

ARIZONA STATE SENATE

SENATE GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE OF REFERENCE

Minutes of the Meeting
January 17, 2024
9:00 A.M., SHR 1

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Members Present:

Senator Jake Hoffman, Chair
Senator Wendy Rogers, Vice-Chair
Senator Eva Diaz
Senator David C. Farnsworth
Senator Juan Mendez
Senator Janae Shamp
Senator Priya Sundareshan
Senator Justine Wadsack

Staff:

Jason Theodorou, Government Research Analyst
Alanna Bendel, Government Research Assistant Analyst
Michael Ayala, Government Research Intern

Chairman Hoffman called the meeting to order at 9:09 a.m. and attendance was taken.

OPENING REMARKS

Senator Hoffman requested the staff introduce themselves as follows:

- Jason Theodorou, Government Research Analyst
- Alanna Bendel, Government Research Assistant Analyst
- Michael Ayala, Government Research Intern
- Jackson Cooper, Government Committee Secretary

SUNSET REVIEW OF THE ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Presentation by the Arizona Department of Homeland Security

Kimberly O'Connor, Executive Deputy Director, Arizona Department of Homeland Security, distributed and explained a PowerPoint presentation entitled "Arizona Department of Homeland Security" (Attachment A). Ms. O'Connor also distributed a booklet entitled "Sunset Review, 2024 Report" (Attachment B).

Susan Dzbanko, Deputy Director of Grant Administration, Arizona Department of Homeland Security, continued with the PowerPoint presentation (Attachment A).

Ryan Murray, Deputy Director, Statewide Information Security and Privacy Office, and Interim Chief Information Security Officer, Arizona Department of Homeland Security, continued with the PowerPoint presentation (Attachment A) and answered questions posed by the Committee.

Ms. Dzbanko answered questions posed by members of the Committee.

Public Testimony

Gil Orrantia, Former Director, Arizona Department of Homeland Security, testified in support of the Arizona Department of Homeland Security.

Sheriff Mark Lamb, Pinal County, testified in support of the Arizona Department of Homeland Security.

Sheriff Leon Wilmot, Yuma County, testified in support of the Arizona Department of Homeland Security.

Robert Watkins, on behalf of Sheriff Mark Danells, Cochise County, testified in support of the Arizona Department of Homeland Security.

Discussion and Recommendations

The Committee offered comments.

Senator Rogers moved that the Senate Government Committee of Reference make the recommendation to continue the Arizona Department of Homeland Security for 2 years until July 1, 2026. The motion CARRIED with a roll call vote of 8-0-0 (Attachment 1).

Senators Shamp, Sundareshan, Wadsack, Mendez, Rogers and Hoffman explained their vote.

SUNSET REVIEW OF THE ARIZONA REGISTRAR OF CONTRACTORS

Presentation by the Arizona Registrar of Contractors

Tom Cole, Executive Deputy Director, Arizona Registrar of Contractors, distributed and explained a PowerPoint presentation entitled "Arizona Registrar of Contractors" (Attachment C) and explained the function and purpose of the Arizona Registrar of Contractors. Mr. Cole answered questions posed by members of the Committee.

Public Testimony

No public testimony took place.

Discussion and Recommendations

Senator Rogers moved that the Senate Government Committee of Reference make the recommendation to continue the Arizona Registrar of Contractors for 2 years until July 1, 2026. The motion CARRIED with a roll call vote of 8-0-0 (Attachment 2).

Senator Hoffman explained his vote.

SUNSET REVIEW OF THE ARIZONA STATE BOARD OF TECHNICAL REGISTRATION

Presentation by the Arizona State Board of Technical Registration

Judith Stapley, Executive Director, Arizona State Board of Technical Registration, distributed and explained a PowerPoint presentation entitled "Sunset Audit Review Committee of Reference 2024" (Attachment D) and explained the function and purpose of the Arizona State Board of Technical Registration. Ms. Stapley answered questions posed by members of the Committee.

Senator Hoffman offered comments.

Public Testimony

No public testimony took place.

Discussion and Recommendations

Senator Rogers moved that the Senate Government Committee of Reference make the recommendation to convert the Occupational Licenses under the Arizona State Board of Technical Registration to a less restrictive regulation.

The Committee offered comments.

The motion CARRIED with a roll call vote of 5-3-0 (Attachment 3).

Senators Mendez, Sundareshan, Wadsack and Hoffman explained their vote.

SUNSET REVIEW OF THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE ON TRIBAL RELATIONS

Presentation by the Governor's Office on Tribal Relations

Jason Chavez, Director of Tribal Affairs, Governor's Office on Tribal Relations, distributed and explained a PowerPoint presentation entitled "Governor's Office on Tribal Relations" (Attachment E) and a folder with documents referring to the Governor's Office on Tribal Relations (Attachment F). Mr. Chavez answered questions posed by the Committee.

Public Testimony

Senator Theresa Hatathlie, Legislative District 6, testified in support of the Governor's Office on Tribal Relations.

Senator Sally Gonzales, Legislative District 20, testified in support of the Governor's Office on Tribal Relations and answered questions posed by the Committee.

Discussion and Recommendations

Senator Rogers moved that the Senate Government Committee of Reference make the recommendation to continue the Governor's Office on Tribal Relations for 2 years until July 1, 2026. The motion CARRIED with a roll call vote of 8-0-0 (Attachment 4).

Senators Mendez, Sundareshan, Rogers and Hoffman explained their vote.

SUNSET REVIEW OF THE STATE PERSONNEL BOARD

Presentation by the State Personnel Board

Zachariah Tolliver, Executive Director, State Personnel Board, distributed and explained a PowerPoint presentation entitled "Arizona State Personnel Board" (Attachment G). Mr. Tolliver answered questions posed by the Committee.

Public Testimony

No public testimony took place.

Discussion and Recommendations

Senator Rogers moved that the Senate Government Committee of Reference make the recommendation to continue the State Personnel Board for 2 years until July 1, 2026. The motion CARRIED with a roll call vote of 6-0-2 (Attachment 5).

Senators Mendez and Sundareshan explained their vote.

SUNSET REVIEW OF THE ARIZONA COMMERCE AUTHORITY

Presentation by the Arizona Office of the Auditor General

Monette Kiepke, Performance Audit Manager, Office of the Auditor General, distributed and explained a PowerPoint presentation entitled "Arizona Commerce Authority, Performance Audit and Sunset Review" (Attachment H) and explained the findings from the Auditor General's Sunset Review. Ms. Kiepke answered questions posed by the Committee.

Response by the Arizona Commerce Authority

Sandra Watson, President and CEO, Arizona Commerce Authority (ACA), distributed and explained a PowerPoint presentation entitled "Arizona Commerce Authority, An Overview" (Attachment I) as well as a handout entitled "Update on ACA Actions In Response to September 2023 Performance Audit" (Attachment J). Ms. Watson played a video on the ACA's role in bringing Lucid Motors to Arizona. Ms. Watson answered questions posed by the Committee.

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At 12:15 p.m. the Chairman recessed the meeting to the sound of the gavel.

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At 3:33 p.m. the Chairman called the meeting to order.

Response by the Arizona Commerce Authority (continued)

Ms. Watson answered additional questions posed by the Committee.

Public Testimony

Greg Blackie, Arizona Free Enterprise Club, testified against the continuation of the Arizona Commerce Authority.

Discussion and Recommendations

Senator Rogers moved that the Senate Government Committee of Reference make the recommendation to revise or consolidate the Arizona Commerce Authority. The motion CARRIED with a roll call vote of 4-3-1 (Attachment 6).

Senators Sundareshan, Mendez, Wadsack, Shamp, Rogers and Hoffman explained their vote.

SUNSET REVIEW OF THE INDUSTRIAL COMMISSION OF ARIZONA

SUNSET REVIEW OF THE BOILER ADVISORY BOARD

SUNSET REVIEW OF THE OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE

SUNSET REVIEW OF THE OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH REVIEW BOARD

Presentation by the Industrial Commission of Arizona

Gaetano Testini, Executive Deputy Director, Industrial Commission of Arizona, distributed and explained a PowerPoint presentation entitled "Industrial Commission of Arizona" (Attachment K) and explained the function and purpose of the Industrial

Commission of Arizona, the Occupational Safety and Health Advisory Committee, the Boiler Advisory Board, and the Occupational Safety and Health Review Board. Mr. Testini also distributed a booklet entitled "The Industrial Commission of Arizona and Related Advisory/Review Boards, Review of Sunset Factors, 2023" (Attachment L). Mr. Testini answered questions posed by the Committee.

Public Testimony

No public testimony took place.

Discussion and Recommendations

Senator Rogers moved that the Senate Government Committee of Reference make the recommendation to continue the Industrial Commission of Arizona, the Boiler Advisory Board, the Occupational Safety and Health Advisory Committee and the Occupational Safety and Health Review Board for 2 years until July 1, 2026.

Senator Hoffman offered comments.

The motion CARRIED with a roll call vote of 7-0-1 (Attachment 7).

Senators Mendez, Shamp, Sundareshan and Rogers explained their vote.

SUNSET REVIEW OF THE ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION

Presentation by the Arizona Office of the Auditor General

Miguel Caro Mateus, Performance Audit Manager, Office of the Auditor General, distributed and explained a PowerPoint presentation entitled "Arizona Department of Administration, Performance Audit and Sunset Review" (Attachment M) and explained the findings from the Auditor General's Sunset Review. Mr. Caro Mateus answered questions posed by the Committee.

Response by the Arizona Department of Administration

Elizabeth Alvarado Thorson, Executive Deputy Director, Arizona Department of Administration, distributed and explained a PowerPoint presentation entitled "Arizona Department of Administration, Sunset Hearing Presentation" (Attachment N) and explained the purpose and function of the Arizona Department of Administration.

Public Testimony

No public testimony took place.

Discussion and Recommendations

Senator Rogers moved that the Senate Government Committee of Reference make the recommendation to continue the Arizona Department of Administration for 2 years until July 1, 2026. The motion CARRIED with a roll call vote of 7-0-1 (Attachment 8).

Senators Farnsworth, Mendez, Champ, Sundareshan, Rogers and Hoffman explained their vote.

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

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

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:19 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jackson Cooper
Committee Secretary

(Audio recordings and attachments are on file in the Secretary of the Senate's Office/Resource Center, Room 115. Audio archives are available at <http://www.azleg.gov>)