

# **Southern Arizona Sports, Tourism and Film Authority**

**PURPOSE:** To establish the Southern Arizona Sports, Tourism and Film Authority consisting of Greenlee, Graham, Cochise, Santa Cruz, Pima and Pinal counties.

## **MEMBERSHIP:**

Other One member who resides within the boundaries of the Authority, appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

**Mr. Peter Catalanotte, Film Tucson**

Two members representing the county government of each county, appointed by the President of the Senate:

**Mr. Ali Farhang, Farhang & Medcoff**

**Darcy Mentone**

One member representing Indian Tribes who resides within the boundaries of the Authority, appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

**Ms. Judy Ferreira, Interim Director, Arizona Indian Gaming Association**

Two members representing the county government of each county, appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

**Mr. Lee Patterson, City of Safford, Planning and Zoning Commission**

**Tony Smith, President and CEO, Pinal Partnership**

One member who resides within the boundaries of the Authority, appointed by the President of the Senate:

**Mr. Edgar Soto**

One member representing Indian tribes who resides within the boundaries of the authority, appointed by the President of the Senate:

**Mr. Rafael Tapia**

Two members representing the county government of each county, appointed by the Governor:

**Vacant**

One member representing Indian Tribes who resides within the boundaries of the Authority, appointed by the Governor:

**Vacant**

Two members who reside within the boundaries of the Authority, appointed by the Governor:

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Notes: (1) Of the four members who reside within the boundaries of the Authority: (a) one member shall have experience in youth and professional sports; (b) one member shall have experience in the tourism and hospitality industry; (c) one member shall have experience in the film and digital media industry; (d) one member shall have experience in workforce development. (2) A member of the Board may not simultaneously hold any state or local elective public office. Appointments shall produce a general geographically diverse representation of areas in the Authority. (3) The President of the Senate shall appoint first, the Speaker of the House shall appoint second and the Governor shall appoint third. When a vacancy occurs the order shall commence with the officer following the officer who made the last appointment. (4) If the Governor fails to make an appointment within ninety days after a vacancy the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House shall make a joint appointment to fill that vacancy. If the Speaker of the House of Representatives fail to make an appointment within ninety days after a vacancy, the President of the Senate shall make the appointment. If the President of the Senate fails to make an appointment within ninety days after a vacancy, the Speaker of the House of Representatives shall make the appointment.

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