

SCOTTSDALE CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 21, 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 4:01 P.M. on Tuesday, October 21, 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 Adam Kwasman; and Councilmembers Jan Dubauskas, Barry Graham, 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. 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): Craig Bennett, Michael Gonzalez, *John Sloan, John Spalj, *Carl Stein, and Mark Unterbach

Council to fill two vacancies (appointments effective October 26, 2025)

*Nominee withdrew application from consideration for current vacancy.

Craig Bennett: Mayor Borowsky; Vice Mayor Kwasman; and Councilmembers Dubauskas, Graham, Littlefield, McAllen, and Whitehead.

John Spalj: Mayor Borowsky; Vice Mayor Kwasman; and Councilmembers Dubauskas, Graham, McAllen, and Whitehead.

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Mark Unterbach: Councilwoman Littlefield.

Appointment: John Spalj was reappointed and Craig Bennett was appointed to the Airport Advisory Commission, effective October 26, 2025.

Building Advisory Board of Appeals

Nominee(s): David Brotman and Tim Casselberry

Council to fill two vacancies (appointments effective October 21, 2025)

David Brotman: Mayor Borowsky; Vice Mayor Kwasman; and Councilmembers Dubauskas, Graham, Littlefield, McAllen, and Whitehead.

Tim Casselberry: Mayor Borowsky; Vice Mayor Kwasman; and Councilmembers Dubauskas, Graham, Littlefield, McAllen, and Whitehead.

Appointment: David Brotman and Tim Casselberry were appointed to the Building Advisory Board of Appeals, effective October 21, 2025.

Human Relations Commission

Nominee(s): Paul Epstein, Katie McGinty, and Chass Onkst

Council to fill one vacancy (appointment effective October 21, 2025)

Paul Epstein: Councilwoman Littlefield.

Katie McGinty: Councilwoman Whitehead.

Chass Onkst: Mayor Borowsky; Vice Mayor Kwasman; and Councilmembers Dubauskas, Graham, and McAllen.

Appointment: Chass Onkst was appointed to the Human Relations Commission, effective October 21, 2025.

Industrial Development Authority

Nominee(s): Michelle Gardner, Michael Rowland, and Dean Simms-Elias

Council to fill one vacancy (appointment effective October 21, 2025)

Michelle Gardner: Councilwoman McAllen.

Michael Rowland: Vice Mayor Kwasman and Councilmembers Dubauskas, Graham, and Littlefield.

Dean Simms-Elias: Mayor Borowsky and Councilwoman Whitehead.

Appointment: Michael Rowland was appointed to the Industrial Development Authority, effective October 21, 2025.

Transportation Commission

Nominee(s): Bob Baker, Emmie Cardella, Kelly Christensen, Gerald Conover, and Carrie Cox Council to fill two vacancies (appointments effective October 21, 2025)

(First Round)

Bob Baker: Mayor Borowsky; Vice Mayor Kwasman; and Councilmembers Dubauskas, Graham, Littlefield, and Whitehead.

Emmie Cardella: Mayor Borowsky and Councilmembers Littlefield, McAllen, and Whitehead.

Gerald Conover: Vice Mayor Kwasman and Councilmembers Dubauskas, Graham, and McAllen.

(Second Round)

Emmie Cardella: Mayor Borowsky and Councilmembers Littlefield, McAllen and Whitehead.

Gerald Conover: Vice Mayor Kwasman and Councilmembers Dubauskas and Graham.

Appointment: Emmie Cardella was reappointed and Bob Baker was appointed to the Transportation Commission, effective October 21, 2025.

Veterans Advisory Commission

*Nominee(s): *Lynn Gallagher, Marcy Kostewa, Christie Slegers, and *Mike Smothermon Council to fill two vacancies (appointments effective October 21, 2025)*

*Nominee withdrew application from consideration for current vacancy.

Marcy Kostewa: Mayor Borowsky; Vice Mayor Kwasman; and Councilmembers Dubauskas, Graham, Littlefield, McAllen, and Whitehead.

Christie Slegers: Mayor Borowsky; Vice Mayor Kwasman; and Councilmembers Dubauskas, Graham, Littlefield, McAllen, and Whitehead.

Appointment: Marcy Kostewa and Christie Slegers were appointed to the Veterans Advisory Commission, effective October 21, 2025.

*****2. Request 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 *Taxpayers Against Awful Apartment Zoning*

Exemptions, et al. v. State of Arizona, City of Scottsdale, et al., CV2025-034961.
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.

*****3. Interim City Attorney Authorization**

Request: Authorize the Interim City Attorney, and/or his designees, to file any appropriate counter claim(s), cross claim(s), and third-party claim(s) in *Taxpayers Against Awful Apartment Zoning Exemptions, et al. v. State of Arizona, City of Scottsdale, et al.*, CV2025-034961.

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

MOTION AND VOTE – RECESS SPECIAL MEETING

Councilwoman Dubauskas made a motion to suspend the rules and recess the Special Meeting with consideration of Item 2 [Request Executive Session] and Item 3 [Interim City Attorney Authorization] occurring after the Regular Meeting and Work Study Session. Councilwoman McAllen seconded the motion, which carried 7/0, by voice vote, with Mayor Borowsky; Vice Mayor Kwasman; and Councilmembers Dubauskas, Graham, Littlefield, McAllen, and Whitehead voting in the affirmative.

Mayor Borowsky recessed the Special Meeting at 4:58 P.M.

Mayor Borowsky reconvened the Special Meeting (following the Regular Meeting and Work Study Session) at 7:49 P.M. noting that all Councilmembers were present and Charter Officers were in attendance.

MOTION AND VOTE – ITEM 2 AND ITEM 3 CONTINUANCE

Councilman Graham made a motion to continue Item 2 [Request Executive Session] and Item 3 [Interim City Attorney Authorization] to the next City Council Meeting. Councilwoman Whitehead seconded the motion, which carried 7/0, by voice vote, with Mayor Borowsky; Vice Mayor Kwasman; and Councilmembers Dubauskas, Graham, Littlefield, McAllen, and Whitehead voting in the affirmative.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Borowsky adjourned the Special Meeting at 7:50 P.M.

SUBMITTED BY:



Ben Lane
City Clerk

Officially approved by the City Council on January 13, 2026

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 21st day of October 2025.

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

DATED this 13th day of January 2026.



Ben Lane, City Clerk