

June 19, 2023

TO: CITY COUNCILMEMBERS

FROM: MAYOR JOHN GILES

SUBJECT: Reappointments to Boards and Committees

The following are my recommendations for reappointments to City of Mesa Advisory Boards and Committees.

Board of Adjustment – Seven-member board including new appointments.

Alexis Kay Wagner, District 6. Ms. Wagner was a program manager in the technical training program at U-Haul. She earned a bachelor's degree and master's degree in political science from Arizona State University where she earned certificates in international relations and political entrepreneurship. Her second term ends June 30, 2026.

Building Board of Appeals – Nine-member board including new appointments.

Jim O'Neal, District 1. Mr. O'Neil is the owner of Broken Yolk Café and has experience in the homebuilding industry. He studied business at Westmont College and University of Arizona. His second term ends June 30, 2026.

Chris Thompkins, District 2. Mr. Thompkins is the owner and managing member of Synergy Plumbing, LLC and has more than 15 years' experience in the plumbing industry. He holds certifications in commercial plumbing inspection, medical gas inspection, technical rescue and various fire and rescue trainings. His second term ends June 30, 2026.

Design Review Board – Seven-member board including new appointments.

Paul Johnson, District 4. Mr. Johnson is a senior designer at Devenney Group. He is a registered architect in Arizona. He earned a bachelor's degree in architecture from California Polytechnic State University. His second term ends June 30, 2026.

Economic Development Advisory Board – Nine-member board including new appointments.

Michelle Genereux, District 1. Ms. Genereux is a land rights management supervisor at SRP. She earned a bachelor's degree in management from Western International University and a master's degree in business administration from Ottawa University. She completed a partial term and her first full term ends June 30, 2026.

Kathleen Jolivette, District 5. Ms. Jolivette is vice president and general manager of vertical lift for Boeing Defense, Space & Security. She earned a bachelor's degree in accounting from Lindenwood University and an MBA from Washington University. She completed a partial term and her first full term ends June 30, 2026.

Rich Adams, District 1. Mr. Adams is the president and CEO of Southwest Business Credit Services. He is a founding director of Gateway Commercial Bank of Mesa. Mr. Adams was a previous chair of the Economic Development Advisory Board and the Planning and Zoning Board. His second term ends June 30, 2026.

Education and Workforce Development Roundtable – Eleven-member board including new appointments.

Rich Nickel. Mr. Nickel is President and CEO of Education Forward Arizona, a non-profit focused on assisting all Arizona residents in gaining post-secondary credentials. Mr. Nickel earned a bachelor's degree from the University of Kentucky in telecommunications. He completed a partial term and his first full term ends June 30, 2026.

Dr. Joe O'Reilly. Dr. O'Reilly is a member of the Mesa Public Schools Governing Board and director of the ASU Helios Decision Center for Education Excellence. He earned a bachelor's degree in psychology from Stonehill College in Massachusetts and both a master's degree and doctorate in psychology from the University of Arizona. He completed a partial term and his first full term ends June 30, 2026.

Vince Yanez. Mr. Yanez is senior vice president of Arizona community engagement at Helios Education Foundation. Mr. Yanez earned a bachelor's degree from the University of Notre Dame in government and Spanish and a master's degree from Arizona State University in social work. He completed a partial term and his first full term ends June 30, 2026.

Historic Preservation Board – Eleven-member board including new appointments.

Ty Utton, District 1. Mr. Utton is an assistant urban planner at Snell & Wilmer, LLP. He earned bachelor's degrees in geography and urban planning, and a master's degree in urban and environmental planning from Arizona State University. He completed a partial term and his first full term ends June 30, 2026.

Housing & Community Development Advisory Board – Eleven-member board including new appointments.

Dr. Nicolle Karantinos, District 5. Dr. Karantinos is a realtor with Realty Executives with an extensive background in education. She earned a bachelor's degree in Spanish and communication from University of Northern Iowa, master's degree in secondary education from Northern Arizona University and a Ph.D. in educational administration and Supervision from Arizona State University. She completed a partial term and her first full term ends June 30, 2026.

Human Relations Advisory Board – Eleven-member board including new appointments.

Ron Williams, District 1. Mr. Williams is the owner of Contacts to Contracts, LLC. Prior to the establishment of his own business, Mr. Williams was the President/CEO of the Grand Canyon Minority Supplier Development Council. His second term ends June 30, 2026.

Margaret Duarte, District 4. Ms. Duarte is a senior accountant and financial analyst at Cognosante. She earned a bachelor's degree in business administration and finance and a master's degree in business accounting from the University of Arizona. She also earned a master's degree in accounting and finance management from DeVry University. Her second term ends June 30, 2026.

Rochelle Johns, District 1. Ms. Johns is a counselor at Transitions Counseling and Consulting. Ms. Johns earned a bachelor's degree in human resources from Fontbonne University in Clayton, Mo., and a master's degree in professional counseling from Grand Canyon University. She is Founder and CEO of Black Women That Rock, Inc. She completed a partial term and her first full term ends June 30, 2026.

Judicial Advisory Board – Seven-member board including new appointments.

Kent Cattani. Judge Cattani was appointed to the Arizona Court of Appeals in 2013. Prior to his appointment, he represented the State of Arizona for more than 20 years. He earned a Juris Doctorate from the University of California at Berkeley. His term ends June 30, 2026.

Museum & Cultural Advisory Board – Eleven-member board including new appointments.

Gregory DeSimone, District 2. Mr. DeSimone is a procurement manager at WillScot, Inc. He earned a bachelor's degree in business administration from Valparaiso University, is a Certified Purchasing Manager and a member of the Institute for Sully Management. He completed a partial term and his first full term ends June 30, 2026.

Ivan Martinez, District 4. Mr. Martinez owns Ivan Martinez Photography. He earned a bachelor's degree in marketing and advertising and an MBA from the University of Northern Iowa. His second term ends June 30, 2026.

Melvin Van Vorst, District 2. Mr. Van Vorst has been a volunteer usher at the Mesa Arts Center for 13 years. He was deputy state treasurer for the State of Michigan. He served on the Mesa Industrial Development Authority Board and on several boards and committees in Strawberry, AZ. His second term ends June 30, 2026.

Bradley Peterson, District 6. Mr. Peterson is an educational technology trainer at Mesa Public Schools. He earned a bachelor's degree in elementary education and a master's degree in educational technology from Arizona State University. He completed a partial term and his first full term ends June 30, 2026.

Parks & Recreation Board – Eleven-member board including new appointments.

Robert Ingram, District 2. Mr. Ingram worked at the USDA Forest Service and has experience in range management, cultural resources, recreation, engineering and highway projects. He is now a part time senior project manager at Aztec Engineering working on highway projects. He completed a partial term and his first full term ends June 30, 2026.

Michelle Streeter, District 6. Ms. Streeter is senior project manager, marketing and communications for the Town of Gilbert Office of Economic Development. She earned a bachelor's degree in journalism from Arizona State University. She completed a partial term and her first full term ends June 30, 2026.

Personnel Appeals Board – Five-member board including new appointments.

Nancy Van Tellingen, District 6. Ms. Tellingen is an administrative officer at Tawaw Architecture Collective, Inc. She earned a bachelor's degree in business administration from the University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign. Her second term ends June 30, 2026.

Craig Freeman, District 1. Mr. Freeman worked in the corporate financial office at Filmore Piru Citrus Association and was Arizona district manager for HD Supply Waterworks LTD. He earned a bachelor's degree in accounting from Arizona State University. He completed a partial term and his first full term ends June 30, 2026.

Planning & Zoning Board – Seven-member board including new appointments.

Benjamin Ayers, District 1. Mr. Ayers is the Design Director and Studio Director at Gensler. He earned a bachelor's degree in architectural studies with a minor in urban

planning and a master's degree in architecture from Arizona State University. His second term ends June 30, 2026.

Self-Insurance Board of Trustees – Three -member board including new appointments.

Peggy Lynch, District 2. Ms. Lynch worked in benefits administration at Banner Health and the City of Mesa. As assistant benefits administrator at the City of Mesa, she helped project plan costs and optimize the benefits program to be in line with company strategy. Her second term ends June 20, 2026.

Transportation Advisory Board – Eleven-member board including new appointments.

Michelle McCroskey, District 1. Ms. McCroskey worked in human resources at State Farm. She earned a bachelor's degree in business administration from Arizona State University and has served on several local and regional transportation and trail projects. She completed a partial term and her first full term ends June 30, 2026.

Rodney Jarvis, District 1. Mr. Jarvis is a zoning attorney at Gallagher and Kennedy. He earned a bachelor's degree in English literature and a Juris Doctorate from Brigham Young University. His second term ends June 30, 2026.

Daniel Laufer, District 2. Mr. Laufer earned his Emergency Medical Technician Certification at Mesa Community College and is an urban planning student at Arizona State University. He's a member of the Tillman-Scholar-Leadership Through Action Program and created a Walkability Evaluation Tool. His second full term ends June 30, 2026.