

TUCSON AIRPORT AUTHORITY | Nominating Council
Monday, September 21, 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

Chair Brand Hazen called the meeting to order at 9:01 A.M.

Council Members Present: Chair Brandt Hazen (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: Vice Chair Taunya Villicaña and Council Member Keri Silvyn

Staff Present: President/CEO Danette Bewley, Executive Vice President/General Counsel Christopher Schmaltz, Deputy General Counsel Kim Outlaw Ryan, Deputy General Counsel LeCarie Whitfield, Legal Secretary Jennifer Marek, Customer Support Technician Hector Lopez, and TAA Clerk Carolina Cordova

TAA Board of Directors Present: Vice Chair Phil Swaim

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Council Member Tony Penn, seconded by Council Member Shaima Namazifard, to approve the minutes of the Nominating Council meeting held July 27, 2026. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes (5) Hazen, Namazifard, Stewart, Piña, Penn
Nays (0)

3. PRESIDENT/CEO REPORT

a. President/CEO Danette Bewley reported the following:

- i. President/CEO Danette Bewley attended the annual conference of Airports Council International – North America in Philadelphia and was one of fifteen airport executives invited to meet with the Assistant Secretary of the U.S. Department of Transportation. President/CEO Danette Bewley discussed with the Assistant Secretary the need for continued grant funding of the Airfield Safety Enhancement Program. The Assistant Secretary expressed interest in visiting Tucson International Airport.
- ii. President/CEO Danette Bewley discussed the annual budget approval process and the efforts of the TAA Finance team to create a conservative budget.. After the budget presentation and approval by the Board, the airlines reported adding capacity to

existing routes at TUS, potentially increasing air service. This was a pleasant surprise for the Air Service Development team. American Airlines indicated that it will be increasing nonstop service to Chicago O'Hare from 11 flights per week to 14 flights per week.

- iii. Council Member Tony Penn asked whether the increased capacity would provide an opportunity for more funding. President/CEO Danette Bewley responded that though the FAA measures enplanements in the thousands or millions; there is a possible increase in revenue, especially during the winter months.

4. PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION

- i. Chair Brandt Hazen asked Council Member Tony Penn if the additional demographics and statistical information provided in the Memorandum were responsive to his request for assessing the current membership and nominations. Council Member Tony Penn confirmed that the additional information was helpful and thanked the TAA staff for maintaining and providing these records.
- ii. President/CEO Danette Bewley provided a brief overview of the current membership, nominations and applications that have been received. She indicated that additional New Member Nominations and Director Interest Forms were received after the distribution of the September Nominating Packet. All nominations/applications will be included for review in the October Nominating Packet. Further, she provided a summary of the demographic and statistical information provided in the Memorandum. President/CEO Danette Bewley explained changes in the approach to achieving a more balanced representation of the region within the TAA Membership which was initiated by past TAA Chairs Lisa Lovallo and Taunya Villicaña. President/CEO Danette Bewley reflected on underrepresented industries among the current TAA Membership. Statistics and demographic data are provided to the Nominating Council to consider when reviewing New Member Nominations.
- iii. Council Member Carol Stewart asked a question about potential nominee information. Council Member Tony Penn asked questions regarding the current industry categories and commented that he would like to see the information parsed to include representation within non-profit organizations and social services. President/CEO Danette Bewley advised that TAA staff would review TAA Membership reporting data to make sure additional industries have not been overlooked. Chair Brandt Hazen requested clarification on when the Nominating Council could expect to receive the revised membership demographic report. President/CEO Danette Bewley advised that the updated report will be distributed in advance of the next Council meeting.

5. NEXT MEETING

Wednesday October 7, at 9:00 A.M. | TAA Board Room.

6. **ADJOURN**

Chair Brandt Hazen adjourned the meeting at 9:22 A.M.

APPROVED BY:

Brandt Hazen

Brandt Hazen (Oct 7, 2026 20:40:52 GMT+2)

Brandt Hazen, Chair

Date: 10/07/26

PREPARED BY:

Carolina

Carolina Cordova, TAA Clerk

Date: 10/07/24