

**SCOTTSDALE CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2025**



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

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Lisa Borowsky called to order a Special Meeting of the Scottsdale City Council at 3:01 P.M. on Tuesday, September 9, 2025 in the City Hall Kiva Forum.

ROLL CALL

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

Present: Mayor Lisa Borowsky; Vice Mayor Jan Dubauskas; and Councilmembers Barry Graham, Adam Kwasman, Kathy Littlefield, Maryann McAllen, and Solange Whitehead

Also Present: City Manager Greg Caton, Interim City Attorney Luis Santaella, City Treasurer Sonia Andrews, and City Clerk Ben Lane

1. Request for Executive Session to:

- A. Discuss and consult with the City's attorneys for legal advice; discuss and consult with the City's attorneys and representatives to consider its position and give possible instruction regarding recently enacted State legislation, specifically Senate Bill (SB) 1543 relating to international headquarters campuses such as the proposed Axon development. These matters also relate to Axon's previously approved zoning case(s) and development agreement(s) for property located near the intersection of the AZ-101 Loop and Hayden Road as well as the pending referendum regarding the same. A.R.S. § 38-431.03(A)(3) and (4).

If authorized by a majority vote of the Scottsdale City Council, the executive session will be held immediately after the vote and will not be open to the public.

MOTION AND VOTE – EXECUTIVE SESSION

Councilwoman Whitehead made a motion to recess into Executive Session. Vice Mayor Dubauskas seconded the motion, which carried 7/0, with Mayor Borowsky; Vice Mayor Dubauskas; and Councilmembers Graham, Kwasman, Littlefield, McAllen, and Whitehead voting in the affirmative.

NOTE: MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS AND WORK STUDY SESSIONS ARE PREPARED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES. THESE MINUTES ARE INTENDED TO BE AN ACCURATE REFLECTION OF ACTION TAKEN AND DIRECTION GIVEN BY THE CITY COUNCIL AND ARE NOT VERBATIM TRANSCRIPTS. DIGITAL RECORDINGS AND CLOSED CAPTION TRANSCRIPTS OF SCOTTSDALE CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS ARE AVAILABLE ONLINE AND ARE ON FILE IN THE CITY CLERK'S OFFICE.

Mayor Borowsky recessed the Special Meeting (to Executive Session) at 3:03 P.M.

Mayor Borowsky reconvened the Special Meeting (following Executive Session) at 4:24 P.M. noting the Councilmembers were present and the Charter Officers were in attendance.

2. Declaratory Judgment Lawsuit Authorization

Request: Adopt **Resolution No. 13506** authorizing the Interim City Attorney, and his respective staff and designees, to file a complaint for declaratory judgment against the State of Arizona to challenge the legality and constitutionality of Senate Bill 1543.

Staff Contact(s): Luis Santaella, Interim City Attorney, 480-312-2405, lsantaella@scottsdaleaz.gov

PUBLIC COMMENT – ITEM 2

There was no public comment taken on this item.

MOTION AND VOTE – ITEM 2

Mayor Borowsky made a motion to withdraw this agenda item. Councilwoman Whitehead seconded the motion, which carried 4/3, with Mayor Borowsky and Councilmembers Kwasman, McAllen, and Whitehead voting in the affirmative and Vice Mayor Dubauskas and Councilmembers Graham and Littlefield dissenting.

Mayor Borowsky recessed the Special Meeting at 4:40 p.m.

Mayor Borowsky reconvened the Special Meeting at 4:53 p.m.

3. 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.

Airport Advisory Commission

*Nominee(s): *Fred Atarian, Craig Bennett, David Ganz, David Mecartney, John Sloan
Council to fill one vacancy (appointment effective September 9, 2025)*

**Nominee withdrew application from consideration for current vacancy.*

Craig Bennett: Vice Mayor Dubauskas and Councilmembers Graham and Kwasman.

David Metcartney: Mayor Borowsky and Councilmembers Littlefield, McAllen, and Whitehead.

Appointment: David Mecartney was appointed to the Airport Advisory Commission, effective September 9, 2025.

Board of Adjustment

Nominee(s): Kenneth Erler, Martha West

Council to fill one vacancy (appointment effective September 9, 2025)

Kenneth Erler: Councilman Kwasman.

Martha West: Mayor Borowsky; Vice Mayor Dubauskas; and Councilmembers Graham, Littlefield, McAllen, and Whitehead.

Appointment: Martha West was appointed to the Board of Adjustment, effective September 9, 2025.

Historic Preservation Commission

Nominee(s): Mark McCurdy

Council to fill one vacancy (appointment effective September 9, 2025)

Mark McCurdy: Mayor Borowsky; Vice Mayor Dubauskas; and Councilmembers Graham, Kwasman, Littlefield, McAllen, and Whitehead.

Appointment: Mark McCurdy was appointed to the Historic Preservation Commission, effective September 9, 2025.

Library Board

*Nominee(s): John Groseclose, Mary McBride, *Patricia Pellett, Monica Sonnenklar*

Council to fill one vacancy (appointment effective September 9, 2025)

*Nominee withdrew application from consideration for current vacancy.

Mary McBride: Councilmembers McAllen and Whitehead.

Monica Sonnenklar: Mayor Borowsky; Vice Mayor Dubauskas; and Councilmembers Graham, Kwasman and Littlefield.

Appointment: Monica Sonnenklar was appointed to the Library Board, effective September 9, 2025.

Tourism Development Commission

Nominee(s): Stephan Miller, Alex Shelton

Council to fill two hotelier vacancies (appointments effective September 9, 2025)

Stephan Miller: Mayor Borowsky; Vice Mayor Dubauskas; and Councilmembers Graham, Kwasman, Littlefield, McAllen, and Whitehead.

Alex Shelton: Mayor Borowsky; Vice Mayor Dubauskas; and Councilmembers Graham, Kwasman, Littlefield, McAllen, and Whitehead.

Appointment:

Stephan Miller and Alex Shelton were appointed to the Tourism Development Commission, effective September 9, 2025.

MOTION AND VOTE – ADJOURNMENT

Councilwoman Whitehead made a motion to adjourn the Special Meeting. Vice Mayor Dubauskas seconded the motion, which carried 7/0, by voice vote, with Mayor Borowsky; Vice Mayor Dubauskas; and Councilmembers Graham, Kwasman, Littlefield, McAllen, and Whitehead voting in the affirmative.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Borowsky adjourned the Special Meeting at 5:21 P.M.

SUBMITTED BY:



**Ben Lane
City Clerk**

Officially approved by the City Council on October 21, 2025

CERTIFICATE

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 9th day of September 2025.

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

DATED this 21st day of October 2025.



Ben Lane, City Clerk