

TUCSON AIRPORT AUTHORITY | Nominating Council
Friday, July 26, 2024 | 11:00 a.m. | Remote Only

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

Vice Chair Hazen called the meeting to order at 11:10 a.m.

Council Members Present: Vice Chair Brandt Hazen, Council Member Taunya Villicaña, Council Member Phil Swaim, Council Member Carol Stewart, Council Member Rhonda Piña, and Council Member Shaima Namazifard

Council Members Absent: Chair Lisa Lovallo

Staff Present: President/CEO Danette Bewley, Deputy General Counsel Kim Outlaw Ryan, IT Customer Support Technician Hector Lopez, and TAA Clerk Byron Jones

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

There were no corrections or amendments to the draft minutes from the Nominating Council meeting held on October 19, 2023.

Motion by Council Member Villicaña, seconded by Council Member Stewart, to approve the minutes of the Nominating Council meeting held on October 19, 2023. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes (6) Hazen, Villicaña, Swaim, Stewart, Piña, and Namazifard

Nays (0)

3. PRESIDENT/CEO REPORT

State of the Industry | Update

President/CEO Danette Bewley reported the following:

- The aviation industry experienced significant operational disruptions last week as a result of a system outage. The outage led to the cancellation of thousands of flights. Airlines have been struggling most of the week to get caught up. Delta Airlines, which experienced severe disruptions, announced that they would be back on schedule by today. Although Tucson International Airport (TUS) experienced some disruptions, they were professionally managed by the airlines.

- ❑ Alaska Airlines announced that it will offer seasonal, nonstop service to from TUS to Sacramento International Airport (SMF) beginning on January 26, 2025. It will operate daily between January and April.
- ❑ TUS is experiencing growth in several markets, including Dallas, Phoenix, Chicago Midway, and Denver.
- ❑ TUS was awarded the Western Pacific Region Airport Safety Award by the Federal Aviation Administration.

4. PRESENTATION/DISCUSSION

a. Open Meeting Law Presentation:

Deputy General Counsel Kim Outlaw Ryan provided a refresher training on the council members' duty to comply with the Arizona Open Meeting Law and the Arizona Public Records Law. The key points: 1) Only items which are properly agendized may be discussed during a public meeting, and 2) Council members should refrain from having conversations with each other apart from the council meetings.

b. TAA Current Membership | Update:

TAA Clerk Byron Jones provided an overview of the TAA's current membership:

- ❑ The TAA has 57 Active Members. There are currently three vacancies. Four Members will reach 20 years and must either apply for emeritus membership, or their membership will expire. Additionally, one Member who has served the minimum ten years has submitted a request for emeritus membership.
- ❑ The Council may nominate up to eight new members to the Authority. Two nomination packets have been received to date.
- ❑ Included in the packet were statistics related to the gender and racial makeup of the authority and a list of individuals who have been nominated multiple times to the Authority without being elected.

c. 2025 Nominations:

Council members reported on their efforts to nominate individuals from the community as well as the two nominations which were already submitted.

- ❑ Board Chair Keri Silvyn submitted nominations for **Dr. Richard Livingood** and **Kym Adair**. Dr. Livingood is an adjunct professor of computer science, business, and doctoral studies; Ms. Adair is executive director of the Arizona Bowl.

Ms. Bewley added that Dr. Livingood is a private pilot. He visited the airport recently and spent several hours touring the airport and talking with staff. He is extremely interested in airport operations, particularly the Airfield Safety Enhancement (ASE) Program.

- ❑ Council Member Stewart reported that she had been in discussions with the following individuals:
 - **Nancy Kluge**, president and CEO of the Reid Park Zoo. Ms. Kluge is collaborating with TUS to raise awareness about animal trafficking.
 - **Linda Mazon Gutierrez**, emeritus president and CEO of the Hispanic Women's Corporation. Ms. Gutierrez's company partners with Hudson, TUS's current vendor providing news and gift items.
 - **Dr. Elliott Cheu**, interim senior vice president of research and innovation at the University of Arizona. Dr. Cheu brings a high level of commitment to every endeavor he undertakes. He is also a great proponent of TUS and uses the airport whenever possible.
- ❑ Board Chair Silvyn and Vice Chair Hazen have both approached **Mimi Coomler, R.N.**, CEO of the Tucson Medical Center. She currently has several competing priorities, but she has expressed an interest in joining the TAA.
- ❑ Director Ellen Wheeler has spoken with **Felipe Garcia**, president and CEO of Visit Tucson. He has expressed an interest in the TAA, but he also has significant commitments. Ms. Bewley has a meeting with Mr. Garcia next week and will speak to him regarding the time commitment of TAA members and to answer any questions he may have.

Ms. Bewley reminded the Council that it has previously been its unofficial policy to avoid nominating multiple individuals from the same entity (e.g., The University of Arizona); however, the Council is not obligated to adhere to past practices. She invited the Council members to contact her if they have any questions regarding prior nominees who were not elected to the Authority.

Deputy General Counsel Ryan asked the Council members to contact Executive Vice President/General Counsel Chris Schmaltz or herself if they have any questions related to the bylaws or the nominating process.

5. **NEXT MEETING**

Monday, August 19, 2024, 11:00 a.m. | Remote-only meeting via [Microsoft Teams](#)

6. ADJOURN

There being no further business to discuss, Vice Chair Hazen adjourned the meeting at 11:47 a.m.

PREPARED BY:



Byron Jones, TAA Clerk

Date: October 14, 2024