



ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES

January 6, 2026

The Economic Development Advisory Board of the City of Mesa met in the boardroom at the Mesa Gateway Administration Building, 5835 S. Sossaman Road, on January 6, 2026, at 7:30 a.m.

BOARDMEMBERS PRESENT

J. Steven Beck
Kurt D. Ferstl
Michelle Genereux
Anthony Ruiz
Frank Sanders *
Susan Stephensen

BOARDMEMBERS ABSENT

Charles Gregory (excused)
Andrew Schreiner (excused)

STAFF PRESENT

Jaye O'Donnell
Maribeth Smith
Benjamin Snow
Rob Stirling

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS PRESENT

Sally Harrison
Sonny Cave
Mark Drayna
Natascha Ovando-Karadsheh

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS ABSENT

Mark Freeman, Mayor (excused)
Scott Butler, City Manager (excused)
Richard Blake (excused)

GUESTS

(*Participated in the meeting via video conference equipment)

1. Call meeting to order.

Chair Michelle Genereux called the meeting to order at 7:36 a.m.

2. Approval of minutes from the December 2, 2025, Economic Development Advisory Board meeting.

It was moved by Vice Chair Kurt Ferstl, seconded by Board member Steven Beck, that the December 2, 2025, Economic Development Advisory Board meeting minutes be approved.

Upon tabulation of votes, it showed:

AYES – Beck-Ferstl-Genereux-Ruiz-Sanders-Stephensen

NAYS – None

ABSENT – Gregory-Schreiner

Chair Genereux declared the motion carried unanimously.

3. Schedule of meetings.

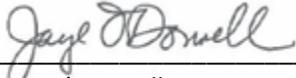
Next meeting scheduled for February 3, 2026, at the Office of Economic Development.

4. Adjournment.

Without objection, the Economic Development Advisory Board meeting adjourned at 7:37 a.m.

I hereby certify that the foregoing minutes are a true and correct copy of the minutes of the Economic Development Advisory Board meeting of the City of Mesa, Arizona, held on the 6th day of January 2026. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

Submitted by:



Jaye O'Donnell
Economic Development Director

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