ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
ADVISORY BOARD ACTION MINUTES

February 3, 2026

The Economic Development Advisory Board of the City of Mesa met in the boardroom at 120 North Center Street, on February 3, 2026, at 7:30 a.m.

BOARDMEMBERS PRESENT	BOARDMEMBERS ABSENT	STAFF PRESENT
J. Steven Beck		Jaye O'Donnell
Kurt D. Ferstl		Maribeth Smith
Michelle Genereux		Benjamin Snow
Charles Gregory *		Rob Stirling
Anthony Ruiz		Brent Stoddard
Frank Sanders *		
Andrew Schreiner		
Susan Stephensen		

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS PRESENT	EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS ABSENT	GUESTS
Scott Butler, City Manager	Mark Freeman, Mayor (excused)	Jeff McVay
Sally Harrison	Natascha Ovando-Karadsheh (excused)	Jeff Robbins
Richard Blake *		Councilmember Jenn Duff
Sonny Cave		
Mark Drayna		

(*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.

Chair Genereux excused Board member Frank Sanders from the beginning of the meeting. He arrived at 7:36 a.m.

2. Items from citizens present.

Discussion only; no formal action taken by the Board.

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

It was moved by Vice Chair Kurt Ferstl, seconded by Board member Andrew Schreiner, that the January 6, 2026, Economic Development Advisory Board meeting minutes be approved.

Upon tabulation of votes, it showed:

AYES – Beck-Ferstl-Genereux-Gregory-Ruiz-Schreiner-Stephensen
NAYS – None
ABSENT – Sanders

Chair Genereux declared the motion carried unanimously.

4. Hear a presentation regarding City of Mesa redevelopment efforts, followed by a discussion.

Discussion only; no formal action taken by the Board.

5. Hear a presentation regarding downtown Mesa, followed by a discussion.

Discussion only; no formal action taken by the Board.

6. Hear from District 4 Councilmember Jenn Duff regarding her priorities and economic development, 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. Introduction of new business to be discussed at a future meeting.

Discussion only; no formal action taken by the Board.

9. Schedule of meetings.

Next meeting scheduled for March 3, 2026.

10. Adjournment.

Without objection, the Economic Development Advisory Board meeting adjourned at 8:48 a.m.