

# Economic Development Council Membership Committee

## Meeting Minutes

### May 26, 2021 Zoom Meeting

Attendees	Present/Absent	Number of Absences for 2021
Paul Ferris, Chairman	Present	0
Gretchen Kitchel	Present	1
Norman Perry	Absent	2
Paul Watson	Absent	2

**Staff:** Julia Sawyer, Executive Assistant

**I. Call to Order, Welcome and Introductions**

Chairman Paul Ferris called the meeting to order at 10:05 AM. A quorum was present.

**II. Approval of the March 23, 2021 Minutes**

Chairman Ferris called for review and a **motion to approve the minutes of the March 23, 2021 meeting minutes; so moved by Gretchen Kitchel, seconded by Paul Ferris. The motion carried unanimously.**

**III. Membership Considerations**

Chairman Ferris opened the meeting with comments from Regional Director Teri Drew regarding priority of appointment to the EDC to unrepresented assessed communities when qualified candidate applications have been received, as related by Executive Assistant Julia Sawyer. Chairman Ferris then began reviewing the membership considerations.

➤ **Membership Resignation:**

- Tim Suan, At-Large Coconino County – Chairman Ferris reported that Tim Suan from the City of Page has accepted a position with the Town of Wickenburg and has moved from the NACOG District. He noted that the City of Page is no longer represented on the EDC. No action was required.

➤ **New Membership Applications**

Chairman Ferris began the review of two applications that have been received to fill the At-Large position vacated by Mr. Suan:

- Lena Fowler, Coconino County District 5 Supervisor
- Gregg Martinez, City of Page Economic Development Coordinator

Chairman Ferris noted that although Lena Fowler is highly qualified, Coconino County currently has representation on the EDC by Chris Pasterz, Coconino County Economic Development Manager. Gregg Martinez is a new applicant from

the City of Page who has been recommended by Regional Council Member and Mayor Bill Diak to fill Mr. Suan's seat. Chairman Ferris stated that Mr. Martinez would be the preferred candidate, noting that Mr. Martinez is also can bring the perspective of education as a former professor. Ms. Kitchel agreed that Supervisor Fowler is a good candidate but is not a Page representative. She noted that she worries about Page with the recent economic disruptions from the closure of Navajo Generating Station – Page can get lost without direct representation. Chairman Ferris asked Ms. Sawyer to confirm that Page is an assessed community; Ms. Sawyer confirmed that Page is an assessed community.

**Gretchen Kitchel made a motion to recommend Gregg Martinez to the EDC as the At-Large member to replace Tim Suan, seconded by Paul Ferris. The motion carried unanimously.**

Chairman Ferris thanked Ms. Sawyer for sending the section on the Bylaws that clearly defines the solution to choosing the appropriate candidate for this seat. Ms. Kitchel requested that NACOG let Supervisor Fowler know of the decision.

**IV. Member Comments**

Chairman Ferris called for Member Comments, there were none.

**V. Public Comments**

Chairman Ferris noted that no members of the Public were on the line.

**VI. Adjournment**

**Gretchen Kitchel made the motion to adjourn, seconded by Paul Ferris. The meeting adjourned at 10:12 AM.**