# MEETING MINUTES

**Office of Economic Development**
Economic Development Advisory Board
Accelerator Subcommittee
20 East Main Street, Suite 200
Mesa, AZ 85211

**Date**: February 19, 2015 **Time:** 8:00 A.M.

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**MEMBERS PRESENT**
Steve Shope
Jeff Pitcher
James Christensen
Dominic Perry

**EX-OFFICIO**
NONE

**STAFF PRESENT**
Shea Joachim
Kelley Keffer

**MEMBERS ABSENT**
John Schibler (excused)
Mitzi Montoya (excused)

**GUESTS**
Steven Douglas
Sara Douglas

1. **Chair's Call to Order**

   Chair Steve Shope called the February 19, 2015 meeting of the Economic Development Advisory Board – Accelerator Subcommittee to order at 8:03 A.M. at 20 East Main Street, Suite 200 Mesa, AZ 85211

2. **Approval of Minutes**

   Chair Shope asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the August 12, 2014 meeting.

   **MOTION:** Jeff Pitcher moved to approve the minutes as drafted.
   **SECOND:** James Christensen
   **DECISION:** Passed 4-0 with Mr. Schibler and Ms. Montoya absent.

3. **Items from Citizens Present**

   None.

4. **Discuss and possibly take action on a proposal to Avagate, LLC for participation in LaunchPoint, the Mesa Technology Accelerator.**

   Shea Joachim provided a brief overview of Avagate, LLC and their interest in LaunchPoint. Shea explained that Avagate, LLC has asked to participate in the OnSite program at LaunchPoint in which they will occupy a single, private office and pay a program participation fee.

   Steven and Sara Douglas introduced themselves to the board and provided a brief background on Avagate, LLC and an associated venture called Forkr, LLC. Steven provided information about his technical skills and their vision for the company. Steven

explained he believed LaunchPoint was a great fit for them as the need space and assistance refining a business model.

**MOTION:** Jeff Pitcher moved to approve the Avagate, LLC application
**SECOND:** Dominic Perry
**DECISION:** Passed 4-0 with Mr. Schibler and Ms. Montoya absent.

4. **Adjournment**

Chair Shope adjourned the Board meeting at 8:35 A.M.

Submitted By:

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(Prepared by Shea Joachim)