

Pima County Small Business Commission  
Special Meeting  
Tuesday, May 24, 2022  
Video Conference / Telephonic Meeting

MINUTES OF MEETING

**Commission Members Present**

Kent Blumenthal  
Ken Goodman  
Raul Aguirre  
Carlos Ruiz, Chair  
Shelby Collier  
Janay Arenas, Vice Chair  
Josh Jacobsen

**Commission Members Absent**

Gabrielle, David  
Jeff Wood  
Moniqua Lane

**Pima County Staff Present**

Patrick Cavanaugh, Economic Development  
Johanna Encinas, Economic Development  
Kelle Maslyn, Economic Development

**Guests in attendance:**

Beth, Borozan, Suervisors Christy's Office  
Elviar, Suarez, Supervisors Grijalva's Office  
Maria Klucarova, Chair Bronson's Office  
Samantha Neville, Supervisor Grijalva's Office  
Kim, Challender, Supervisor Scott's Office  
Nicholas, McCullough, Supervisor Grijalva's Office

1. Call to Order

The meeting began at 4:01pm

2. Roll Call – establish quorum

Johanna Encinas conducted Roll Call to the start the meeting. Commission quorum was confirmed.

3. New Business (Discussion/Action)

a. Recommendation for Establish a Task Force to Review Pima County's Response to COVID-19  
Pandemic on Small Business, Economic Activity, Health and Education.

1) Proposal Attached

Chair Ruiz asked the Commission for any discussion regarding the item.

Commissioner Aguirre stated he was not in agreement with the proposal and the request for funding; he was concerned the request may be in violation of the Commission's authority and suggested there was research the Commission can do.

Commissioner Jacobsen stated this would be a onetime investment for Pima County to research the impacts of COVID-19.

Chair Ruiz stated the funding would not be coming to the Small Business Commission.

Commissioner Collier had no comments other than to ask why was a there a specific amount mentioned in the proposal.

Mr. Cavanaugh informed the Commission of the multiple programs, grants issued to support Small Businesses by Pima County. He also informed the Commission he would share this information via email.

Chair Ruiz asked for a vote on the proposal; five Commissioners accepted, one abstained, and one rejected. The Proposal was accepted for distribution to the Board of Supervisors

b. Future schedule of Small Business Commission meetings: in-person and via videoconference.  
(Discussion/Action)

Motion: Commissioner Jacobsen moved, seconded by Commissioner Blumenthal, to have in person meetings going forward, provided a place to meet with free parking. 7-0

#### 4. Adjournment

Motion: Commissioner Blumenthal moved, seconded by Commissioner Aguirre to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed 7-0 and the meeting adjourned at 4:49pm.