

ARIZONA STATE LEGISLATURE

SENATE NATURAL RESOURCES, ENERGY AND WATER COMMITTEE OF REFERENCE AND HOUSE GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE OF REFERENCE

Minutes of the Meeting

January 11, 2024

11:00 A.M. or upon adjournment of Senate Natural Resources, Energy and Water Committee of Reference and House Land, Agriculture and Rural Affairs Committee of Reference, SHR1

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Members Present:

Senator Sine Kerr, Co-Chair
Senator Brian Fernandez
Senator David Gowan
Senator Juan Mendez
Senator Thomas T.J. Shope
Senator Priya Sundareshan

Representative Timothy M. Dunn, Co-Chair
Representative John Gillette
Representative Nancy Gutierrez
Representative Lydia Hernandez
Representative Rachel Jones
Representative Steve Montenegro
Representative Kevin Payne
Representative Betty J. Villegas

Members Excused:

Senator Frank Carroll

Representative Mae Peshlakai

Staff:

Rachel Andrews, Senate Natural Resources, Energy and Water Research Analyst
Samuel Rosenberg, Senate Natural Resources, Energy and Water Assistant Research Analyst
Kaya Pyle, Senate Natural Resources, Energy and Water Research Intern
Stephanie Jensen, House Government Research Analyst
Ada Cawood, House Government Research Intern

Co-Chair Kerr called the meeting to order at 1:37 p.m. and attendance was taken.

SUNSET REVIEW OF THE ARIZONA HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Presentation by the Arizona Historical Society

Dr. David Breeckner, Executive Director, Arizona Historical Society, distributed "The Future of Arizona, Annual Report 2023" (Attachment A) and offered comments on the Arizona Historical Society's Sunset Review.

Linda Whitaker, Former President and Treasurer, Arizona Historical Society Board, spoke on behalf of the Arizona Historical Society, regarding their Sunset Review.

Dr. Breeckner offered additional comments.

Representative Villegas offered comments.

Dr. Breeckner offered additional comments and answered questions posed by the Committee.

Public Testimony

Eduardo Pagan, representing self, testified in support of the continuation of the Arizona Historical Society.

Sherry Rampy, Member, Advocacy and Outreach Committee Chair, Arizona Historical Society Board, testified in support of the continuation of the Arizona Historical Society.

Michelle Reid, President, Museum Association of Arizona, testified in support of the continuation of the Arizona Historical Society.

Representative Dunn offered comments from the public that were submitted via Speaker slip.

Discussion and Recommendation

Representative Dunn and Senator Kerr answered questions posed by the Committee.

The Committee offered comments.

Representative Dunn moved that the Senate Natural Resources, Energy and Water Committee of Reference and the House Government Committee of Reference make the recommendation to continue the Arizona Historical Society for eight years until July 1, 2032. The motion CARRIED by a voice vote.

SUNSET REVIEW OF THE PRESCOTT HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Presentation by the Prescott Historical Society

Paul Fees, Interim Director, Prescott Historical Society, offered comments on the Prescott Historical Society's Sunset Review and answered questions posed by the Committee.

Public Testimony

No public testimony took place.

Discussion and Recommendation

The Committee offered comments.

Dr. Breeckner offered comments.

Representative Dunn moved that the Senate Natural Resources, Energy and Water Committee of Reference and the House Government Committee of Reference make the recommendation to continue the Prescott Historical Society for eight years until July 1, 2032. The motion CARRIED by a voice vote.

Written public testimony from Douglas Sydnor (Attachment B) was distributed to the Committee.

Written public testimony from Jim McPherson (Attachment C) as noted on the Request to Speak Report (Attachment D) was distributed to the Committee.

Attached is a list noting the individuals who registered their positions on the agenda items (Attachment D).

Attached are forms noting the individuals who submitted a Speaker slip on the agenda items (Attachment E).

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jenn Dickey
Committee Secretary

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