

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY BOARD ACTION MINUTES

August 4, 2026

The Economic Development Advisory Board of the City of Mesa met at the Office of Economic Development, 120 N. Center Street, on August 4, 2026, at 7:30 a.m.

BOARDMEMBERS PRESENT

Benjamin Ayers
Michelle Genereux
Joe O'Reilly
Nacale Roberts-Runion
Anthony Ruiz
Frank Sanders
Andrew Schreiner
Susan Stephensen

BOARDMEMBERS ABSENT

Steven Beck (excused)

STAFF PRESENT

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

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS PRESENT

Mark Freeman, Mayor
Sally Harrison
Rich Adams, Councilmember
Richard Blake *
Sonny Cave
Mark Drayna *

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS ABSENT

Scott Butler, City Manager (excused)

GUESTS

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

1. Call meeting to order.

Chair Frank Sanders called the meeting to order at 7:30 a.m.

2. Items from citizens present.

Discussion only; no formal action taken by the Board.

3. Welcome and remarks from Mayor Freeman.

Discussion only; no formal action taken by the Board.

4. Brief introduction of each board member.

Discussion only; no formal action taken by the Board.

5. Approval of minutes from the June 2, 2026, Economic Development Advisory Board meeting.

It was moved by Vice Chair Michelle Genereux, seconded by Board member Anthony Ruiz, that the June 2, 2026, Economic Development Advisory Board meeting minutes be approved.

Upon tabulation of votes, it showed:

AYES – Ayers-Genereux-O'Reilly-Runion-Ruiz-Sanders-Schreiner-Stephensen

NAYS – None

ABSENT – Beck

Chair Sanders declared the motion carried unanimously.

6. Board Chair Fiscal Year Kick Off.

Discussion only; no formal action taken by the Board.

7. Hear a presentation on the Economic Development Advisory Board survey highlights, followed by a discussion.

Discussion only; no formal action taken by the Board.

8. Hear a presentation on FY26 economic development accomplishments, followed by a discussion.

Discussion only; no formal action taken by the Board.

9. Hear an update on the Office of Economic Development FY27/29 Strategic Plan, followed by a discussion.

Discussion only; no formal action taken by the Board.

10. Discuss industry focused roundtable events.

It was moved by Board member Susan Stephensen, seconded by Board member Joe O'Reilly, to prioritize industry roundtables as follows: (1) semiconductor supply chain, (2) aerospace, and (3) bioscience and healthcare.

Upon tabulation of votes, it showed:

AYES – Ayers-Genereux-O'Reilly-Runion-Ruiz-Sanders-Schreiner-Stephensen

NAYS – None

ABSENT – Beck

Chair Sanders declared the motion carried unanimously.

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

Next meeting scheduled for Tuesday, August 4, 2026.

12. Schedule of meetings.

Discussion only; no formal action taken by the Board.

13. Adjournment.

Without objection, the Economic Development Advisory Board meeting adjourned at 9:28 a.m.