

SCOTTSDALE CITY COUNCIL  
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES  
TUESDAY, MAY 14, 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 3:30 P.M. on Tuesday, May 14, 2024 in the City Hall Kiva Forum.

**ROLL CALL**

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

Also Present: City Manager Jim Thompson, Acting City Attorney Luis Santaella, 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.

**Board of Adjustment**

*Nominee(s): Carlos Gantchoff, Paul Garry, Randy Griffin, Jay Leopold  
Council to fill two vacancies (appointments effective May 22, 2024)*

Carlos Gantchoff: Mayor Ortega; Vice Mayor Whitehead; and Councilmembers Caputi, Durham, and Janik.

Paul Garry: Councilmembers Graham and Littlefield.

Randy Griffin: Mayor Ortega; Vice Mayor Whitehead; and Councilmembers Caputi, Durham, Graham, Janik, and Littlefield.

**Appointment:** Carlos Gantchoff and Randy Griffin were appointed to the Board of Adjustment, effective May 22, 2024.

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**Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee**

*Nominee(s): April Holland, Darryl Komesu, Robert Simmons, Tami Smith  
Council to fill one vacancy (appointment effective May 14, 2024)*

Darryl Komesu: Mayor Ortega; Vice Mayor Whitehead; and Councilmembers Caputi and Janik.

Robert Simmons: Councilmembers Durham and Littlefield.

Tami Smith: Councilmember Graham.

**Appointment:** Darryl Komesu was appointed to the Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee, effective May 14, 2024.

**Environmental Advisory Commission**

*Nominee(s): Scott Newell, Nathan Nutter, Alexandra Sellers, Judah Waxelbaum  
Council to fill one vacancy (appointment effective May 22, 2024)*

Scott Newell: Mayor Ortega and Councilwoman Littlefield.

Alexandra Sellers: Vice Mayor Whitehead and Councilmembers Caputi, Durham, and Janik.

Judah Waxelbaum: Councilmember Graham.

**Appointment:** Alexandra Sellers was appointed to the Environmental Advisory Commission, effective May 22, 2024.

**Historic Preservation Commission**

*Nominee(s): Kat Djordjevic, Mark Estes, Brandon Fadden  
Council to fill one vacancy (appointment effective May 22, 2024)*

**(First Round)**

Kat Djordjevic: Councilmembers Graham and Littlefield.

Mark Estes: Mayor Ortega and Councilmembers Durham and Janik.

Brandon Fadden: Vice Mayor Whitehead and Councilwoman Caputi.

**(Second Round)**

Kat Djordjevic: Councilmembers Graham and Littlefield.

Mark Estes: Mayor Ortega; Vice Mayor Whitehead; and Councilmembers Durham and Janik.

Brandon Fadden: Councilwoman Caputi.

**Appointment:** Mark Estes was appointed to the Historic Preservation Commission, effective May 22, 2024.

### **Human Relations Commission**

*Nominee(s):* Veronica Aguilar, Muhammad Babur, \*Kris Cano, DeMarco Cason, Jeannie McKenna, James Somerville, Sarah Yaron

*Council to fill three vacancies (appointments effective May 14, 2024)*

\*Nominee withdrew application from consideration for current vacancy.

Veronica Aguilar: Mayor Ortega; Vice Mayor Whitehead; and Councilmembers Caputi, Durham, and Janik.

Muhammad Babur: Vice Mayor Whitehead and Councilmembers Durham, Graham, Janik and Littlefield.

DeMarco Cason: Mayor Ortega; Vice Mayor Whitehead; and Councilmembers Caputi, Durham, Janik, and Littlefield.

Jeannie McKenna: Councilmember Graham.

James Somerville: Councilwoman Littlefield.

Sarah Yaron: Mayor Ortega and Councilmembers Caputi and Graham.

**Appointment:** Veronica Aguilar, Muhammad Babur, and DeMarco Cason were appointed to the Human Relations Commission, effective May 14, 2024.

### **Human Services Advisory Commission**

*Nominee(s):* Lee Cooley, Ralph da Costa Nunes, Roger Lurie

*Council to fill one vacancy (appointment effective May 18, 2024)*

Ralph da Costa Nunes: Councilmember Graham.

Roger Lurie: Mayor Ortega; Vice Mayor Whitehead; and Councilmembers Caputi, Durham, Janik, and Littlefield.

**Appointment:** Roger Lurie was reappointed to the Human Services Advisory Commission, effective May 18, 2024.

### **Library Board**

*Nominee(s):* Dawn Abel, Suzanna Gutierrez Colby, Carrie Cox, \*Kathy Lane, Roselyn O'Connell, Janice Shimokubo

*Council to fill one vacancy (appointment effective May 22, 2024)*

\*Nominee withdrew application from consideration for current vacancy.

Carrie Cox: Councilmembers Graham, Janik, and Littlefield.

Roselyn O'Connell: Mayor Ortega; Vice Mayor Whitehead; and Councilmembers Caputi and Durham.

**Appointment:** Roselyn O'Connell was appointed to the Library Board, effective May 22, 2024.

**McDowell Sonoran Preserve Commission**

*Nominee(s): Kerry Olsson, Michael Pomarico, Ryan Rybarczyk  
Council to fill two vacancies (appointments effective May 22, 2024)*

**Kerry Olsson:** Mayor Ortega; Vice Mayor Whitehead; and Councilmembers Caputi, Durham, Janik, and Littlefield.

**Michael Pomarico:** Councilmembers Graham and Littlefield.

**Ryan Rybarczyk:** Mayor Ortega; Vice Mayor Whitehead; and Councilmembers Caputi, Durham, Graham, and Janik.

**Appointment:** Kerry Olsson was reappointed and Ryan Rybarczyk was appointed to the McDowell Sonoran Preserve Commission, effective May 22, 2024.

**Neighborhood Advisory Commission**

*Nominee(s): Bridget Schwartz-Manock  
Council to fill one vacancy (appointment effective May 18, 2024)*

**Bridget Schwartz-Manock:** Mayor Ortega; Vice Mayor Whitehead; and Councilmembers Caputi, Durham, Graham, Janik, and Littlefield.

**Appointment:** Bridget Schwartz-Manock was reappointed to the Neighborhood Advisory Commission, effective May 18, 2024.

**Parks and Recreation Commission**

*Nominee(s): Jamie Alford, Teresa Kim Quale  
Council to fill one vacancy (appointment effective May 18, 2024)*

**Jamie Alford:** Councilmembers Graham and Littlefield.

**Teresa Kim Quale:** Mayor Ortega; Vice Mayor Whitehead; and Councilmembers Caputi, Durham, and Janik.

**Appointment:** Teresa Kim Quale was appointed to the Parks and Recreation Commission, effective May 18, 2024.

**Planning Commission**

*Nominee(s): \*Doug Craig, Barney Gonzales, Pamela Iacovo, Michal Ann Joyner  
Council to fill two vacancies (one appointment effective May 18, 2024; one appointment effective May 22, 2024)*

\*Nominee withdrew application from consideration for current vacancy.

**Barney Gonzales:** Mayor Ortega; Vice Mayor Whitehead; and Councilmembers Durham, Graham, Janik, and Littlefield.

Pamela Iacovo: Vice Mayor Whitehead and Councilwoman Caputi.

Michal Ann Joyner: Mayor Ortega and Councilmembers Caputi, Durham, Graham, Janik, and Littlefield.

**Appointment:** Barney Gonzales was reappointed to the Planning Commission, effective May 22, 2024 and Michal Ann Joyner was appointed to the Planning Commission, effective May 18, 2024.

**MOTION AND VOTE – ADJOURNMENT**

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

**ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Ortega adjourned the Special Meeting at 5:14 P.M.

**SUBMITTED BY:**



**Ben Lane**  
City Clerk

Officially approved by the City Council on June 25, 2024

## 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 14<sup>th</sup> day of May 2024.

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

**DATED** this 25<sup>th</sup> day of June 2024.



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**Ben Lane, City Clerk**