

**TUCSON AIRPORT AUTHORITY | Nominating Council Meeting  
Tuesday, September 26, 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 4:05 p.m.

**Council Members Present:** Chair Lisa Lovallo, Vice Chair Ellen Wheeler, Council Member Phil Swaim, Council Member Brandt Hazen, and Council Member Carol Stewart

**Council Members Absent:** Council Member Taunya Villicaña and Council Member Rhonda Piña

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

**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**Motion by Council Member Swaim, seconded by Vice Chair Wheeler, to approve the minutes of the Nominating Council meeting held on August 28, 2023. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes 5** Chair Lovallo, Vice Chair Wheeler, Council Member Swaim, Council Member Hazen, 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 will likely pass a Continuing Resolution by September 30 in order to avoid a government shutdown. This is important to TUS as disruptions of FAA grant reimbursements have the potential to delay progress on the Airfield Safety Enhancement (ASE) Program.
- TUS is extremely close to exceeding pre-pandemic passenger volumes.
- TAA recently had visits from Southwest Airlines and American Airlines. Both airlines are interested in expanding their routes, and the

conversations were very positive. She will keep the Council informed as to future developments.

#### **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.*

##### **NEW-MEMBER NOMINATIONS**

- Council Member Stewart reported that she has sent nomination packets to Lesah Sesma-Gay, general manager of Casino del Sol (Hospitality), and Karla Morales, vice president of the Arizona Technology Council (Technology). She has been traveling but will follow up with them to ensure their completed packets are submitted by the October 1 closing date.
- TAA Clerk Byron Jones stated that two additional nomination packets were submitted after the agenda packet for the meeting was sent out: Rose Lopez, president/CEO of Intermountain Centers (Healthcare) and Jim Mooney, owner of Frontier Towing, Inc. (Transportation).

##### **DIRECTOR NOMINATIONS**

- The Council discussed the qualifications of the nominees received to date.
- Chair Lovallo stated her opinion that members should be familiar with the TAA's governance and regulatory structures by service as a TAA member over several years and by service on TAA advisory councils before being considered for a director position.
- Vice Chair Wheeler confirmed that she intended to self-nominate herself for director and that she would have to resign from the Council.

#### **5. ACTION ITEMS**

##### **a. Emeritus Member Applications**

The Council considered the request from Bruce Dusenberry to become an Emeritus Member.

Chair Lovallo stated that Mr. Dusenberry is currently serving on the Board of Directors as the immediate past chair. He is an "icon" of TAA who has dedicated over 20 years to the organization. He has served on numerous committees as well as the Board, and he has been a stalwart advocate for TUS. She reiterated that the Emeritus Member designation is not intended for all Members, but for those who have provided exemplary service over time.

Council Member Swaim concurred with Chair Lovallo.

**Motion by Council Member Swaim, seconded by Vice Chair Wheeler, to recommend to the Board of Directors that it approve Bruce Dusenberry's request to transition to Emeritus Member at the expiration of his term as immediate past chair on January 21, 2024. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes 5 Chair Lovallo, Vice Chair Wheeler, Council Member Swaim, Council Member Hazen, and Council Member Stewart**

**Nays 0**

**6. ADJOURN**

There being no further business to discuss, Chair Lovallo adjourned the meeting at 4:32 p.m.

**PREPARED BY:**

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Byron M. Jones, CMC, TAA Clerk

Date: \_\_\_\_\_