

## ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY BOARD ACTION MINUTES

January 6, 2026

The Economic Development Advisory Board of the City of Mesa met in the boardroom at the Mesa Gateway Administration Building, 5835 S. Sossaman Road, on January 6, 2026, at 7:30 a.m.

### BOARDMEMBERS PRESENT

J. Steven Beck  
Kurt D. Ferstl  
Michelle Genereux  
Anthony Ruiz  
Frank Sanders \*  
Susan Stephensen

### BOARDMEMBERS ABSENT

Charles Gregory (excused)  
Andrew Schreiner (excused)

### STAFF PRESENT

Jaye O'Donnell  
Maribeth Smith  
Benjamin Snow  
Rob Stirling

### EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS PRESENT

Sally Harrison  
Sonny Cave  
Mark Drayna  
Natascha Ovando-Karadsheh

### EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS ABSENT

Mark Freeman, Mayor (excused)  
Scott Butler, City Manager (excused)  
Richard Blake (excused)

### GUESTS

(\*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 7:36 a.m.

2. Approval of minutes from the December 2, 2025, Economic Development Advisory Board meeting.

It was moved by Vice Chair Kurt Ferstl, seconded by Board member Steven Beck, that the December 2, 2025, Economic Development Advisory Board meeting minutes be approved.

Upon tabulation of votes, it showed:

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

Chair Genereux declared the motion carried unanimously.

3. Schedule of meetings.

Next meeting scheduled for February 3, 2026.

4. Adjournment.

Without objection, the Economic Development Advisory Board meeting adjourned at 7:37 a.m.