

**SCOTTSDALE CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 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 2:04 P.M. on Friday, September 12, 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, Acting City Treasurer Anna Henthorn, Acting City Auditor Lai Cluff, and City Clerk Ben Lane

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilman Adam Kwasman.

Mayor Borowsky requested a moment of silence for Charlie Kirk, his wife Erika, their children and family, and the Turning Point family.

1. Interim City Attorney Authorization

Request: Authorize the Interim City Attorney, and/or his designees, to proceed as instructed in the Executive Session held on September 9, 2025.

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

Mayor Borowsky introduced Item 1 [Interim City Attorney Authorization].

PUBLIC COMMENT – ITEM 1

Mayor Borowsky opened public comment on this item.

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Steve Sutton, Scottsdale resident, discussed various decision-making paradigms and the need to govern from the center and not from extremes.

Andrew Wollman, Scottsdale resident, discussed the referendum petition and stated that the city should file a lawsuit against the state of Arizona and seek an injunction to halt further development by Axon.

Ethan Knowlden, Scottsdale resident, discussed Senate Bill 1543 and local control, the costs and time associated with a lawsuit, and asked how the city will make up for lost tax revenue and jobs if Axon leaves Scottsdale.

Yvonne Cahill, Scottsdale resident, discussed Senate Bill 1543, the referendum petition and possible election date, and Councilmembers sending out incorrect information.

Mayor Borowsky closed public comment on this item.

MOTION NO. 1 – ITEM 1

Mayor Borowsky made a motion to authorize Interim City Attorney, and or designees, to proceed with legal action against the state of Arizona challenging the constitutionality of Senate Bill 1543 as instructed or discussed or per the direction provided in the Executive Session held on September 9, 2025.

MOTION AND VOTE NO. 1 – EXECUTIVE SESSION

Councilwoman Whitehead made a motion to adjourn into Executive Session. Councilwoman McAllen seconded the motion, which failed 3/4, with Vice Mayor Dubauskas and Councilmembers McAllen and Whitehead voting in the affirmative and Mayor Borowsky and Councilmembers Graham, Kwasman, and Littlefield dissenting.

MOTION AND VOTE NO. 2 – EXECUTIVE SESSION

Councilman Kwasman requested a reconsideration related to holding an Executive Session. The Council then reconsidered Councilwoman Whitehead's motion to adjourn into Executive Session, which carried 6/1, with Vice Mayor Dubauskas and Councilmembers Graham, Kwasman, Littlefield, McAllen, and Whitehead voting in the affirmative and Mayor Borowsky dissenting.

Mayor Borowsky recessed the Special Meeting (to Executive Session) at 2:35 P.M.

Mayor Borowsky reconvened the Special Meeting (following the Executive Session) at 2:48 P.M. noting that Councilmembers were present and Charter Officers were in attendance.

WITHDRAW MOTION NO. 1 – ITEM 1

Mayor Borowsky withdrew her a motion to authorize Interim City Attorney, and or designees, to proceed with legal action against the state of Arizona challenging the constitutionality of Senate Bill 1543 as instructed or discussed or per the direction provided in the Executive Session held on September 9, 2025.

MOTION NO. 2 – ITEM 1

Councilwoman Whitehead made a motion to authorize the Interim City Attorney, and his designees, to file a Notice of Claim consistent with the direction provided in the September 9, 2025 Executive Session. Councilwoman McAllen seconded the motion.

ATLTERNATE MOTION AND VOTE – ITEM 1

Councilman Graham made an alternate motion to authorize the Interim City Attorney, and his designees, to file Notice of Claim and to file a complaint for declaratory judgement against the state of Arizona to challenge the legality and constitutionality of Senate Bill 1543. Vice Mayor Dubauskas seconded the motion, which failed 3/4, with Vice Mayor Dubauskas and Councilmembers Graham and Littlefield voting in the affirmative and Mayor Borowsky and Councilmembers Kwasman, McAllen, and Whitehead dissenting.

VOTE ON MOTION NO. 2 – ITEM 1

The Council then voted on Councilwoman Whitehead's motion to authorize the Interim City Attorney, and his designees, to file a Notice of Claim consistent with the direction provided in the September 9, 2025 Executive Session, which carried 6/1, with Mayor Borowsky; Vice Mayor Dubauskas; and Councilmembers Graham, Kwasman, McAllen, and Whitehead voting in the affirmative and Councilwoman Littlefield dissenting.

MOTION AND VOTE – ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Borowsky made a motion to adjourn the Special Meeting. Councilwoman Whitehead 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 3:21 P.M.

SUBMITTED BY:



Ben Lane
City Clerk

Officially approved by the City Council on November 3, 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 12th day of September 2025.

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

DATED this 3rd day of November 2025.



Ben Lane, City Clerk