

**City of Phoenix
General Obligation Bond Committee
Summary Minutes
Monday, August 8, 2022**

City Council Chambers
200 W. Jefferson St.
Phoenix, Ariz.

Executive Committee Members Present*

Ms. Sharon Harper, Chair
Dr. LeeAnn Aguilar-Lawlor, Vice Chair
Ms. Pam Kehaly
Mr. Rick Naimark
Mr. Steve Beuerlein
Ms. Diana Yazzie Devine
Mr. Abraham James
Mr. David Martin
Ms. Devney Preuss
Mr. Robin Reed
Hon. Mary Rose Wilcox
Ms. Dana Kennedy
Mr. Ron Butler
Ms. Jennifer Grandahl
Ms. Ginger Torres

Executive Committee Members Absent

None

***Attachment A** contains the complete list of GO Bond Committee member attendance. The list above contains only Executive Committee members.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Harper called the GO Bond Executive Committee to order at 10:05 a.m. with committee members Dr. LeeAnn Aguilar-Lawlor, Pam Kehaly, Rick Naimark, Steve Beuerlein, Diana Yazzie Devine, Abraham James, David Martin, Devney Preuss, Robin Reed, Dana Kennedy, Mary Rose Wilcox, Ron Butler, Jennifer Grandahl, and Ginger Torres present.

2. INTRODUCTORY REMARKS

Mayor Kate Gallego made opening remarks and said that she hoped to have a balanced bond program that reflected the entire City's needs.

Chair Harper thanked Mayor Gallego, City Council, and City staff, and explained how the public could access the bond program process to participate and provide feedback. Chair Harper stated that it will be important for the Committee to bear in mind that they will not be able to address every need through this bond program,

and that City leadership is now positioning the City to ensure that bond programs can be conducted on a regular basis going forward, with the current vision to conduct a \$500 million bond program every five years.

3. OPEN MEETING LAW

Chair Harper introduced Deputy City Clerk Sina Matthes, who presented on the principles and procedures of the Arizona Open Meeting Law (OML).

4. ETHICS AND COMMITTEE GUIDELINES

Chair Harper introduced Assistant Chief Counsel Deryck Lavelle, who gave a presentation on ethics and committee guidelines.

5. BOND COMMITTEE KICKOFF AND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE DIRECTION

Chair Harper introduced Chief Financial Officer Kathleen Gitkin to present on the item. Ms. Gitkin introduced Deputy Budget and Research Director Chris Fazio and Budget and Research Director Amber Williamson.

Ms. Gitkin gave a presentation on the fiscal requirements of the proposed bond program that included discussions on General Obligation Bonds in general, a property tax summary, and the recommendations of the Fiscal Capacity Committee.

Mr. Fazio gave a presentation on the Capital Needs Study. Mr. Fazio stated that the Capital Needs Study was initiated in December 2021, and that the focus was on renovation, replacement, and for other projects with minimal General Fund operating costs.

Ms. Williamson gave a presentation on the 5-year General Fund forecast. Ms. Williamson then explained the efforts that would be employed to engage the community, and further outlined key dates and next steps in the GO Bond process.

Committee member Martin asked for clarification on the exact amount that the Committee was tasked to finally submit for bond projects, and if operating costs should be included in that amount. Mr. Fazio answered that the committee needed to recommend \$500 million in projects, and that operating costs were not to be included in that amount.

Committee member Wilcox inquired about feedback from the community and individual committee members regarding alternative projects, and if there were more funds to do alternative projects. Ms. Williamson responded that it would be the responsibility of each subcommittee chairperson to direct staff to bring back more information on alternatively proposed projects, and to advise if alternatively proposed projects are already in the City's budget. Ms. Gitkin added that \$500 million was the most the City could spend on the bond program projects without raising the secondary property tax.

Committee member Preuss asked if the public could present new project visuals. Ms. Williamson answered that the public could provide handouts but will not be allowed to present PowerPoint presentations.

Committee member Devine asked if City staff would bring the public comments back to the Committee, and in what format they would be received. Ms. Williamson said comments and feedback will be included in the agenda packets.

Committee member Naimark asked three questions how committee members should handle emails regarding proposed projects, what the effect of new state law regarding bond programs would be, and what direction would be regarding operating costs for critical cases. Ms. Williamson responded that emails, phone calls and other communications should be forwarded to the respective committee staff assistants, the staff assistants will then direct the communications to the appropriate department and the responsible City Manager Department leadership. Ms. Gitkin responded that property values were previously not restricted and there was no requirement on forecast assumptions published in the informational pamphlet. Mr. Fazio stated that with new legislation assessed property values are now more predictable, and that the model employed for this bond program is very stable. Ms. Williamson stated that City will primarily focus on existing City infrastructure repair and rehabilitation projects, however, that offering a maximum a ceiling on new operating costs could not be predicted, and it will be dependent on the future of the economy.

Vice Chair LeeAnn Aguilar-Lawlor made a motion that the Executive Committee direct all subcommittees to appoint a vice chair during their first meeting, and that the Executive Committee authorize the appointed subcommittee vice chair to act in the absence of the subcommittee chair. Committee member Naimark seconded the motion which passed unanimously, 15-0.

Vice Chair LeeAnn Aguilar-Lawlor made a motion that the Executive Committee direct each subcommittee to determine the highest priority items assigned to their subcommittee and recommended funding values for those items; that subcommittees only identify items that cannot reasonably be deferred; and that each subcommittee chair prepare written and oral reports for the Executive Committee prior to the Executive Committee's next meeting on October 17. Committee member Kennedy seconded the motion which passed unanimously, 15-0.

Committee member Wilcox asked for clarification on the motion to ensure that the subcommittee submissions were not limited to only staff's prioritized items. Ms. Williamson answered that the subcommittees could also include new projects.

Chair Harper opened the floor for public comment and Mr. Lavelle explained the rules for public comment.

Committee member Wilcox left the meeting at 11:25 a.m.

Rabbi Jeffrey Schesnol spoke in support of future capital projects that included the Arizona Jewish Historical Society Holocaust Education Center.

Lawrence Bell spoke in support of funding for the Arizona Jewish Historical Society Holocaust Education Center.

Joshua Klemm spoke in favor of funding for new fire stations.

Timothy Gammage spoke in favor of eight new fire stations to reduce response times.

Joe Moreno spoke in favor of funding eight fire stations, including four new and four replacement stations.

Mark Mettes spoke in support of funding for cultural facilities to maintain and grow the Arts and Culture program.

6. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Harper adjourned the meeting at 11:42 a.m.

Attachment A

Last	First	Type	Committee
Acuna	Ray	Member	Streets & Storm Drainage
Berens	Sean	Member	Housing, Human Services & Homelessness
Boyd	Ryan	Member	Streets & Storm Drainage
Broughton	Teniqua	Member	Arts & Culture
Brown	Mike	Member	Neighborhoods & City Services
Burns	Dana	Member	Parks & Recreation
Carter	Heather	Member	Economic Development & Education
Chatman	Carolyn	Member	Housing, Human Services & Homelessness
Coles Henry	Carole	Member	Streets & Storm Drainage
D'Adamo	Gene	Member	Environment & Sustainability
Dodds	Michelle	Member	Neighborhoods & City Services
Edwards	Pat	Member	Environment & Sustainability
Ellis	Shana	Member	Housing, Human Services & Homelessness
Ender	Anne	Member	Public Safety
Freeman	Gretchen	Member	Arts & Culture
George	GG	Member	Neighborhoods & City Services
Gomez	Sam	Member	Arts & Culture
Graham	Justin	Member	Streets & Storm Drainage
Gupta	Manish	Member	Streets & Storm Drainage
Gutierrez	Alfredo	Member	Arts & Culture
Hunt	Brett	Member	Parks & Recreation
Jackson	Greg	Member	Public Safety
Jonovich	Deanna	Member	Housing, Human Services & Homelessness
Kaasa	Gary	Member	Parks & Recreation
Klocke	Dan	Member	Neighborhoods & City Services
Knight	Gail	Member	Public Safety
Musa	Annette	Member	Arts & Culture
O'Grady	Ian	Member	Environment & Sustainability

Last	First	Type	Committee
Olivas	Eva	Member	Neighborhoods & City Services
Oseran	Daniel	Member	Neighborhoods & City Services
Owens	John	Member	Arts & Culture
Perez	Lisa	Member	Environment & Sustainability
Perez	Elizabeth	Member	Parks & Recreation
Pfister	Suzanne	Member	Housing, Human Services & Homelessness
Reiner	Donna	Member	Arts & Culture
Reiter	Duke	Member	Economic Development & Education
Rouse	Jennifer	Member	Neighborhoods & City Services
Sanders	Todd	Member	Economic Development & Education
Sandigo	Larry	Member	Economic Development & Education
Scutari	Shannon	Member	Environment & Sustainability
Senters	Ryan	Member	Housing, Human Services & Homelessness
Smith	Stefanie	Member	Neighborhoods & City Services
Sokolov	Jacque	Member	Economic Development & Education
Spellman	Jeff	Member	Parks & Recreation
Sprout	Jeff	Member	Economic Development & Education
Stellar	Dan	Member	Environment & Sustainability
Swanton	Brian	Member	Housing, Human Services & Homelessness
Teaford	Chet	Member	Streets & Storm Drainage
Tetreault	Colin	Member	Environment & Sustainability
Trussell	Steve	Member	Streets & Storm Drainage
Unrein	Serena	Member	Environment & Sustainability
Valenzuela	Daniel	Member	Public Safety
Vidales	Victor	Member	Housing, Human Services & Homelessness
Washington	Alton	Member	Public Safety
Williams	Thelda	Member	Public Safety