

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY BOARD ACTION MINUTES

June 2, 2026

The Economic Development Advisory Board of the City of Mesa met at the Office of Economic Development, 120 N. Center Street, on June 2, 2026, at 7:33 a.m.

BOARDMEMBERS PRESENT

Steven Beck
Michelle Genereux
Anthony Ruiz
Andrew Schreiner
Susan Stephensen

BOARDMEMBERS ABSENT

Frank Sanders (excused)

STAFF PRESENT

Jaye O'Donnell
Maribeth Smith
Amanda Elliott
Rob Stirling
Brent Stoddard

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS PRESENT

Richard Blake *
Sonny Cave *
Mark Drayna
Natascha Ovando-Karadsheh

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS ABSENT

Mark Freeman, Mayor (excused)
Scott Butler, City Manager (excused)
Sally Harrison (excused)

GUESTS

Luis Ruiz
Simon Tipene-Adlam

(*Participated in the meeting through the use of video conference equipment)

1. Call meeting to order.

Chair Michelle Genereux called the meeting to order at 7:33 a.m.

2. Items from citizens present.

Discussion only; no formal action taken by the Board.

3. Approval of minutes from the May 6, 2026, Economic Development Advisory Board meeting.

It was moved by Board member Anthony Ruiz, seconded by Board member Andrew Schreiner, that the May 6, 2026, Economic Development Advisory Board meeting minutes be approved.

Upon tabulation of votes, it showed:

AYES – Beck-Genereux-Ruiz-Schreiner-Stephensen

NAYS – None

ABSENT – Sanders

Chair Genereux declared the motion carried unanimously.

4. Election of Chair & Vice Chair for FY26-27.

Board member Anthony Ruiz nominated Frank Sanders as Chair and Michelle Genereux as Vice Chair of the Economic Development Advisory Board for FY26/27. Board member Susan Stephensen seconded the nomination.

Upon tabulation of votes, it showed:

AYES – Beck-Genereux-Ruiz-Schreiner-Stephensen

NAYS – None

ABSENT – Sanders

Chair Genereux declared the motion carried unanimously.

5. Hear a presentation regarding the Arizona Museum of Natural History, followed by a discussion.

Discussion only; no formal action taken by the Board.

6. Hear a recap of the Greater Phoenix Economic Council Board of Directors meeting, followed by a discussion.

Discussion only; no formal action taken by the Board.

7. Economic Development Director's current events summary including conferences attended.

Discussion only; no formal action taken by the Board.

8. Hear a presentation regarding proposed modifications to the Economic Development Advisory Board, followed by a discussion.

Discussion only; no formal action taken by the Board.

9. Board member recognition.

Discussion only; no formal action taken by the Board.

10. Introduction of new business to be discussed at a future meeting.

Discussion only; no formal action taken by the Board.

11. Schedule of meetings.

Next meeting scheduled for Tuesday, August 4, 2026.

12. Adjournment.

Without objection, the Economic Development Advisory Board meeting adjourned at 9:24 a.m.