

June 20, 2022

TO: CITY COUNCILMEMBERS

FROM: MAYOR JOHN GILES

SUBJECT: Appointments to Boards and Committees

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

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

Reappointments:

Heath Reed, District 6. Mr. Reed is a project manager at Crown Castle LLC and a member of the America Planning Association. He earned a bachelor's degree in urban planning from Arizona State University and a master's degree in urban & regional planning from the University of Colorado, Denver. His term expires June 30, 2025.

Nicole Lynam, District 3. Ms. Lynam is President and Principal Architect at KE Design LLC. She earned a bachelor's degree in design from Arizona State University and is a member of the American Institute of Architects and the Arizona Petroleum Marketers Association. Her term will expire June 30, 2025.

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

New Appointment:

Tracy Dyches, District 5. Mr. Dyches is President and CEO of Dyches Property Service and was a designer of custom homes with G.W. Berry Builders. He fills the homebuilder position on the Building Board of Appeals. His term expires June 30, 2025.

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

Reappointments:

Tanner Green, District 4. Mr. Green is an equipment and process development engineer at Intel Corporation. He earned a bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering from Arizona State University and a master's degree in mechanical engineering from the University of Southern California. His term will expire June 30, 2025.

Scott Thomas, District 6. Mr. Thomas is a project manager at The Weitz Company. He has over 20 years' experience in construction management and is an active member of Arizona Builders Alliance. He fills the contractor/developer position on the Design Review Board. His term will expire June 30, 2025.

New Appointment:

Justin Trexler, District 1. Mr. Trexler is a project manager at Architekton, a registered architect and a member of the American Institute of Architects. He earned a bachelor's degree in architecture from the University of Utah and a master's degree in architecture from Arizona State University. His term will expire June 30, 2025.

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

New Appointment:

Laura Snow, District 5. Ms. Snow is Associate Vice President of Women, Infant, Pediatric Service Line at Banner Health. She earned bachelor's degrees in chemistry and public health from Lake Forest College and master's degrees in public health and business administration from the University of California, Los Angeles. Her term expires June 30, 2025.

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

Reappointment:

Katie Lohec Sandej. Ms. Lohec is the National Senior Manager of Government and Community Affairs at Apple, Inc. Apple seeks to participate in local programs and initiatives that support education, career pathways and broader community needs. Her term ends June 30, 2025.

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

Reappointment:

Bruce Nelson, District 4. Mr. Nelson is an award-winning actor and filmmaker who has produced several historical documentaries and museum exhibits about Mesa. His films have been selected at the Phoenix Film Festival, Herberger Arts Film Festival, The Arizona Black Film Showcase and others. His term expires June 30, 2025.

New Appointment:

Russ Haughey, District 1. Mr. Haughey is recently retired after a long career in wildlife conservation. His last position was Professor of Wildlife Biology at Scottsdale Community College. He earned a bachelor's degree in wildlife biology and a master's degree in zoology from Arizona State University. His term will expire June 30, 2025.

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

Reappointments:

Jennifer Hill, District 5. Ms. Hill is Director of Real Estate at Locate. She earned a bachelor's degree in business and marketing from the University of Phoenix and is a licensed realtor. Her term expires June 30, 2025.

Denise Moon, District 2. Ms. Moon is an agent experience partner at Opendoor. She earned a bachelor's degree in business management from University of Phoenix a master's degree in innovative leadership from Western International University and is a licensed realtor. Her term expires June 30, 2025.

Mark Powell, District 6. Mr. Powell is a senior loan consultant with First Option Mortgage. He earned a bachelor's degree from Northern Arizona University and is a member of the SouthEast Valley Association of Realtors (SEVRAR). His term will expire June 30, 2025.

New Appointment:

Leslie Cuevas, District 1. Ms. Cuevas is a hospital outpatient psychiatric medical assistant at Banner MD Anderson Cancer Center. She earned a medical vocational certificate from Lamson College. Her term will expire June 30, 2025.

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

Reappointments:

Tom Brennan, District 5. Mr. Brennan recently retired as principal of Skyline High School in Mesa. He earned a bachelor's degree from Western Washington State University, a master's degree in counseling and guidance from California State University - San Bernardino, and a principal certification from Northern Arizona University. His term expires June 30, 2025.

William Campos, District 6. Mr. Campos is a senior digital strategist at Arizona Federal Credit Union. He earned a bachelor's and master's degree in marketing from the University of Texas at Dallas. His term expires June 30, 2025.

New Appointments:

Nina Allred, District 2. Ms. Allred is the Community Outreach and Engagement Supervisor at Mesa Public Schools. She is a bilingual interpreter/translator and earned a bachelor's degree in Latin American Studies from Brigham Young University. Her term expires June 30, 2025.

Oscar White, District 1. Mr. White is a US Marine Corps Veteran with a long career in operations management. He earned a bachelor's degree in business administration from California Polytechnical University. His term expires June 30, 2025.

Brett Caldwell, District 2. Mr. Caldwell is the Global Quality System Internal Audit Leader at W.L. Gore & Associates, Inc. He earned a bachelor's degree in biology from Northern Arizona University. His term will expire June 30, 2025.

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

New Appointment:

Cody Turley, District 1. Mr. Turley is an enforcement forensics accountant at the Arizona Corporation Commission and a certified public accountant. He earned a bachelor's degree in accounting from Brigham Young University. His term expired June 30, 2025.

Library Advisory Board – Nine-member board including new appointments.

Reappointment:

Ralph Wilson, District 1. Mr. Wilson is an orthopedic surgeon practicing at OrthoArizona. He earned a bachelor's degree and M.D. at the University of Iowa and performed his residency at Vanderbilt University Hospital in Nashville, Tennessee. His term will expire June 30, 2025.

New Appointments:

Nichol Khan, District 3. Ms. Khan is the Child Welfare/Birth to Five Project Manager at Mercy Care. She earned a bachelor's degree in psychology from Arizona State University and a master's degree in curriculum development and instruction from Ottawa University. Her term will expire June 30, 2025.

Jo Wilson, District 1. Ms. Wilson is Strategic Partnership and Community Relations Director at Benedictine University – Mesa. She earned a bachelor's degree in higher education from University of Arizona and a master's degree in higher education from Arizona State University. Her term will expire June 30, 2025.

Merit System – Three-member board including new appointments.

New Appointment:

Tara Francois, District 6. Ms. Francois is Vice President of Global Sales Engineering for Smartsheet. She has more than 25 years' experience delivering software solutions to industries worldwide. Her term expires June 30, 2025.

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

Reappointments:

Angela Buer, District 3. Ms. Buer teaches art, art history, digital media and humanities as an adjunct professor for the Maricopa County Community College District. She earned bachelor's degrees in fine arts and painting from Arizona State University and a master's degree in art education from University of Arizona. Her term will expire June 30, 2025.

Nick Willis, District 1. Mr. Willis is a government affairs coordinator with National Strategies. He earned a bachelor's degree in global health from Arizona State University. His term will expire June 30, 2025.

New Appointment:

Kerry Lengel, District 3. Mr. Lengel was a reporter and editor who spent 25 years at the Arizona Republic covering arts and culture. He earned a bachelor's degree in creative writing from University of Arizona. His term expires June 30, 2025.

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

Reappointments:

Claud Cluff, District 3. Mr. Cluff has 30 years of parks maintenance experience and was a Maintenance Supervisor for the City of Chandler. He earned a bachelor's degree in plant science from the University of Arizona. His term will expire June 30, 2022.

Brent Maldonado, District 6. Mr. Maldonado is a planning technician-load researcher at Salt River Project (SRP). He earned a bachelor's degree in business management from Western International University and an MBA from Wilkes University-Mesa. His term will expire June 30, 2025.

Orchidia Peterson, District 6. Ms. Peterson is an administrative assistant in the Town of Gilbert public works department. She earned a bachelor's degree in elementary education from Arizona State University. Her term will expire June 30, 2025.

New Appointments:

Nina Fader, District 1. Ms. Fader is an e-learning counselor at Salvation Army Croc Center. She earned a bachelor's degree in public administration from Grand Valley State University and master's degree in community resources and development from Arizona State University. Her term expires June 30, 2025.

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

Reappointment:

Deanna Villanueva-Saucedo, District 4. Ms. Villanueva-Saucedo is the Community Engagement Director for Maricopa Community Colleges. Ms. Villanueva-Saucedo earned a bachelor's degree in psychology and a master's degree in public administration from Arizona State University. Her term will expire June 30, 2025.

New Appointment:

Jeff Pitcher, District 2. Mr. Pitcher is a transactional attorney and real estate director at Fennemore. He earned a bachelor's degree and Juris Doctorate from Brigham Young University. His term will expire on June 30, 2025.

Public Safety Retirement System Board – Seven-member board including new appointments.

New Appointment:

Dee Ann Mickelsen, District 2. Ms. Mickelsen recently retired as City Clerk at the City of Mesa where she spent 25 years. In 2018-2019 she was named Clerk of the Year by the Arizona Municipal Clerks' Association. She earned a bachelor's degree in history from Arizona State University. Her term expires June 30, 2025.

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

New Appointment:

Michael Schaiberger, District 5. Mr. Schaiberger was the Employee Health Benefits Director at Maricopa County. He earned a bachelor's degree from Central Michigan University and master's degree in public administration from Arizona State University. His term expires June 30, 2025.

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

Reappointments:

Melissa Vandever, District 3. Ms. Vandever owns Premier Accounting & HR. She is a member of the Mesa Chamber of Commerce and has certifications from Society of Human Resource Management (SHRM) and National Bookkeepers Association (NBA). Her term will expire June 30, 2025.

David Winstanley, District 6. Mr. Winstanley is an independent consultant for aerospace engineering after 35 years at Honeywell Aerospace serving as Mechanical Chief Engineers Director. He earned a bachelor's degree and master's degree in mechanical engineering from Purdue University. His term expired June 30, 2025.

New Appointments:

Ashley Gagnon, District 5. Mr. Gagnon works for the City of Phoenix Police Department. He earned a bachelor's degree in sports management from University of California Pennsylvania and an MBA from Grand Canyon University. His term expires June 30, 2025.

Tara Bingdazzo, District 3. Ms. Bingdazzo is Senior Director of Community Support Network at Solari, Inc. She oversees 211 Arizona which includes transportation services. She earned a bachelor's degree in social and cultural studies from University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Her term expires June 30, 2025.