

**TUCSON AIRPORT AUTHORITY | Nominating Council Meeting
Monday, August 28, 2023 | 4:00 p.m. | Virtual Meeting**

THIS ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING WAS HELD VIRTUALLY, WITH COUNCIL MEMBERS ATTENDING VIA MICROSOFT TEAMS OR TELEPHONICALLY. MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO COMPLETED A REGISTRATION FORM RECEIVED A LINK TO VIEW THE MEETING VIA MICROSOFT TEAMS OR TO LISTEN TELEPHONICALLY.

1. CALL TO ORDER | ROLL CALL

Chair Lovallo called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

Council Members Present: Chair Lisa Lovallo, Council Member Phil Swaim, Council Member Tauna Villicaña, Council Member Rhonda Piña, Council Member Brandt Hazen, and Council Member Carol Stewart

- Council Member Stewart joined the meeting at 4:02 p.m.
- Council Member Hazen joined the meeting at 4:06 p.m.

Council Members Absent: Vice Chair Ellen Wheeler

Others Present: Board Chair Keri Silvyn

Staff Present: President/CEO Danette Bewley, Vice President/General Counsel Christopher Schmaltz, Deputy General Counsel Kim Outlaw Ryan, and TAA Clerk Byron Jones

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

TAA Clerk Byron Jones reported a typo in the minutes: the third bullet under section 4.b. reads, "One Member will reach 20 years of service in 2024." It should be corrected to read, "One Member will reach 15 years of service in 2024."

Motion by Council Member Piña, seconded by Council Member Swaim, to approve the minutes of the Nominating Council meeting held on March 10, 2023 as amended. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes 5 Chair Lovallo, Council Member Swaim, Council Member Villicaña, Council Member Piña, and Council Member Stewart

Nays 0

3. PRESIDENT/CEO REPORT

State of the Industry | Update

President/CEO Danette Bewley reported the following:

- ❑ The United States Congress is still negotiating on the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Reauthorization Act; however, they will not reach an agreement by September 30. Instead, Congress will vote on a Continuing Resolution, which means that the FY2023 funding level of \$3.5B will carry over to FY2024. This is important to TUS due to the reliance on FAA grants to fund the Airport Safety Enhancement (ASE) program.
- ❑ American Airlines pilots will receive a 40% pay raise over five years. The other airlines will follow suit, but there is no indication as yet to how this will affect ticket prices.
- ❑ TAA is forecasting that 3.7M passengers will pass through TUS in FY 2023. This is a 97% recovery of the pre-COVID passenger volume of 3.8M. TAA expects 3.9M passengers in FY 2024, and based on information from the airlines, TAA is forecasting an average of 60 daily flights.

4. PRESENTATION/DISCUSSION

The Council may discuss TAA's current membership, the status of the 2024 nominating period, and groups and/or individuals that should be targeted for nomination prior to the close of the nominating period on October 1.

TAA Clerk Byron Jones referred to the memo that was included in the agenda packet and highlighted the following:

- ❑ There are 56 Active Members. With four vacancies and three term-outs, there are seven open seats for 2024.
- ❑ Two nomination packets have been received. The nominees are from the logistics sector and the higher-education sector.
- ❑ Three director positions are open – one incumbent has applied for reappointment.
- ❑ Since the last meeting, two Authority members resigned because they moved from the TUS service area.
- ❑ The demographics are unchanged, except for a decrease in American Indian/Alaska Native and Asian-American representation. There has been a significant increase in female members since 2021.
- ❑ The largest sectors represented in the TAA's membership are real estate (10) and financial services (8).
- ❑ A list of entities represented by the TAA's membership was included in the agenda packet as requested during the last council meeting.

COUNCIL DISCUSSION

- ❑ There is no longer any representation from the building/contractor sector after Larry Lang’s departure. Members in this field may be reluctant to be a Member of TAA due to potential conflicts of interest. It was suggested that the council should look at building professionals from different industries—such as higher education—that would not have a conflict of interest. Tim Bee, the Southern Arizona Vice President of the Arizona Builders Alliance was suggested as a potential nominee.
- ❑ There is currently little representation from the hospitality industry, considering its economic impact to the region.
- ❑ Is there a running list from previous years of the nominees who have been nominated multiple times but have not been elected to the Authority, or members who self-nominated for director but were not elected?
 - This information has not been kept in the past. TAA Clerk Jones was asked to begin compiling this information for next year and to conduct research as far back as possible.
- ❑ Other individuals to consider increasing diversity within the organization:
 - **Kim Sabow** – President/CEO, Arizona Lodging and Tourism Association
 - Ms. Sabow lives outside of TAA’s catchment area, but her job encompasses the entire state.
 - **Monica Prieto** – Deputy Chief, Tucson Police Department
 - **Daniela Gallagher** – Vice President, Economic Development, Sun Corridor
 - **Marla Franco** – Vice President, Hispanic Serving Institute Initiatives, U of A
 - **Sangita Pawar Judge** – Vice President, U of A Research, Innovation & Impact
 - **N. Levi Esquerra** – Senior Vice President of Native American Advancement and Tribal Engagement, U of A
 - **Karla Morales** – Vice President, Southern Arizona, Arizona Technology Council
 - **Mike Levin** – CEO, Industrial Properties, Port of Tucson
 - **J. Felipe Garcia** – President/CEO, Visit Tucson
 - Mr. Garcia has been approached in the past but declined due to his busy schedule. He still remains a viable option in future years.

Chair Lovallo stated that Board Chair Keri Silvyn has a strong preference for finding individuals who have the time and interest to be active in the advisory councils. This experience would prepare them to be future leaders of TAA.

5. ACTION ITEMS

a. Emeritus Member Applications

There were no emeritus applications to consider at this time.

6. ADJOURN

There being no further business to discuss, Chair Lovallo adjourned the meeting at 4:36 p.m.

PREPARED BY:



Byron M. Jones, CMC, TAA Clerk

Date: August 8, 2024