

**MINUTES**  
**LEAGUE OF ARIZONA CITIES AND TOWNS**  
**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING**

Friday, August 4, 2023, at 10:00 a.m.  
League of Arizona Cities and Towns  
1820 W. Washington St.  
Phoenix, Arizona

**MEMBERS**

**President**

Douglas Nicholls, Mayor, Yuma

**Vice President**

Kevin Hartke, Mayor, Chandler

**Treasurer**

Mila Besich, Mayor, Superior

Ken Budge, Mayor, Bisbee +  
Craig McFarland, Mayor, Casa Grande +  
Robyn Prud'homme-Bauer, Mayor, Clarkdale  
Alexis Hermosillo, Mayor, El Mirage +  
Ginny Dickey, Mayor, Fountain Hills  
Brigette Peterson, Mayor, Gilbert  
Jerry Weiers, Mayor, Glendale  
Al Gameros, Mayor, Globe  
Joe Pizzillo, Mayor, Goodyear  
Cal Sheehey, Mayor, Lake Havasu City \*  
Tom Schoaf, Mayor, Litchfield Park +

Ed Honea, Mayor, Marana  
Nancy Smith, Mayor, Maricopa +  
John Giles, Mayor, Mesa \*  
Jerry Bien-Willner, Mayor, Paradise Valley +  
Jason Beck, Mayor, Peoria \*  
Kate Gallego, Mayor, Phoenix  
Stephanie Irwin, Mayor, Pinetop-Lakeside +  
Tom Murphy, Mayor, Sahuarita  
David Ortega, Mayor, Scottsdale +  
Corey Woods, Mayor, Tempe  
Regina Romero, Mayor, Tucson +

\*Not in attendance

+ Attended via Zoom

President Douglas Nicholls called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. He then led the Executive Committee in the Pledge of Allegiance. President Douglas Nicholls announced that Governor Hobbs would be visiting and join the Executive Committee meeting at which point the agenda would be suspended and the committee would be able to hear a few words from her and ask a few questions of the governor.

**1. REVIEW AND ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

President Douglas Nicholls requested a motion on the adoption of the minutes. Mayor Robyn Prud'homme-Bauer of Clarkdale moved to approve the minutes of the May 12, 2023, Executive

Committee Meeting; Mayor Tom Murphy of Sahuarita seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

## **2. LEGISLATIVE POLICY OVERVIEW AND SESSION UPDATE**

Executive Director Tom Belshe introduced and welcomed Legislative Director Tom Savage to provide a legislative policy overview and session update.

Legislative Director Tom Savage informed the committee that there were a total of two-hundred and four days of the legislative session and there have been 1,672 bills introduced. League staff are working on providing a New Laws Report that will cover the fifty new bills introduced this session.

### **Zoning and Interim Housing Work**

Both SB 1117 and HB 2365 did not pass this legislative session. Legislative Director Tom Savage informed the committee that none of the zoning reform measures passed in this legislative session.

### **Residential Rental Tax Repeal**

SB 1131 did pass and will have an estimated 230-million-dollar impact on cities and towns. League staff will be meeting with the Governor's staff to review alternatives for revenues.

### **Taxpayer Bill of Rights**

Neither bill relating to this topic passed this legislative session.

Legislative Director Tom Savage opened the floor for any questions from the Executive Committee. Committee members expressed their appreciation for the work the League Legislative team has put forth this last session.

## **3. LEGAL UPDATE**

President Douglas Nicholls introduced and welcomed General Counsel, Nancy Davidson, to provide the Legal Update.

General Counsel Nancy Davidson provided updates on working groups, in-house projects, and case laws that impact cities and towns.

The League is working on possibly filing an Amicus brief in a case with the City of Grants Pass which is a homelessness related case. Ms. Davidson will be presenting on zoning and housing related issues at the International Municipal Attorneys Association's Annual Conference. League staff are happy to announce that the new website for the Elections Manual is available for use. Ms. Davidson is working with a group of attorneys who have been working on creating model ordinances to address the new authorities granted to cities and towns under SB 1103. She is also working in partnership with a group of attorneys to brainstorm ideas on sober living homes.

Deputy Director Rene Guillen mentioned the increased benefits of utilizing the new Elections Manual website and welcomed feedback from city and town clerks.

Ms. Davidson opened the floor to the Executive Committee for questions. Members of the committee and League staff went into a discussion on sober living home issues and possible solutions.

#### **4. 2023 LEAGUE ANNUAL CONFERENCE UPDATE**

Executive Director Tom Belshe welcomed and introduced Deputy Director Matt Lore to provide the 2023 League Annual Conference Update.

Deputy Director Matt Lore explained that the conference is only three weeks away and all preparations are almost complete. The Executive Committee members all have rooms reserved at the JW Marriott Starr Pass in Tucson, AZ. This year's attendance and sponsorship is the highest it has been in years. Mayor Regina Romero of Tucson commented that she is looking forward to hosting the conference in Tucson and can provide a list of overflow hotels in the area if needed. No other questions or comments were made relating to the conference.

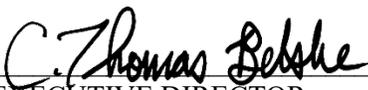
#### **5. VISIT FROM GOVERNOR HOBBS**

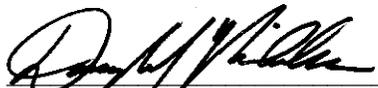
President Douglas Nicholls welcomed and introduced Arizona Governor Katie Hobbs. Mayor Nicholls thanked the Governor for her support of the League as well as her support in the legislative session.

Governor Hobbs expressed her longtime support of the League and thanked members of the committee for their support as well. The Governor mentioned the success of the budget negotiations as well as the advancements made in the Housing Trust Fund. Nearly a billion dollars of Federal investments were made in the broadband initiative.

Governor Hobbs opened the floor to the committee for questions. Topics that were discussed included homelessness and housing as well as replacement revenue for the repeal of the residential rental tax. The Governor thanked the committee for their time and retired from the meeting for her next engagement.

Seeing no further business, President Douglas Nicholls adjourned the meeting at 10:46 a.m.

  
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

  
PRESIDENT