



City of Scottsdale
McDowell Sonoran Preserve Commission
Regular Meeting Notice and Agenda

Thursday, September 3, 2026 – 5:00 p.m.
Via Linda Senior Center | 10440 E. Via Linda Scottsdale, AZ 85258

*As a member of the Scottsdale community, I will genuinely listen,
speak respectfully and be accountable for my words and actions.*

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. ROLL CALL

Chairperson Steve Coluccio, Vice-chair Savannah Engelking, Commissioners Robert Hallagan, Susan Hirshman, Pruitt Layton, Ryan Rybarczyk, Cynthia Wenstrom.

One or more members of the public body may attend the meeting by telephone, video, or internet conferencing, pursuant to A.R.S. §38-431(4).

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

Citizens may address the members of McDowell Sonoran Preserve Commission during Public Comment. This Public Comment time is reserved for citizen comments regarding non-agendized items. Arizona State law prohibits McDowell Sonoran Preserve Commissioners from discussing or taking action on an item that is not on the prepared agenda. Citizens may complete one Request to Speak “Public Comment” card per meeting and submit it to City Staff. Public testimony is limited to three (3) minutes per speaker. Written comment cards are accepted for both agendized and non-agendized items and may be submitted to City Staff at any time. Cards submitted after public testimony has begun will be provided to the Public Body at the conclusion of the testimony for that item.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approval of the [Regular Meeting minutes of June 4, 2026](#).

Commission Action: Discussion and possible action.

5. MCDOWELL SONORAN CONSERVANCY REPORT

A representative from the McDowell Sonoran Conservancy will report on their planned activities for the year.

Commission Action: Information and discussion.

6. STAFF REPORT & PROJECT UPDATES

Preserve staff will update the Commission on projects and activities.

Commission Action: Information and discussion.

7. SPECIAL USE PERMIT GUIDELINES UPDATE

Preserve staff will update the Commission on changes to the Special Use Permit Guidelines.

Commission Action: Information and discussion.

8. LAND ACQUISITION GUIDING PRINCIPLES

Preserve Director will propose criteria for evaluating land that may be considered for inclusion in the Preserve in the future.

Commission Action: Discussion and possible action.

9. COMMISSION WORK PLAN AND CALENDAR

Staff will present a proposed schedule of agenda items for the 2026-2027 year for Commission consideration.

Commission Action: Discussion and possible action.

10. COMMISSIONER COMMENT

Commissioners may provide information on items of interest to the Commission.

Commission Action: Information only.

11. UPCOMING MEETING DATES, LOCATIONS AND AGENDA ITEMS

Dates listed are tentative and subject to amendment.

Regular Meetings:

- October 1, 2026 at Via Linda Senior Center
- November 5, 2026 at Granite Reef Senior Center

Commission Action: Discussion and possible action.

12. ADJOURNMENT

Commission Action: Motion to adjourn.

The Commission cannot discuss or vote on items not on the agenda, including items brought up as Commission or public comments. If action by the Commission is required, the item should be placed on the next meeting's agenda to be consistent with the Arizona Open Meetings Law.



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