
TUCSON AIRPORT AUTHORITY | Nominating Council Meeting
Monday, September 21, 2026 | 9:00 A.M.
7250 S. Tucson Blvd, AZ 85756 | TAA Board Room

Pursuant to [A.R.S. § 38-431.02](#), notice is hereby given to the members of the Tucson Airport Authority (TAA) and to the public that the **Nominating Council** will hold a meeting open to the public on **Monday, September 21, 2026 at 9:00 A.M.** The public may attend in person. Council members may attend in person or remotely.

In-Person: The TAA Board Room is on the departure level of the Tucson International Airport terminal and is situated between the Delta and Southwest ticket counters, and behind the Arroyo Trading Post. The address is 7250 South Tucson Boulevard, Tucson, Arizona, 85756.

The agenda for the meeting is as follows:

1. CALL TO ORDER | ROLL CALL

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| → Brandt Hazen, Chair | → Carol Stewart |
| → Taunya Villicaña, Vice Chair | → Rhonda Piña |
| → Tony Penn | → Keri Silvyn |
| → Shaima Namazifard | |

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Nominating Council will consider and may approve the minutes of the Nominating Council Meeting held on July 27, 2026.

3. PRESIDENT/CEO REPORT

- a. Industry and TAA Airport System Update

4. PRESENTATION/DISCUSSION

- a. **TAA Current Membership Information and Nominations**

The Nominating Council will review and discuss the current membership, demographics, and statistics included in the staff memorandum, and may discuss the nominations received to date for 2027.

5. NEXT MEETING

Wednesday, October 7, 2026, at 9:00 A.M. | TAA Board Room

6. ADJOURN

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:

Brandt Hazen, Chair

Carolina Cordova, TAA Clerk

Date: _____

Date: _____

Date: September 21, 2026

To: Nominating Council
From: Carolina Cordova, TAA Clerk
Re: 2027 Nominating Period | Update

Background:

The TAA Bylaws delegate to the Nominating Council the responsibility of considering and making recommendations regarding new members, Continuing Members, Emeritus Members, and nominees for the Board of Directors.

- The 2027 nominating period commenced on April 1, 2026, and will close on October 1, 2026.
 - The Council's nominations are due to the Board of Directors by November 20, 2026, pursuant to the Bylaws. The Council has meetings in October, and if necessary, in November to meet this deadline.
- The Nominating Council may recommend a slate of Board corporate officers for 2027; however, the final decision on Board corporate officers rests with the seated Board at its first meeting in January 2027.

Nominating Period | Update:

Reminders regarding the nominating period began in April and will continue through the September TAA Member Advisories.

To date, TAA has received the following:

- Two (2) new member nominations
- One (1) request for a 5-year Membership extension

Current Membership | Analysis:

As of September 21, 2026, TAA has fifty-five (55) active Members and **five (5) vacancies**. Per the Bylaws, there can be no more than sixty (60) active Members of the organization at any given time. The number of vacancies can potentially increase for 2027 if eligible Members submit an application to transition from active to emeritus status, and their request for emeritus status is approved.

To date, TAA records indicate:

- One (1) Member, who will reach the end of their initial 15-year term in January of 2027, has applied to continue their Membership for an additional five-year term. The Continuing Member application was received May 19, 2026. The Nominating Council will have an opportunity to review this application at its October meeting and take action to

include the Member's application for continuing Membership on the 2027 Annual Meeting ballot.

Board of Directors | Analysis:

Under the TAA Bylaws, the Board of Directors consists of at least seven (7) and not more than eleven (11) Members, who are elected by the Active Members during the Annual Meeting in January. The maximum time a Member may serve on the Board is ten (10) years.

To date, TAA records indicate:

- Three (3) existing Board Members have submitted a Director Interest Form to continue services.
- Two (2) Members, not presently serving on the Board, have submitted a Director Interest Form.
- Three (3) Board Members terms will expire in January 2027. Each of these Board Members are eligible to self-nominate for an additional term on the Board during the nominating period and were notified of their term expiration and the self-nomination process in April. A follow-up message was sent in August to those who have not submitted a Board of Director Interest Form. All three (3) existing Board Members have submitted a Director Interest Form to continue serving on the Board.
- One (1) existing Board Member will need to resign from the Board, and have their Membership tolled starting November of 2026 due to their election to public office, which will offer another available seat on the Board of Directors.
- Notably, our Chair of the Board of Director's term will expire in January of 2027; however, he will continue to serve as Immediate Past Chair on the Board for 2027 (Per [Article 4, Section 4.1.1](#)), so the expiration of his term as Chair does not create an additional seat available on the Board of Directors.
- Board self-nominations are due to the Clerk no later than October 1, 2026.

Closing:

Questions, comments, and concerns regarding the information contained in this memo or the nominating process in general, may be directed to the TAA Clerk, at (520) 573-4822 or ccordova@flytucson.com.

CURRENT MEMBERSHIP NUMBERS

TAA MEMBERSHIP		
	CURRENT VACANCIES:	5
	NOMINATIONS FOR NEW MEMBERS RECEIVED:	2
	MEMBERS REACHING 10 YEARS (ELIGIBLE FOR EMERITUS MEMBERSHIP):	3
	APPLICATIONS FOR EMERITUS MEMBERSHIP RECEIVED:	0

	MEMBERS REACHING 15 YEARS (ELIGIBLE FOR CONTINUING MEMBERSHIP):	1
	APPLICATIONS FOR CONTINUING MEMBERSHIP'S RECEIVED:	1

NEW MEMBER NOMINEES			
	<i>Nominee</i>	<i>Nominated By</i>	<i>Date Received</i>
1.	Matt Basiliere <i>Hospitality Assessment Management</i>	Tim Medcoff	May 5, 2026
2.	Kristen Sharp <i>President/CEO of Oro Valley Chamber of Commerce</i>	Rhonda Piña	August 6, 2026

APPLICATIONS FOR CONTINUING MEMBERSHIP			
	<i>Member</i>	<i>Year Joined</i>	<i>Date Received</i>
1.	Michael Hammond	2011	May 16, 2026

BOARD OF DIRECTORS TERMS EXPIRING IN 2027				
	<i>Member</i>	<i>YOS</i>	<i>Term</i>	<i>Position</i>
1.	Todd Jackson	5	Term 2	Director
2.	Judy Rich	9	Term 3	Director
3.	Ellen Wheeler	3	Term 1	Director

DIRECTOR INTEREST FORMS SUBMITTED			
	<i>Interested Member</i>	<i>Membership Year</i>	<i>Date Received</i>
1.	Steve Bossé	2025	July 14, 2026
2.	Todd Jackson	2014	June 2, 2026
3.	Judy Rich	2017	August 24, 2026
4.	Ellen Wheeler	2013	August 15, 2026
5.	Amanda Wiggins	2023	September 1, 2026

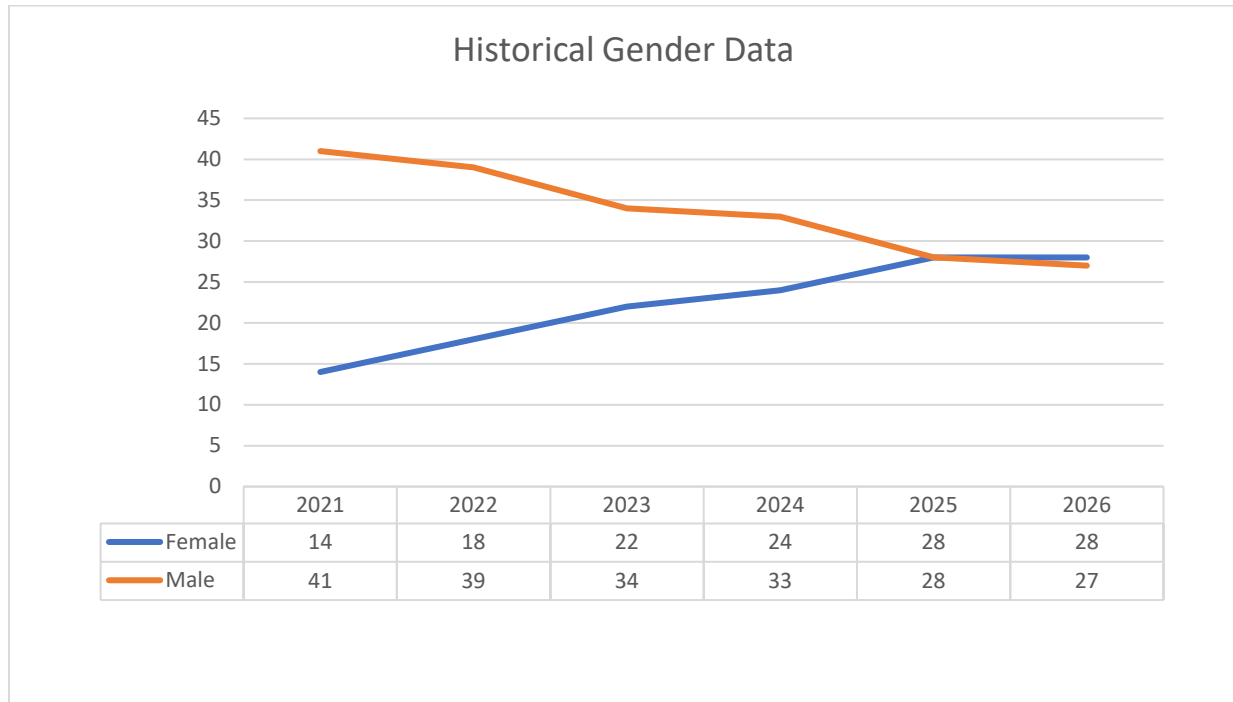
Attachments:

1. Gender Distribution Reported by TAA Members (2021-2026)
2. Racial/Ethnic Distribution Reported by TAA Members (2021 to 2026)
3. Employment Industry Reported by TAA Members (2021 to 2026)

ATTACHMENT 1

Gender Distribution Reported by TAA Members (2021 to 2026)

Gender demographic information is voluntarily reported by TAA Members. The chart below illustrates the change in the TAA's Member gender distribution from 2021 to 2026. In 2026, there are 28 females and 27 males who serve as active Members.



ATTACHMENT 2

Racial/Ethnic Distribution Reported by TAA Members (2021 to 2026)

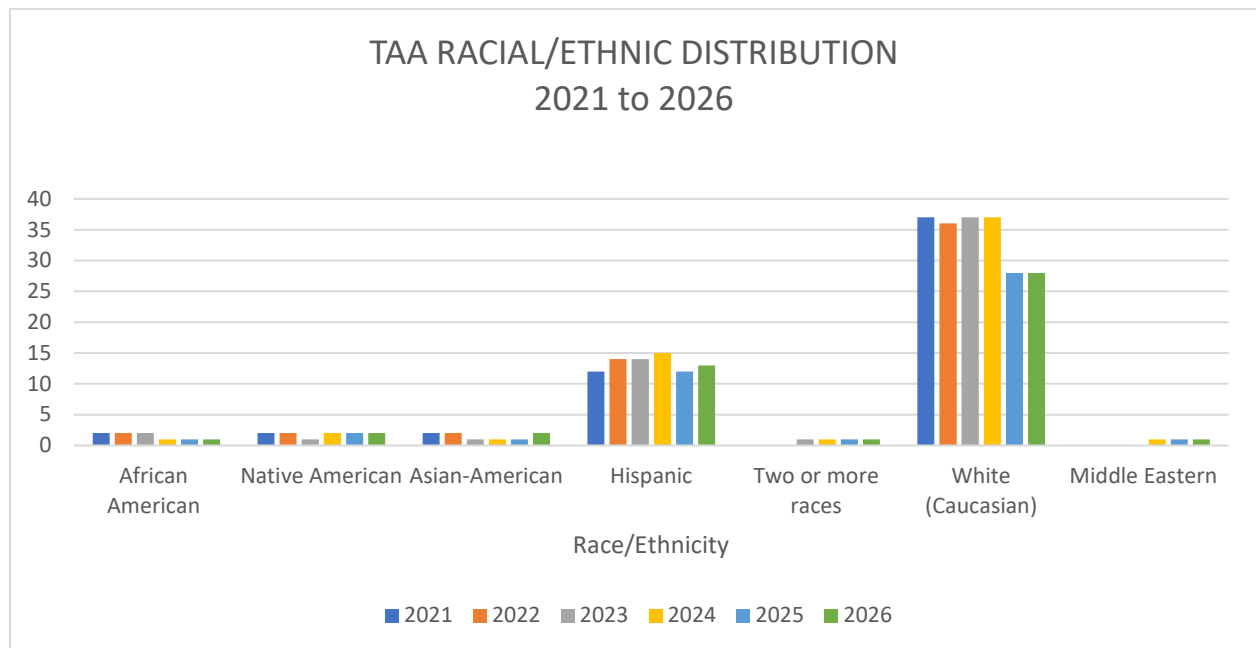
The most recent U.S. Census (2020) data available for Pima County shows a total population of 1,043,433.

Within Pima County, 633,382 (61%) of individuals identify their race as White (Caucasian).

- Of the TAA Members reporting, 28 of 48 Members (58%) voluntarily identify their race as White (Caucasian).

Within Pima County, 372,288 (36%) of individuals identify their ethnicity as Hispanic/Latino.

- Of the TAA Members reporting, 13 of 48 Members (27%) voluntarily identify their ethnicity as Hispanic/Latino.



Reference:

Race and Ethnicity, Pima County, Arizona – U.S. Census Bureau Profile

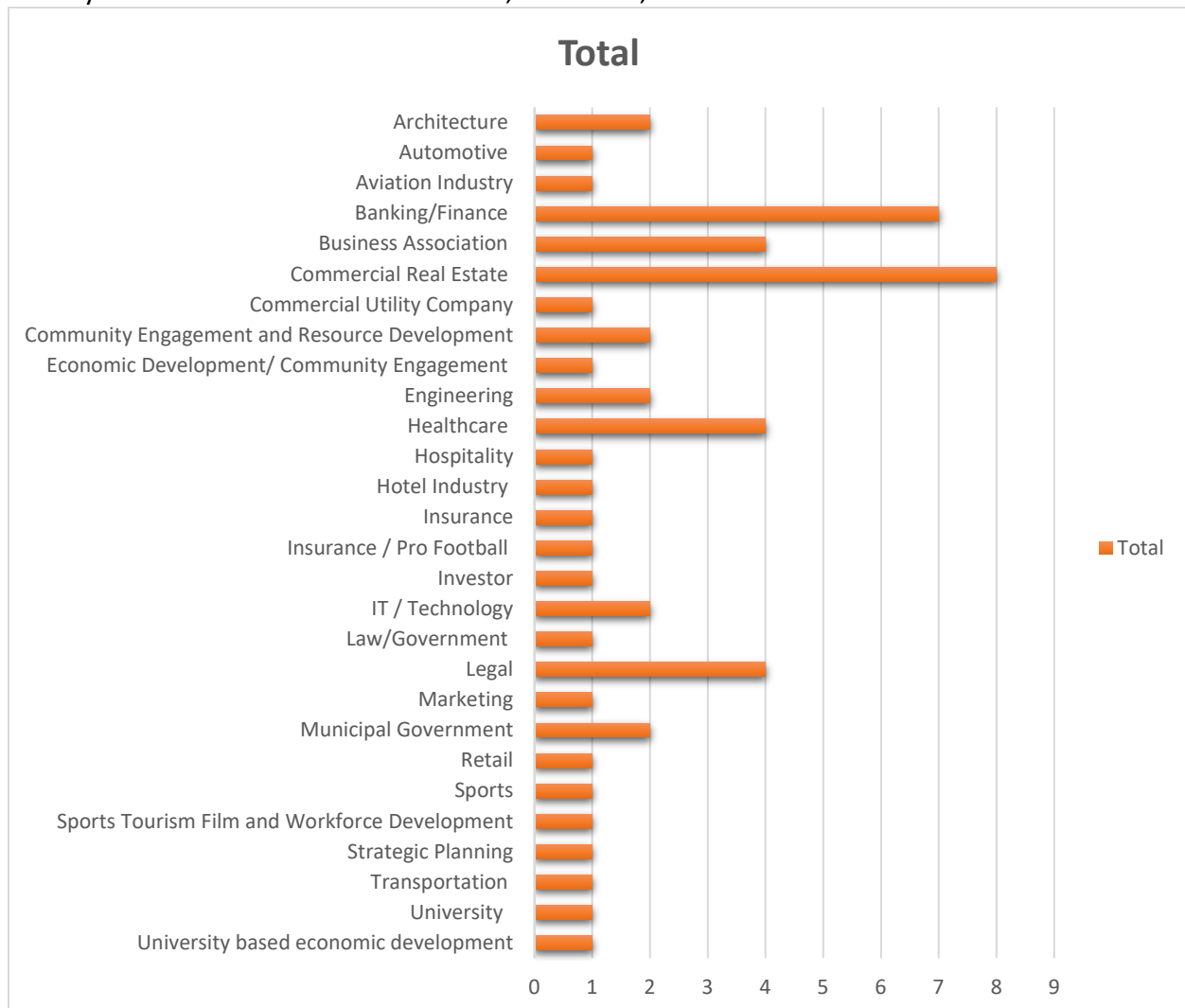
ATTACHMENT 3

Employment Industry Reported by TAA Members (2026)

Employment Industry information is voluntarily reported by TAA Members. The chart below illustrates the information received from all 55 Active TAA Members in 2026. The most prominent industries reported by TAA Members are:

- Commercial Real Estate (14.5%)
- Banking/Finance (12.7%)
- Legal, Healthcare, and Business Associations tie as third with 7.3%.

This is compared to U.S. Census data for 2024 which shows industry employment of 5.3% in Pima County as the combined total of Finance, Insurance, and Real Estate.



This demographic data is intended to capture traditional classifications. Without 100% participation by TAA membership to voluntarily self-disclose gender and race/ethnicity information, TAA cannot verify the complete accuracy of the data.