

**DRAFT FORMAL MINUTES**  
**MARICOPA COUNTY STADIUM DISTRICT**  
**Formal Board Meeting**

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**Friday, April 17, 2026 9:00 A.M.**  
**Board of Supervisors Conference Room**  
**301 West Jefferson Street, 10th Floor Phoenix, AZ 85003**

**Call To Order:**

Chairman Graham called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m. and asked the Clerk to call the roll.

**Roll Call:**

Clerk Loper listed the following members present  
Member Campbell -Present (remote); Member Cohn-Present; Member Epstein-Present, Member Gallego-Present; Member Hall- Present; Member Myers- Present; Member Ortega – Present (remote); Member Schira -Present; Member Zuercher- Present; and Chair Graham- Present.

Also present: Manjula Vaz, Legal Counsel, Gammage and Burnham; Amy Loper, Clerk and Minutes Coordinator.

A quorum was established with all members present.

**Announcements**

Chairman Graham opened the meeting with no announcements.

**Agenda:**

**1. Approval of April 3, 2026 Meeting Minutes**

Motion to approve April 3, 2026, meeting minutes made by Chair Graham, seconded by Member Schira.

Ayes: Cambell, Cohn, Epstein, Gallego, Myers, Ortega, Schira, Zuercher, Graham

Motion passed unanimously.

**2. Administrative Update**

Chairman Graham introduced the item and asked for an administrative update. Member Schira reported that the county board adopted the IGA presented to them at their last Maricopa County Board Meeting that will now allow the Stadium District to start performing procurement work, including engaging with brokers to evaluate office space options and work on the financial arrangements related to the space options.

Manjula Vaz noted that staff are actively evaluating potential office locations in downtown Phoenix (including, but not limited to, the ACA building), have several promising options, and plan to tour spaces this week with a goal of moving into new space around summer, ideally near the current location. She also confirmed that the board bylaws have been finalized and signed (thanking Mr. Ortega for his work) and that they are now posted on the district's updated website and further reported that the Executive Director job search has formally closed and that status is reflected on the website as well. No Action Taken.

**3. Executive Director Search Update**

Chairman Graham reported that there were a total of 546 applicants submitted for the Executive Director; 329

have been screened out, leaving 144 candidates in the “yes” category who meet the established criteria. The screening team is in the process of further narrowing this pool to a small group (approximately five or fewer) for interviews. Manjula Vaz noted that the application portal link, originally sent only to three board officers, will be resent to the full board, and Chair Graham emphasized the need to maintain confidentiality given that many applicants are currently employed elsewhere. Chair Graham anticipates completing his review over the weekend, with the board able to focus on a refined subset of candidates within approximately 10 days.  
No Action Taken.

#### **4. Discussion of dates for a potential trip to Salt River Fields**

Chairman Graham introduced the item. Manjula Vaz proposed using May 15, 2026, as a possible trip to Salt River Field and there was general support for that date. Ms. Vaz agreed to work with the Chairman and board members to confirm when members would be in town and to coordinate logistics, with Fridays suggested as potentially easier for attendees.

The intent is to use the Salt River Field visit as a first test of coordinated board travel under open meeting constraints, with staff organizing the details once the date is finalized. No Action Taken.

#### **5. Discussion of IGA between Maricopa County Treasurer and District Board**

Chairman Graham introduced the item. Ms. Vaz highlighted the intergovernmental agreement (IGA) between the Maricopa County Treasurer and the Stadium District Board, Manjula Vaz reported that staff are working with County Treasurer John Allen so the Treasurer’s Office can manage the district’s accounts, similar to the arrangement used for the former stadium district. Under this structure, the district’s funds would be held and administered by the County Treasurer, with accounts available for different purposes. A draft agreement has been circulated to the board, and staff are continuing to refine it based on feedback from the Treasurer’s Office, with the goal of bringing a finalized IGA for approval at the next board meeting. Manjula noted that once this agreement is in place and the new account is set up, the district will be able to receive funds currently being held by the Arizona Department of Revenue (approximately \$6 million) and by the City of Phoenix, and staff will then begin providing regular accounting and Treasurer’s Reports to the board. No Action Taken.

#### **6. Review letter from Department of Revenue regarding transfer of funds to District**

Chairman Graham introduced the item and during the discussion of the Department of Revenue’s communication regarding the transfer of funds, Manjula Vaz explained that the Arizona Department of Revenue is currently holding approximately \$6 million in revenues earmarked for the district, and that no transfers have been made into the new stadium district accounts since the board was formed. Instead, funds are being held either at the Department of Revenue (on the state side) or by the City of Phoenix until the district’s new banking arrangements are finalized through the IGA with the Maricopa County Treasurer. Once the Treasurer’s agreement is executed and the district’s new account is established, these held funds will be transmitted into the district’s accounts, after which the board will begin receiving regular financial statements and Treasurer’s Reports reflecting these transfers. No Action Taken.

#### **7. Discussion of Future Agenda Items**

Chairman Graham introduced the item and started the discussion of including: a comprehensive report on downtown development and the proposed entertainment district, with staff circulating the city’s consultant report

for board review;

Member Hall suggested a follow-up presentation from JLL once final assessments on the stadium's roof, concrete, and HVAC are completed, so the board can review costs and prioritize critical infrastructure work; and the addition of a standing.

Also suggested was including details of a Treasurer's Report and future lease negotiation updates to the regular agenda once the district's accounts are fully established and formal lease discussions with the team commence. No Action Taken.

#### **8. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**Vote to convene in Executive Session to consider the items on the Executive Agenda dated, 9:00 AM on April 17, 2026 for the Maricopa County Stadium District pursuant to the statutory authority listed for each item.**

Motion to go into Executive Session was made by Member Schira seconded by Member Epstein

Ayes: Member Campbell, Member Cohn, Member Epstein, Member Gallego, Member Myers, Member Ortega, Member Schira, Member Zuercher, and Chair Graham.

BY \_\_\_\_\_  
JOHN GRAHAM, CHAIRMAN

Date: \_\_\_\_\_