

**TUCSON AIRPORT AUTHORITY | Nominating Council**  
**Wednesday, October 15, 2025 | 9:00 A.M. | TAA Board Room and Microsoft Teams**

**THIS ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING OF THE TUCSON AIRPORT AUTHORITY WAS HELD IN A HYBRID MANNER. COUNCIL MEMBERS ATTENDED THE MEETING IN PERSON OR VIRTUALLY VIA MICROSOFT TEAMS. MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WERE INVITED TO ATTEND IN PERSON.**

**1. CALL TO ORDER | ROLL CALL**

Chair Lisa Lovallo called the meeting to order at 9:08 A.M.

**Council Members Present:** Chair Lisa Lovallo (via Teams), Vice Chair Brandt Hazen, Council Member Carol Stewart, Council Member Shaima Namazifard (via Teams), Council Member Taunya Villicaña (via Teams), Council Member Phil Swaim (via Teams), and Council Member Rhonda Piña (via Teams)

Board of Director Members Present: Chair Michael Hammond (via Teams)

**Staff Present:** President/CEO Danette Bewley, Deputy General Counsel Kim Outlaw Ryan, Associate General Counsel LeCarie Whitfield, Customer Support Technician Hector Lopez, and TAA Clerk Carolina Cordova

**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**Motion by Council Member Shaima Namazifard, seconded by Council Member Carol Stewart, to approve the minutes of the Nominating Council meeting held September 22, 2025. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes (7)   Lovallo, Hazen, Namazifard, Stewart, Villicaña, Piña, Swaim**  
**Nays (0)**

**3. PRESIDENT/CEO REPORT**

**a. President/CEO Danette Bewley reported the following:**

- i. The Government shutdown was addressed, and as of now TUS has not seen much impact with TSA or FAA Air Traffic Control, however; other airports across the nation are reporting that Air Traffic Controllers are calling out sick and it is starting to slow down traffic in the National Airport System, which could eventually impact the TAA. President/CEO Danette Bewley advised that TAA is providing what it can to support federal employees who work at the airport, such as donations of non-perishable foods and supplies.
- ii. President/CEO Danette Bewley also reported that the TSA asked airports to play a Department of Homeland Security (DHS) video at security checkpoints which discusses potential impacts of the federal government shutdown associated with the lapse in appropriations for TSA operations. President/CEO Danette Bewley advised

that TUS will not be playing the video for several reasons including TAA's lack of video screens at TUS security checkpoints. There has been no push-back from DHS thus far.

**4. NOMINATIONS | APPLICATIONS**

**a. Nominations for New Members**

The Council discussed the qualifications of all five of the nominees that were included in this packet. Factors such as profession, community involvement, and how each individual could contribute to increasing diversity within the membership.

The Council's consensus was to move forward with the following nominees for election to the TAA:

**i. ALISON FLYNN GAFFNEY**

**Motion by Council Member Taunya Villicaña, seconded by Council Member Shaima Namazifard, to nominate Alison Flynn Gaffney for membership with the Tucson Airport Authority for an initial 15-year term, subject to review by the Board of Directors and election by the full membership at the Tucson Airport Authority's Annual Meeting on January 26, 2026 (Pursuant to TAA Bylaws §§ 2.1.2(a)(ii), 2.2, and 3.5). The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes (7)   Lovallo, Hazen, Namazifard, Stewart, Villicaña, Piña, Swaim**  
**Nays (0)**

**ii. BLAKE EAGER**

**Motion by Council Member Shaima Namazifard, seconded by Council Member Phil Swaim to nominate Blake Eager for membership with the Tucson Airport Authority for an initial 15-year term, subject to review by the Board of Directors and election by the full membership at the Tucson Airport Authority's Annual Meeting on January 26, 2026 (Pursuant to TAA Bylaws §§ 2.1.2(a)(ii), 2.2, and 3.5). The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes (7)   Lovallo, Hazen, Namazifard, Stewart, Villicaña, Piña, Swaim**  
**Nays (0)**

**iii. JIM DARLING**

**Motion by Council Member Phil Swaim, seconded by Council Member Taunya Villicaña to nominate Jim Darling for membership with the Tucson Airport Authority for an initial 15-year term, subject to review by the Board of Directors and election by the full membership at the Tucson Airport Authority's Annual Meeting on January 26, 2026 (Pursuant to TAA Bylaws §§ 2.1.2(a)(ii), 2.2, and 3.5). The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes (6) Lovallo, Hazen, Namazifard, Villicaña, Piña, Swaim**  
**Nays (1) Stewart**

**iv. LINDA WELTER**

**Motion by Council Member Carol Stewart, seconded by Council Member Shaima Namazifard to nominate Linda Welter for membership with the Tucson Airport Authority for an initial 15-year term, subject to review by the Board of Directors and election by the full membership at the Tucson Airport Authority's Annual Meeting on January 26, 2026 (Pursuant to TAA Bylaws §§ 2.1.2(a)(ii), 2.2, and 3.5). The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes (7) Lovallo, Hazen, Namazifard, Stewart, Villicaña, Piña, Swaim**  
**Nays (0)**

No other nominee was forwarded to the Members for election for full membership.

**b. Emeritus Applications**

The Council considered the emeritus requests submitted by Members Michael Franks, David Hameroff, Lisa Lovallo, and Lucinda Smedley.

**A single motion by Council Member Rhonda Piña, seconded by Council Member Shaima Namazifard, to recommend to the Board of Directors that it approve the requests of Members Michael Franks, David Hameroff, Lisa Lovallo, and Lucinda Smedley to transition to Emeritus Status. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**As to applications by Members Franks, Hameroff, and Smedley:**

**Ayes (7) Lovallo, Hazen, Namazifard, Stewart, Villicaña, Piña, Swaim**  
**Nays (0)**

**\*As to the application by Member Lovallo:**

**Ayes (6) Hazen, Namazifard, Stewart, Villicaña, Piña, Swaim**  
**Nays (0)**

\*Chair Lisa Lovallo noted in her vote that she abstained from the vote on her individual application for emeritus status.

**c. Applications for Continuing Membership**

The Council considered the Applications for Continuing Membership submitted by Robert Draper, David Lyons, and Ricardo Platt.

**A single motion by Council Member Taunya Villicaña, seconded by Council Member Shaima Namazifard, to recommend to the Board of Directors that it approve the**

requests of Members Robert Draper, David Lyons, and Ricardo Platt to continue their membership for an additional five (5) years. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes (7)      Lovallo, Hazen, Namazifard, Stewart, Villicaña, Piña, Swaim  
Nays (0)

**d. Nominations for Board of Directors**

\*Council Member Carol Stewart voluntarily resigned from her seat on the Nominating Council at 9:48 A.M. prior to the Council's discussion of nominees for Board of Directors, due to her submitted nomination to the Board of Directors.

The Council considered the Nomination for Board of Directors submitted by Fran Katz, Rhonda Piña, Calline Sanchez, and Phil Swaim for an additional three (3) year term.

**A single motion by Council Member Shaima Namazifard, seconded by Council Member Brandt Hazen to recommend Fran Katz, Rhonda Piña, Calline Sanchez, and Phil Swaim each for an additional three (3) year term on the Board of Directors, subject to review by the Board of Directors and election by the full membership at the Tucson Airport Authority's Annual Meeting (Pursuant to TAA Bylaws §§ 2.2, 3.5, and 4.1.2). The motion carried by the following vote:**

**As to nominees Sanchez, and Katz:**

Ayes (6)      Lovallo, Hazen, Namazifard, Villicaña, Piña, Swaim  
Nays (0)

**\*\*As to nominee Piña:**

Ayes (5)      Lovallo, Hazen, Namazifard, Villicaña, Swaim  
Nays (0)

**\*\*As to nominee Swaim:**

Ayes (5)      Lovallo, Hazen, Namazifard, Villicaña, Piña  
Nays (0)

**\*\*Council members Piña and Swaim noted in their votes that they abstained from the votes on their individual nominations for an additional three (3) year term on the Board.**

The Council considered the Nomination for Board of Directors submitted by Member Carol Stewart.

**Motion by Council Member Taunya Villicaña, seconded by Council Member Shaima Namazifard, to nominate Carol Stewart for an initial three (3) year term on the Board of Directors, commencing on January 26, 2026, subject to review by the Board of**

**Directors and election by the full membership at the Tucson Airport Authority's Annual Meeting (Pursuant to TAA Bylaws §§ 2.2, 3.5, and 4.1.2). The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes (6)**      **Lovallo, Hazen, Namazifard, Villicaña, Piña, Swaim**  
**Nays (0)**

No other nominations for election to the Board of Directors were forwarded by the Nominating Council to the Members for a vote.

**5. Recommendation on Corporate Officers for 2026**

Based on discussion, the recommended slate for the 2026 Corporate Officers is the following:

| <i>Officers</i> | <i>Position</i> |
|-----------------|-----------------|
| Michael Hammond | Chairperson     |
| Phil Swaim      | Vice Chair      |
| Vance Falbaum   | Secretary       |
| Rhonda Piña     | Treasurer       |

**A single motion by Council Member Taunya Villicaña, seconded by Council Member Shaima Namazifard, to recommend to the Board of Directors the slate of corporate officers for 2026: Chairperson Michael Hammond, Vice Chair Phil Swaim, Secretary Vance Falbaum, and Treasurer Rhonda Piña (Pursuant to TAA Bylaws §§ 2.2 and 5.1) The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes (6)**      **Lovallo, Hazen, Namazifard, Villicaña, Piña\*, Swaim\***  
**Nays (0)**

\*Council Members Piña and Swaim noted in their votes to abstain from their recommendations to the Board of Directors as corporate officers.

**6. NEXT MEETING**

The Nominating Council was advised that the meeting on November 13, 2025, is cancelled. The next meeting may be Thursday, December 11, 2025, at 9:00 A.M. depending on the Board of Directors' direction at the December 3, 2025, meeting. | TAA Board Room.

**7. ADJOURN**

Chair Lisa Lovallo adjourned the meeting at 10:02 A.M.

**APPROVED BY:**

*Brandt Hazen*

Brandt Hazen (Jul 28, 2026 07:50:31 GMT+2)

Brandt Hazen, Chair

Date: 07/28/26

**PREPARED BY:**

*Carolina*

Carolina Cordova, TAA Clerk

Date: 7/28/26