

**TUCSON AIRPORT AUTHORITY | Nominating Council**  
**Monday, July 27, 2026 | 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**

Vice Chair Taunya Villicaña called the meeting to order at 9:00 A.M.

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

**Council Members Absent:** Council Member Keri Silvyn

**Staff Present:** President/CEO Danette Bewley, Executive Vice President/ General Counsel Christopher Schmaltz, 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 Tony Penn, to approve the minutes of the Nominating Council meeting held October 15, 2025. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

**3. PRESIDENT/CEO REPORT**

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

- i. Due to the conflict in the Middle East, fuel prices are fluctuating and the airline industry's response has been contraction, not expansion-- reducing service to smaller airports and not establishing new routes. This trend is being watched carefully by TAA and how it may affect the airlines that serve TUS. Talks with air carriers to establish a TUS to New York flight have been placed on hold due to economic uncertainties.
- ii. TUS maintains a stable structure with its airline partners, and we have not seen a decrease in flight operations. TUS maintains a good number of peak daily flights. American Airlines has added additional connection flights. TUS is looking forward to Frontier Airlines returning in the Fall to resume seasonal operations.
- iii. TAA is working closely with the airlines and recently had a meeting with the Airport and Airlines Affairs Committee to discuss TAA's FY27 Operating and Capital Budget.

The FY27 Budget packet will be presented to the Financial Council in August, and the Board for approval at its September regular meeting.

**4. PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION | NOMINATING COUNCIL ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES**

Deputy General Counsel Kim Outlaw Ryan provided an overview and training to the Nominating Council regarding the TAA's corporate structure and governance, the responsibilities of the Nominating Council, and compliance with Arizona law, related to Open Meetings and Public Records; additionally, outlining the current status of the TAA Membership and applications/nominations received thus far.

- i. Questions from Chair Brandt Hazen regarding the use of proceeds from the sale of real property. Deputy General Counsel Kim Outlaw Ryan redirected this question to Executive Vice President/General Counsel Christopher Schmaltz, who provided clarity on the limitations on the use of TAA money and proceeds from property related transactions.
- ii. Council Member Carol Stewart also commented on the challenges faced by TAA Members when asking about persons within the community who are otherwise contracted or doing business with TAA to consider TAA Membership, and the conflict of interest that may arise. Deputy General Counsel Kim Outlaw Ryan provided guidance. President/CEO Danette Bewley encouraged TAA Members to reach out to her directly for clarification or discussion.
- iii. There was discussion with the President/CEO and Council Members regarding current demographics and statistics of the TAA Membership, including a matrix of data on existing Members and the composition of the Board.

**5. NEXT MEETING**

Monday, September 21, 2026, at 9:00 A.M. | TAA Board Room.

**6. ADJOURN**

Vice Chair Taunya Villicaña adjourned the meeting at 9:47 A.M.

**APPROVED BY:**

**PREPARED BY:**

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Brandt Hazen, Chair

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Carolina Cordova, TAA Clerk

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

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