



BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES

October 21, 2026 ~8:30am

Downtown Tempe Authority

ATTENDING:	Michael Martin	Kaitlyn Myers (Virtual)	Rosa Inchausti
	Tim Gomez	Dana Gillis	Doreen Garlid
	Eric Sather (Virtual)	James Neal (Virtual)	Jenna Borcharding (Virtual)
	Bryan Decker	Kandice Perez for Angela Topolosek (Virtual)	
STAFF:	Lori Foster	Jane Mittness	Anthony Strait
ABSENT:	Julian Wright	Thomas Isaac	Robin Arredondo-Savage
	Louisa Falline	Charles Huellmantel	
	Jon Addy	Charles Goffnett	
GUEST:	Alexander Jovanovic		

Meeting called to order at 8:30 am.

- A. CONSENT PACKET** – Tim Gomez motioned approval, seconded by Michael Martin. Motion carried.
- B. PRESENTATION: Rio Salado Northshore Masterplan** – Alexander Jovanovic provided a PowerPoint presentation regarding the 20-acre parcel on the north side of Tempe Town Lake. The proposed plan includes 3 distinct areas, adventure, gather and play zones. The City is working with the public via surveys and in person meetings to get public input.
- C. CITY OF TEMPE UPDATE** – Rosa Inchausti congratulated Alex on his recent promotion to Community Services Director and thanked him for his hard work on the Rio Salado Northshore Masterplan. She reminded the board members about the importance of the Historic Core Plan as well as the virtual meeting today at noon (Lori to resend link to board) online and the in-person meeting tonight at 6pm at the Transportation Center.
- D. PRESIDENT'S UPDATE** – Lori Foster discussed the success of the State of Downtown last night. The event focused on where we have been, where we are and where we were heading. She reminded the board about the Meet Me on Mill event that was happening this Friday and welcomed all to attend the event. She mentioned that the first City Hall farmers market was a huge success. Lori indicated that at our December board meeting, the 2 new council members (Nichols & St. George) would be in attendance for an opportunity to introduce themselves. Lori mentioned that we will soon be in full swing for all the fall events, 2nd Sundays, Menorah lighting, Street Parade, Boat Parade and Tempe Festival of the Arts.
- E. PARTNER UPDATES** – Michael Martin gave an update indicating that the first week of October was slightly down on hotel occupancy. He indicated that with Phoenix and Mesa adding new hotels, that would affect the impact on occupancy at the Tempe hotels. Spring Training may be in question.

F. NEW BUSINESS – Michael Martin reminded the board of their annual Tempe Tourism event on January 26, 2027 at TCA.

G. ADJOURN – 9:30 am Doreen Garlid motioned approval, seconded by Bryan Decker. Motion carried.

NEXT MEETING – December 16, 2026, 8:30am