Scottsdale Environmental Advisory Commission Regular Summarized Meeting Minutes by Vice Chair McMahon; 2ND by Chair Scheck. Chair Scheck, Vice Chair McMahon, and Commission Members Craig, Iyengar, Ulreich-Power, and Waxelbaum voted in the affirmative; there were no dissenting votes.

2. Approval of September 17, 2025, Scottsdale Environmental Advisory Commission Regular Meeting Minutes.
Commission Action: Discussion and action (roll call vote).

APPROVED: 6-0 by roll call vote. Motion to approve the September 17, 2025 Scottsdale Environmental Advisory Commission Regular Summarized Meeting Minutes by Vice Chair McMahon noting the following corrections:

- **Item 2 should read as “Motion to authorize Commissioner Craig to consider extending the timeline for submissions for the Sustainable Scottsdale Award for the purpose of increasing publicity”, and,**
- **Item 6 should add a third bullet: Vice Chair McMahon added for the October meeting a continuation of tonight’s discussion regarding SEAC minutes/notes.**

2ND by Chair Scheck. Chair Scheck, Vice Chair McMahon, and Commission Members Craig, Iyengar, Ulreich-Power, and Waxelbaum voted in the affirmative; there were no dissenting votes.

3. Approval of October 15, 2025, Scottsdale Environmental Advisory Commission Regular Meeting Minutes.
Commission Action: Discussion and action (roll call vote).

APPROVED: 6-0 by roll call vote. Motion to approve the October 15, 2025 Scottsdale Environmental Advisory Commission Regular Summarized Meeting Minutes by Vice Chair McMahon; 2ND by Chair Scheck. Chair Scheck, Vice Chair McMahon, and Commission Members Craig, Iyengar, Ulreich-Power, and Waxelbaum voted in the affirmative; there were no dissenting votes.

4. Approval of November 19, 2025, Scottsdale Environmental Advisory Commission Regular Meeting Minutes.
Commission Action: Discussion and action (roll call vote).

APPROVED: 6-0 by roll call vote. Motion to approve the November 19, 2025 Scottsdale Environmental Advisory Commission Regular Summarized Meeting Minutes by Vice Chair McMahon; 2ND by Chair Scheck. Chair Scheck, Vice Chair McMahon, and Commission Members Craig, Iyengar, Ulreich-Power, and Waxelbaum voted in the affirmative; there were no dissenting votes.

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

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

APPROVED: 6-0 by roll call vote. Motion to approve the December 10, 2025 Scottsdale Environmental Advisory Commission Regular Summarized Meeting Minutes by Vice Chair McMahon noting the following corrections:

- **Item 4 motion was seconded by Chair Scheck, and**
- **Item 8 sentence below the motion should end with: "... second and final round of review."**

2ND by Chair Scheck. Chair Scheck, Vice Chair McMahon, and Commission Members Craig, Iyengar, Ulreich-Power, and Waxelbaum voted in the affirmative; there were no dissenting votes.

6. Approval of January 21, 2026, Scottsdale Environmental Advisory Commission Regular Meeting Minutes.

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

APPROVED: 5-1 by roll call vote. Motion to approve the August 20, 2025 Scottsdale Environmental Advisory Commission Regular Summarized Meeting Minutes by Vice Chair McMahon noting the following corrections:

- **Item 1 should have the sentence that reads with "Commissioner Waxelbaum shared that his dissenting vote reflected his objection to the Commission using the minutes beyond the normal role of government meeting minutes." be replaced with, "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."**
- **Item 7 should read as "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."**
- **Item 7 should read as "Vice Chair McMahon requested staff send an email to the Commission tomorrow with the following items ..."**

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

Commissioner Waxelbaum shared that his dissenting vote reflected only that he was fine with the characterization in the original draft minutes.

REGULAR AGENDA

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

A written Meeting Report prepared by Commissioners for the October 15, 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: 6-0 by roll call vote. Motion to approve the Commissioner Meeting Report for October 15, 2025 by Chair Scheck; 2ND by Commissioner Craig. Chair Scheck, Vice Chair McMahon, and Commission Members Craig, Iyengar, Ulreich-Power and Commissioner Waxelbaum, voted in the affirmative.

8. **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

APPROVED: 6-0 by roll call vote. Motion to approve the Scottsdale Environmental Advisory Commission 2025 Annual Report by Chair Scheck with amendments submitted by Commissioner Brady and Vice Chair McMahon; 2ND by Commissioner Ulreich-Power. Chair Scheck, Vice Chair McMahon, and Commission Members Craig, Iyengar, Ulreich-Power and Commissioner Waxelbaum, voted in the affirmative.

9. **2026 Sustainable Scottsdale Awards Program Update and Final-Round Application Review**

Commissioner Craig will provide an update on the program's progress and any outstanding tasks requiring Commission action, followed by review and discussion of final-round award submittals from Stardust, Scottsdale Community College – Facilities Department, and Waste Not.

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.

Commissioner Craig requested that Commissioners submit their rankings for the 2026 Sustainable Scottsdale Award candidates through communication from the Commission Liaison, with results to be presented at the March 2026 regular meeting.

No action was taken.

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.

10. Water Conservation Strategies

The Commission will discuss the 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, and e) strategies for pools and spas.

Presenter: Vice Chair McMahon

Staff Contact: 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.

11. Food Waste Diversion at City Venues Study and Old Town/Downtown Recycling

The Commission will discuss the status update memo from Solid Waste covering Food Waste Diversion at City Venues Study (FY 24/25 pilot program update), Old Town Scottsdale Business Recycling Pilot Program, and current status of recycling in Old Town/downtown Scottsdale.

Presenter: Vice Chair McMahon

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

Commission Action: Presentation and possible discussion

The Commission discussed the item.

Vice Chair McMahon requested a comprehensive Solid Waste update, including follow-up on Food Waste Diversion at City Venues Study (FY 24/25 pilot program update), Old Town Scottsdale Business Recycling Pilot Program – including status of recycling in Old Town/downtown Scottsdale and an overview of information previously presented to SEAC in December 2023.

The Commission further expressed interest in receiving information on any additional Solid Waste efforts that may be relevant to SEAC’s advisory role including residential and commercial waste and recycling programs, bulk and brush collection, transfer station operations, fleet, current initiatives, future plans and programs.

No action was taken.

12. 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

Commissioner Iyengar informed the Commission that, as a continuation of the prior discussion regarding Plastic Waste & Health, she has engaged with the sustainability department at Phoenix Sky Harbor International Airport regarding initiatives to reduce plastic waste and lower their carbon footprint. She indicated a willingness to coordinate with the Commission Liaison regarding the potential scheduling of a future informational presentation from Phoenix Sky Harbor staff.

Commissioner Waxelbaum expressed interest in receiving information from the City’s Water Resources Department regarding the City’s analysis of the U.S. Department of the Interior’s Draft Environmental Impact Statement related to the post-2026 Colorado River operating guidelines. The request was framed as an informational update to better understand potential regional and municipal implications.

No action was taken.

Adjournment – 6:49 P.M.

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



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