

**TUCSON AIRPORT AUTHORITY | Nominating Council**  
**Friday, August 19, 2024 | 11:00 a.m. | Remote Only**

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**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 11:00 a.m.

**Council Members Present:** Chair Lisa Lovallo, Vice Chair Brandt Hazen, Council Member Phil Swaim, Council Member Carol Stewart, Council Member Rhonda Piña, and Council Member Shaima Namazifard

**Council Members Absent:** Council Member Taunya Villicaña

**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 July 26, 2024.

**Motion by Council Vice Chair Hazen, seconded by Council Member Swaim, to approve the minutes of the Nominating Council meeting held on July 26, 2024. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes (5) Lovallo, Hazen, Swaim, Stewart, and Namazifard**

**Nays (0)**

**3. PRESIDENT/CEO REPORT**

**State of the Industry | Update**

President/CEO Danette Bewley reported the following:

- Airline CEOs are meeting with Kelly Ortberg, the new CEO of Boeing. They are expressing optimism that Mr. Ortberg will implement changes to improve the safety and reliability of their aircraft. The airlines have suffered huge losses during the past two years due to the grounding of large portions of their fleets after several high-profile incidents and accidents. The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) has capped their

production to 38 per month, which presents challenges to the industry as the Boeing 737 is the world's most popular aircraft.

- Tucson continues to remain an attractive market to the airlines. Projections are for a 12% increase in capacity over the next several months.
- TUS secured a \$55M grant from the FAA for the Airfield Safety Enhancement (ASE) Program.

Council Member Piña joined the meeting at 11:06 a.m.

#### **4. PRESENTATION/DISCUSSION**

##### **a. 2025 Nominating Period | Update:**

TAA Clerk Byron Jones reported the following:

- Based on expiring terms and applications for emeritus status submitted by active Members, the Nominating Council had the opportunity to nominate up to eight new Members to TAA.
- Subsequent to the last council meeting, Council Member Stewart submitted a nomination packet on behalf of **Nancy Kluge**, President/CEO of the Reid Park Zoo. Three nomination packets had been received as of August 19, 2024.
- Five Members had submitted emeritus applications. The applications were included in the agenda packet.

The Council discussed nominating **Mimi Coomler, R.N.**, CEO of the Tucson Medical Center. Chair Lovallo stated that she would be meeting with Ms. Coomler later in the week and she would follow up on her interest in becoming a Member.

Council Member Stewart reported that she intends to submit nomination packets on behalf of **Linda Mazon Gutierrez**, Emeritus President and CEO of the Hispanic Women's Corporation and **Dr. Elliott Cheu**, Interim Senior Vice President of Research and Innovation at the University of Arizona.

##### **b. Emeritus Member Applications:**

The Council discussed the qualifications for emeritus membership and reviewed the applications that were included in the agenda packet.

**Motion by Council Member Stewart, seconded by Council Member Piña, to recommend to the Board of Directors that it approve the Emeritus Member requests submitted by Michael Duran, Mike Hannley, Gary Kippur, Steve Pagnucco, and David Smallhouse. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes (6) Lovallo, Hazen, Swaim, Stewart, Piña, and Namazifard**

**Nays (0)**

**5. NEXT MEETING**

Thursday, October 24, 2024, 11:00 a.m. | Remote-only meeting via [Microsoft Teams](#)

**6. ADJOURN**

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

**PREPARED BY:**



Byron Jones, TAA Clerk

Date: December 9, 2024