
Meeting Minutes

The Housing and Community Development Advisory Board Members meet for a Regular Meeting at 57 East First Street, Mesa, AZ 85201 (lower level), on Sept. 4, 2025, at 6:00 p.m.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Diana Yazzie Devine
Scott Kenji Garcia
LaGrant Jackson
Nicolle Karantinos (Chair)
Jacob Martinez
Amanda Miller (Vice-Chair)
Habigail Nonthe Scott
Brett Ranta
Monica Thompson

MEMBERS ABSENT

Warren Williams – Excused

STAFF PRESENT

Justin Boyd
Marcy Magallanez-Snow
Michele Payakovich
Katherine Rejer

***1. Chair's call to order**

Nicolle Karantinos calls the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Roll call is completed.

***2. Board member status**

*2-a. Board member introductions.

Nicolle Karantinos asked board members to introduce themselves around the table.

*2-b. New board member introductions: Brett Ranta & Scott Kenji Garcia.

Nicolle Karantinos welcomes Brett Ranta and Scott Kenji Garcia to the board.

*2-c. Board Member Walter Johnson resigned on August 18, 2025.

Nicolle Karantinos thanks Walter Johnson for his service to the board.

***3. Approval of minutes of previous meetings as written**

Minutes from May 1, 2025, Regular Board meeting.

It is moved by Board Member Amanda Miller and seconded by Board Member LaGrant Jackson that the meeting minutes be approved.

Upon Tabulation of votes, it shows:

AYES – Devine, Garcia, Jackson, Karantinos, Martinez, Miller, Scott, Ranta, and Thompson

NAYS – None

Carried unanimously.

*4. Items from citizens present

Members of the audience may address the Board on any item. State statute prohibits the Housing and Community Development Advisory Board (HCDAB) from discussing an item that is not on the agenda; however, the Board does listen to concerns and has staff follow up on any questions raised.

No items were presented to the board.

*5. Discussion and action items

*5-a. FY 25/26 Election of Officers

Conducts an Election of Officers for the Chair and Vice Chair positions.

It is moved by Board Member Amanda Miller and seconded by Board Member LaGrant Jackson to nominate Habigail Nonthe Scott as Chair.

Upon tabulation of votes, it shows:

AYES - Miller, Devine, Garcia, Jackson, Martinez, Scott, Ranta, Thompson

Nays - Karantinos

The motion passes.

Board Member Nicolle Karantinos also nominates Diana Devine for the Chair. However, as the motion to appoint Habigail Nonthe Scott passes, no vote was taken on the subsequent nomination.

It is moved by Board Member Jacob Martinez, and seconded by Board Member Habigail Nonthe Scott, that Jacob Martinez be nominated for Vice-Chair.

Upon tabulation of votes, it shows:

AYES – Garcia, Martinez, Scott

Nays – Karantinos, Miller, Devine, Jackson, Thompson, Ranta

The motion fails.

It was then moved by Board Member Amanda Miller and seconded by Board Member Nicolle Karantinos to nominate LaGrant Jackson as Vice-Chair.

Upon tabulation of votes, it shows:

AYES - Miller, Devine, Garcia, Jackson, Karantinos, Martinez, Scott, Ranta, Thompson

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Nays - None

Carried unanimously.

*5-b. Conflict of Interest and Open Meeting Laws

Hear a presentation by Lauren Lowe, Asst. City Attorney II, about Open Meeting Laws and Conflict of Interest. The Housing and Community Development Advisory Board hears, reviews, and discusses the information presented about Open Meeting Laws and Conflict of interest.

*5-c. Final Funding Awards for FY 25/26 and a General Overview of the FY 26/27 Funding Process

Hear a presentation by Justin Boyd, Housing and Community Development Administrator and Michele Payakovich, Housing and Community Development Coordinator about the Final Funding Awards for FY 25/26 and a General Overview of the FY 26/27 Funding Process. The Housing and Community Development Advisory Board hears, reviews, and discusses the Final Funding Awards for FY 25/26 and the General Overview of the FY 26/27 Funding Process.

*6. Discuss the schedule of future meetings

*6-a. Future HCDAB Meetings

HCDAB Regular Meeting – Nov. 6, 2025, 6:00 p.m., 57 E. First Street, Mesa, 85201, Lower Level.

HCDAB Special Meeting – Dec. 8, 2025, 3:00 p.m., 57 E. First Street, Mesa, 85201, Upper Level.

HCDAB Special Meeting – Dec. 9, 2025, 3:00 p.m., 57 E. First Street, Mesa, 85201, Upper Level.

*7. Adjournment

Without objection, the Regular Housing and Community Development Advisory Board meeting is adjourned at 7:04 p.m.

It is moved by Board Member Habigail Nonthe Scott and seconded by Board Member Jacob Martinez that the meeting be adjourned.

Upon Tabulation of votes, it showed:

AYES – Devine, Garcia, Jackson, Karantinos, Martinez, Miller, Scott, Ranta, Thompson

NAYS – None

Carried unanimously.

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I hereby certify that the foregoing minutes are true and correct copy of the minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Housing and Community Development Advisory Board of Mesa, Arizona, held on the 4th day of Sept. 2025. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Habigail Nonthe Scott'.

Habigail Nonthe Scott

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Nonthe'.

Housing and Community Development Advisory Board Chair

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