

SCOTTSDALE CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2024



CITY HALL KIVA
3939 N. DRINKWATER BOULEVARD
SCOTTSDALE, AZ 85251

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor David D. Ortega called to order a Special Meeting of the Scottsdale City Council at 4:00 P.M. on Thursday, December 5, 2024 in the City Hall Kiva Forum.

ROLL CALL

Mayor Ortega asked City Clerk Ben Lane to conduct the roll call.

Present: Mayor David D. Ortega; Vice Mayor Barry Graham; and Councilmembers Tammy Caputi, Tom Durham, Betty Janik, Kathy Littlefield (participated electronically), and Solange Whitehead

Also Present: City Manager Jim Thompson, City Attorney Sherry Scott, and City Clerk Ben Lane

1. Boards, Commissions, and Task Forces Interviews and Appointments

How the Board and Commission Interview and Appointment Process Works: The Council will spend a few minutes interviewing each board and commission nominee. The Council will make the appointment(s) at the conclusion of the interviews for each board or commission.

Environmental Advisory Commission

Nominee(s): *Nominee(s):* Ute Brady, *John Knapp, Scott Newell, Andrew Scheck, Joshua Stearns, Siobhan Ulreich-Power, Judah Waxelbaum

Council to fill three vacancies (two appointments effective December 5, 2024 and one appointment effective December 7, 2024)

*Nominee withdrew application from consideration for current vacancy.

Ute Brady: Mayor Ortega and Councilmembers Caputi, Durham, Janik, Littlefield, and Whitehead.

Scott Newell: Vice Mayor Graham and Councilwoman Littlefield.

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Andrew Sheck: Mayor Ortega and Councilmembers Caputi, Durham, Janik, Littlefield, and Whitehead.

Siobhan Ulreich-Power: Mayor Ortega; Vice Mayor Graham; and Councilmembers Caputi, Durham, Janik, and Whitehead.

Judah Waxelbaum: Vice Mayor Graham.

Appointment: Ute Brady and Andrew Scheck were reappointed to the Environmental Advisory Commission, effective December 5, 2024. Siobhan Ulreich-Power was appointed to the Environmental Advisory Commission, effective December 7, 2024.

Historic Preservation Commission

*Nominee(s): Kat Djordjevic, Brandon Fadden, Ryan Hilbun, *Courtney Lage
Council to fill two vacancies (one appointment effective December 5, 2024 and one appointment effective December 7, 2024)*

*Nominee withdrew application from consideration for current vacancy.

Brandon Fadden: Mayor Ortega; Vice Mayor Graham; and Councilmembers Caputi, Durham, Janik, Littlefield, and Whitehead.

Ryan Hilbun: Mayor Ortega; Vice Mayor Graham; and Councilmembers Caputi, Durham, Janik, Littlefield, and Whitehead.

Appointment: Brandon Fadden was appointed to the Historic Preservation Commission, effective December 5, 2024. Ryan Hilbun was appointed to the Historic Preservation Commission, effective December 7, 2024.

Library Board

*Nominee(s): Janice Shimokubo
Council to fill one vacancy (appointment effective December 5, 2024)*

Janice Shimokubo: Mayor Ortega; Vice Mayor Graham; and Councilmembers Caputi, Durham, Janik, Littlefield, and Whitehead.

Appointment: Janice Shimokubo was appointed to the Library Board, effective December 5, 2024.

Loss Trust Fund

*Nominee(s): Mark Stephens
Council to fill one vacancy (appointment effective December 5, 2024)*

Mark Stephens: Mayor Ortega; Vice Mayor Graham; and Councilmembers Caputi, Durham, Janik, Littlefield, and Whitehead.

Appointment: Mark Stephens was appointed to the Loss Trust Fund, effective December 5, 2024.

McDowell Sonoran Preserve Commission

*Nominee(s): Nicholas Hartmann, Pruitt Layton, Michael Pomarico
Council to fill one vacancy (appointment effective December 5, 2024)*

Pruitt Layton: Mayor Ortega; Vice Mayor Graham; and Councilmembers Caputi, Durham, Janik, and Whitehead

Michael Pomarico: Councilwoman Littlefield.

Appointment: Pruitt Layton was appointed to the McDowell Sonoran Preserve Commission, effective December 5, 2024.

Neighborhood Advisory Commission

*Nominee(s): Larry Hewitt
Council to fill one vacancy (appointments effective December 7, 2024)*

Larry Hewitt: Mayor Ortega; Vice Mayor Graham; and Councilmembers Caputi, Durham, Janik, Littlefield, and Whitehead.

Appointment: Larry Hewitt was reappointed to the Neighborhood Advisory Commission, effective December 7, 2024.

Paths and Trails Subcommittee (One Citizen Representative)

*Nominee(s): Sarah Hecht, Jack Roberts, Molly Rosin
Council to fill one citizen representative vacancy (appointment effective December 5, 2024)*

Sarah Hecht: Mayor Ortega; Vice Mayor Graham; and Councilmembers Caputi, Durham, Janik, Littlefield, and Whitehead.

Appointment: Sarah Hecht was appointed to the Paths and Trails Subcommittee (Citizen Representative position), effective December 5, 2024.

Veterans Advisory Commission

*Nominee(s): Mark Ashley, Stephen Casares, Steven Jackson, *Tyler Pencek, Hank Scherf, Mike Smothermon, Donna Tew, *Pauline Zaro
Council to fill four vacancies (appointment effective December 5, 2024)*

*Nominee withdrew application from consideration for current vacancy.

Mark Ashley: Mayor Ortega; Vice Mayor Graham; and Councilmembers Caputi, Durham, Janik, Littlefield, and Whitehead.

Stephen Casares: Mayor Ortega and Councilmembers Caputi, Durham, Janik, and Whitehead.

Steven Jackson: Mayor Ortega and Councilmembers Caputi, Durham, Janik, Littlefield, and Whitehead.

Hank Scherf:	Vice Mayor Graham and Councilwoman Littlefield.
Mike Smothermon:	Vice Mayor Graham.
Donna Tew:	Mayor Ortega; Vice Mayor Graham; and Councilmembers Caputi, Durham, Janik, Littlefield, and Whitehead.
Appointment:	Mark Ashley and Steven Jackson were reappointed, and Stephen Casares and Donna Tew were appointed to the Veterans Advisory Commission, effective December 5, 2024.

MOTION AND VOTE – ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Ortega made a motion to adjourn the Special Meeting. Councilwoman Janik seconded the motion, which carried 7/0, with Mayor Ortega; Vice Mayor Graham; and Councilmembers Caputi, Durham, Janik, Littlefield, and Whitehead voting in the affirmative.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Ortega adjourned the Special Meeting at 5:01 P.M.

SUBMITTED BY:



Ben Lane
City Clerk

Officially approved by the City Council on February 11, 2025

C E R T I F I C A T E

I hereby certify that the foregoing Minutes are a true and correct copy of the Minutes of the Special Meeting of the City Council of Scottsdale, Arizona, held on the 5th day of December 2024.

I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held, and that a quorum was present.

DATED this 11th day of February 2025.



Ben Lane, City Clerk