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

5:30 p.m. Wednesday, September 16, 2026
Community Design Studio
7506 E. Indian School Road, Scottsdale 85251

Call to Order: 5:30 p.m.

PRESENT: Chair McMahon, Commission Members Brady, Craig, Iyengar, and Waxelbaum

ABSENT: Commissioner Ulreich-Power

STAFF PRESENT: Adam Yaron, Planning & Development Area Manager / Commission Liaison;
Karen Tyler, Principal Assistant City Attorney;
Justin Suryanata, Environmental Programs Coordinator; and
Gina Azima, Solid Waste Outreach Coordinator

Note: Chair McMahon conducted the meeting and considered agenda Item 6 be the first meeting item.

Public Comment: None.

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

Mr. Yaron reminded the Commission of the meeting material timelines, City Council meetings, and anticipated items of interest.

No action was taken.

2. **Minutes**
   Approval of May 20, 2026, Scottsdale Environmental Advisory Commission Regular Meeting Minutes.

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

Item 2 Motion and Vote
APPROVED: 5-0 by roll call vote. Motion to approve the May 20, 2026, Scottsdale Environmental Advisory Commission Regular Summarized Meeting Minutes by Chair McMahon

2nd by Commissioner Iyengar. 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, 480-312-2761
   Commission Action: Presentation, possible discussion and action

Item 3 Motion and Vote
APPROVED: 5-0 by roll call vote. Motion 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.

2nd by Chair McMahon. 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, 480-312-2761
   Commission Action: Presentation, possible discussion and action

Item 4 Motion and Vote
APPROVED: 5-0 by roll call vote. Motion to continue the discussion to the next regular meeting of the Commission to allow for a full discussion with broader Commission representation present.

2nd by Commissioner Iyengar. 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, 480-312-2761
   Commission Action: Presentation, possible discussion and action

Item 5 Motion and Vote
APPROVED: 5-0 by roll call vote. Motion to elect Commissioner Brady as Vice Chair of the Scottsdale Environmental Advisory Commission for the remainder of the current officer term by Commissioner Iyengar.

2nd by Chair McMahon. 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.

   Presenter: Commissioner Iyengar & Mr. J.D. Hill
   Staff Contact: Adam Yaron, Commission Liaison, ayaron@scottsdaleaz.gov, 480-312-2761
   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
   Staff Contact: Adam Yaron, Commission Liaison, ayaron@scottsdaleaz.gov, 480-312-2761
   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
   Staff Contact: Adam Yaron, Commission Liaison, ayaron@scottsdaleaz.gov, 480-312-2761
   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 agendize 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: Adam Yaron, Commission Liaison, ayaron@scottsdaleaz.gov, 480-312-2761

No action was taken.

Adjournment – 7:27 P.M.

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

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