



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

**5:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 18, 2026**

Community Design Studio  
7506 E. Indian School Road, Scottsdale 85251

**Call to Order:** 5:34 p.m.

**PRESENT:** Vice Chair McMahon and Commission Members Brady, Craig (arrived at 5:44P.M.), Iyengar, and Waxelbaum

**ABSENT:** Chair Scheck, Commissioner Ulreich-Power (absence excused, attending Water Academy)

**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; Dave Bennett, Solid Waste Department Director; and Gina Azima, Solid Waste Outreach Manager

**Note:** Vice Chair McMahon conducted the Meeting Agenda Items in the following order: Item 4, Item 3, Item 1, Item 2, Item 5

**Public Comment:** None.

**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 February 18, 2026, Scottsdale Environmental Advisory Commission Regular Meeting Minutes.  
**Commission Action:** Discussion and action (roll call vote).

### Item 1 Motion and Vote

**APPROVED: 4-1 by roll call vote. Motion to approve the February 18, 2026, Scottsdale Environmental Advisory Commission Regular Summarized Meeting Minutes by Vice Chair McMahon noting the following correction:**

**Item 6 on Page 3 on the February 18, 2026, Scottsdale Environmental Advisory Commission Regular Summarized Meeting Minutes should read as “Commissioner Waxelbaum shared that his dissenting vote reflected only that he was fine with the characterization in the original draft minutes.”**

**2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner Craig. Vice Chair McMahon, and Commission Members Brady, Craig, and Iyengar voted in the affirmative; Commissioner Waxelbaum dissenting.**

## REGULAR AGENDA

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

A written Meeting Report prepared by Commissioners for the November 19, 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

### Item 2 Motion and Vote

**APPROVED: 5-0 by roll call vote. Motion to approve the Commissioner Meeting Report for November 19, 2025 by Commissioner Waxelbaum; 2ND by Commissioner Brady. Vice Chair McMahon, and Commission Members Brady, Craig, Iyengar, and Waxelbaum, voted in the affirmative; there were no dissenting votes.**

3. **2026 Sustainable Scottsdale Awards Program Update and Award Selection**

Commissioner Craig will provide an update on the program’s progress and identify any tasks requiring Commission coordination. The Commission will review and discuss the applications of second round finalists Scottsdale Community College – Facilities Department, Stardust, and Waste Not. The Commission may select a 2026 Sustainable Scottsdale Award recipient(s).

**Presenter:** Commissioner Craig

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

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

### **Item 3 Motion and Vote**

**APPROVED: 5-0 by roll call vote. Motion to award Stardust Building Supply with the 2026 Sustainable Scottsdale Award by Commissioner Craig; 2ND by Commissioner Brady. Vice Chair McMahon, and Commission Members Brady, Craig, Iyengar, and Waxelbaum, voted in the affirmative; there were no dissenting votes.**

**APPROVED: 5-0 by roll call vote. Motion to 1) Direct the Commission Liaison to notify Stardust Building Supply by email and transmit a formal letter conveying the Commission's recognition; 2) Request that the City Clerk schedule a Presentation slot at a future City Council meeting, preferably the meeting closest to Earth Day, to publicly acknowledge Stardust Building Supply for this recognition; and 3) Authorize Commissioner Craig to present the award at a future City Council meeting, with the specific date to be determined by Commissioner Craig; 2nd by Commissioner Brady. Vice Chair McMahon, and Commission Members 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.

### **4. Solid Waste Services Update**

The Commission will receive a presentation from Scottsdale's Solid Waste Services, including an update on the Food Waste Diversion at City Venues Study (FY 24/25 pilot program), the Old Town Scottsdale Business Recycling Pilot Program (including the current status of recycling throughout Old Town/downtown Scottsdale), and general departmental information last presented to SEAC in December 2023. The Commission will also receive information on additional Solid Waste Services efforts that may be relevant to the Commission's advisory role including residential and commercial refuse and recycling programs, bulk and brush collection, transfer station operations, fleet, current initiatives, the ADEQ Recycling Grant, and future plans and programs.

**Presenter:** Dave Bennett, Solid Waste Department Director

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

**Commission Action:** Presentation and possible discussion

**Dave Bennett, Solid Waste Department Director, and Gina Azima, Solid Waste Outreach Manager, gave a presentation to the Commission.**

**The Commission discussed the item.**

**No action was taken.**

#### 5. 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 Craig informed the Commission of a potential future agenda item to invite a representative from Goodwill of Central and Northern Arizona to provide an update on the monitored donation container project. She noted that the project has been operating in a pilot phase since October 2025 in partnership with another municipality, and that initial data is now available. She further indicated that two additional containers are currently being fabricated and that the original units will be returned for updates. The Commission expressed general support for receiving a presentation on this item.**

**Commissioner Waxelbaum raised an additional potential agenda topic regarding changes to the certification of the advanced water purification facility. He noted that the facility previously held a high-level certification that is reportedly no longer valid and that regaining compliance may require significant upgrades. He expressed interest in receiving an informational presentation from the City's Water Resources Department to better understand the nature of the change, including whether it is the result of updated requirements from the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ) or other regulatory factors.**

**No action was taken.**

**Adjournment – 7:34 P.M.**

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



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