

Arizona Commerce Authority

PURPOSE: To provide private sector leadership in growing and diversifying the economy of this State, creating high quality employment in this State through expansion, attraction and retention of businesses and marketing this State for the purpose of expansion, attraction and retention of businesses.

MEMBERSHIP:

House The Speaker of the House of Representatives as an ex-officio member:
Ben Toma

Senate The President of the Senate as an ex-officio member:
Warren Petersen

Other The Director of the Department of Water Resources as a technical advisor:
Mr. Thomas Buschatzke, Director, Department of Water Resources

The President of each State University under the jurisdiction of the Arizona Board of Regents as ex-officio members:

Mr. Michael M. Crow, Office of the President, Arizona State University
Jose Cruz Rivera, President, Northern Arizona University
Robert Robbins, Office of the President, University of Arizona

Four private sector business leaders who are Chief Executive Officers of private, for-profit enterprises, appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

Mr. Phil Gallagher, CEO, Avnet (1/15/2024)
Clate Mask, CEO, KEAP (1/15/2024)
Girish Rishi, CEO, Blue Yonder (1/20/2025)
Cathleen Walker, PNC Bank (1/16/2023)

The Governor, who serves as Chair:

Ms. Kathleen Hobbs, Governor of Arizona

Four private sector business leaders who are Chief Executive Officers of Private, for-profit enterprises, appointed by the President of the Senate:

Ms. Pam Kehaly, President & CEO, Blue Cross Blue Shield of Arizona (1/15/2024)

Wes Kremer, President, Raytheon Missiles and Defense (1/20/2025)

Jon Vander Ark, President & CEO, Republic Services, Inc. (1/15/2024)

Vacant

Nine members who are private sector business leaders who are Chief Executive Officers of private, for-profit enterprises, appointed by the Governor:

Mr. Wick Pilcher, CEO, USI Insurance Services LLC

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Barry Smith

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The President of the Arizona Board of Regents as an ex-officio member:
Mr. Chad Sampson, Interim Executive Director, Arizona Board of Regents

The Director of the Arizona-Mexico Commission in the Governor's Office as a technical advisor:
Mr. Todd Sanders, Director, Arizona-Mexico Commission

The Director of the Arizona Department of Transportation as a technical advisor:
Ms. Jennifer Toth, Director, Department of Transportation

The Chief Executive Officer:
Ms. Sandra Watson, CEO, Arizona Commerce Authority

The Chair of the Governor's Council on Small Business as an ex-officio member:
Ms. Judith Wood, Chair, Governor's Council on Small Business

The Director of the Arizona Department of Revenue as a technical advisor:
Mr. Robert Woods, Director, Department of Revenue

The Director of the Arizona Department of Insurance and Financial Institutions as a technical advisor:
Mr. Other Z-12

The President of a statewide organization of incorporated cities and towns, appointed by the Governor as an ex-officio member:
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One President of a community college, appointed by a statewide organization of community college presidents:
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The President of a statewide organization of County Boards of Supervisors, appointed by the Governor as an ex-officio member:
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One member of the Rural Business Development Advisory Council, appointed by the Governor as an ex-officio member:
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The Chair of the Workforce Arizona Council, as an ex-officio member:
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The State Land Commissioner as a technical advisor:

Ms. Other Z-5

The Director of the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality as a technical advisor:

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The Director of the Arizona Office of Tourism as a technical advisor:

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Notes: (1) Five members shall be appointed by the Governor to terms of office expiring January 21, 2013. On the expiration of the terms of these members, replacement members shall be appointed as follows: (a) three members shall be appointed by the Governor to full terms of office; (b) one member shall be appointed by the President of the Senate to a full term of office; (c) one member shall be appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives to a full term of office. (2) six members shall be appointed by the Governor to terms of office expiring January 20, 2014. On the expiration of the terms of these members, replacement members shall be appointed as follows: (a) four members shall be appointed by the Governor to full terms of office; (b) one member shall be appointed by the President of the Senate to a full term of office; (c) one member shall be appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives to a full term of office. (3) Six members shall be appointed by the Governor to terms of office expiring January 19, 2015. On the expiration of the terms of these members, replacement members shall be appointed as follows; (a) two members shall be appointed by the Governor to full terms of office; (b) two members shall be appointed by the President of the Senate to full terms of office; (c) two members shall be appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives to full terms of office. The Governor shall appoint a Co-Chair of the Board of Directors from among the voting members.

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