



ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY BOARD ACTION MINUTES

May 6, 2026

The Economic Development Advisory Board of the City of Mesa met in The Forum at 59 E. 1st Street, 2nd Floor, on May 6, 2026, at 7:30 a.m.

BOARDMEMBERS PRESENT

Kurt D. Ferstl
Michelle Genereux
Anthony Ruiz
Frank Sanders
Andrew Schreiner
Susan Stephensen

BOARDMEMBERS ABSENT

Steven Beck (excused)

STAFF PRESENT

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

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS PRESENT

Richard Blake *
Sonny Cave *
Mark Drayna

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS ABSENT

Mark Freeman, Mayor (excused)
Scott Butler, City Manager (excused)
Sally Harrison (excused)
Natascha Ovando-Karadsheh (excused)

GUESTS

Councilmember Heredia *

(*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 7:32 a.m.

2. Items from citizens present.

Discussion only; no formal action taken by the Board.

3. Approval of minutes from the April 7, 2026, Economic Development Advisory Board meeting.

It was moved by Board member Frank Sanders, seconded by Board member Andrew Schreiner, that the April 7, 2026, Economic Development Advisory Board meeting minutes be approved.

Upon tabulation of votes, it showed:

AYES – Ferstl-Genereux-Ruiz-Sanders-Schreiner-Stephensen

NAYS – None

ABSENT – Beck

Chair Genereux declared the motion carried unanimously.

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

Discussion only; no formal action taken by the Board.

5. Hear from District 3 Councilmember Francisco Heredia regarding his priorities, including economic development, followed by a discussion.

Discussion only; no formal action taken by the Board.

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

Discussion only; no formal action taken by the Board.

7. Board member recognition.

Discussion only; no formal action taken by the Board.

8. Schedule of meetings.

Next meeting scheduled for Tuesday, June 2, 2026.

9. Adjournment.

Without objection, the Economic Development Advisory Board meeting adjourned at 8:36 a.m.