

**Pima County Small Business Commission
Meeting**

Thursday, June 18, 2020
3:00 P.M.

Video Conference/Telephonic Meeting

SUMMARY OF MEETING

Committee Members Present

Kent Blumenthal, Chairman
Bernie Wiegandt, Vice-Chair
Ken Goodman
Jenni Zimmerman
Gabrielle David (arrived after #3)
Juan Padres
Mark Miller (arrived after #3)
Lucretia Free
Guillermo Gallegos

Committee Members Absent

Raul Aguirre

Staff that Addressed the Committee

Pima County:

Patrick Cavanaugh, Economic Development
Deseret Romero, Economic Development

Guests on the call:

Maria Klucarova, Supervisor Sharon Bronson's Office
Keith Bagwell, Supervisor Betty Villegas's office

MOTIONS

MOTION: Vice-Chair Bernie Wiegandt moved, seconded by Commissioner Lucretia Free, to approve the June 4, 2020 meeting minutes. Motion approved 7-0.

MOTION: Commissioner Jenni Zimmerman moved, seconded by Commissioner Lucretia Free to adjourn the meeting. Motion approved 9-0.

MEETING SUMMARY

1. Call to Order

The meeting began at 3:02 p.m.

2. Roll Call

Roll call was conducted by Ms. Deseret Romero to start the meeting.

3. Approval of Minutes

MOTION: Vice-Chair Bernie Wiegandt moved, seconded by Commissioner Lucretia Free, to approve the June 4, 2020 meeting minutes. Motion approved 7-0.

4. Chair's Report

- Chairman provided a brief overview of the agenda.
- Chairman reviewed the meeting protocols for the meeting (video conference).
- Chairman notified Commission of Friday's Back to Business meeting and the Board of Supervisors Emergency meeting to discuss COVID-19 related topics.

5. Coordinator's Report

Commission Coordinator Patrick Cavanaugh noted the Back to Business – Road to Recovery meeting on Friday at 11:30 a.m. could be viewed online or Channel 96 (Cox and Comcast). In addition to the Board of Supervisors meeting on Friday at 3:00 p.m.

Mr. Cavanaugh also requested an update from Commissioner Zimmerman on the Mt. Lemmon and the Bighorn Fire.

Commissioner Zimmerman note the following:

- Pima County yard – gone.
- Forest Service doing a great job
- Ski Valley was exposed to the fire in some areas.
- Power out – 2 days
- Cabins – no structure damage

6. Discussion/Action: Small Business Commissioner at-large selection/vote

Chairman Blumenthal opened the discussion for the at-large commission appointment, noting that the 9 applicants were very impressive. To start the discussion, the Chairman asked that Commissioners provide a brief summary of their own personal business history.

After each Commissioner provided their own personal business history, the Commission discussed the 9 applicants and started the nomination process.

Nominations

- Commissioner Padres nominated applicant Liz Pocock, seconded by Vice-Chair Bernie Wiegandt. (The Commission discussed the nomination.)
- Commissioner Ken Goodman nominated applicant Ben Silverman, seconded by Commissioner Gabrielle David. (The Commission discussed the nomination.)
- Commissioner Lucretia Free nominated applicant Josh Jacobsen, seconded by Commissioner Jenni Zimmerman. (The Commission discussed the nomination.)

Nomination Votes

First Vote (Tie Vote)

Liz Pocock 3
Ben Silverman 3
Josh Jacobsen 3

Second Vote (Tie Vote)

Liz Pocock 1
Ben Silverman 4
Josh Jacobsen 4

Third Vote (Chairman abstaining)

Ben Silverman 3
Josh Jacobsen 5

7. Federal, State and Pima County COVID-19 Related Items

a. Update: 'Pima County Best Practices Pledge' Badge Development

No update.

b. Update: Evaluation of federal PPP in Pima County

Mr. Cavanaugh updated the Commission on the recent announcement by the US Small Business Administration and US Department of the Treasury to not release information on PPP usage by company. This was a reversal of the federal government's initial plan and would negate any attempt to analyze the effectiveness of the program in Pima County. He stated a bipartisan effort was underway in Congress to compel the disclosure and he would keep the Commission briefed on that effort.

- c. Update: 3+- day Review of Pima County B2b Regulations
Mr. Cavanaugh noted the Friday meetings by the Back to Business – Road to Recovery subcommittee and the Board of Supervisors.

8. Update: Activity of the Commission's Awards Subcommittee

Chairman Blumenthal noted that the 2020 Awards Subcommittee would hold their first meeting on Monday, June 22nd at 10:00 a.m. The subcommittee would provide their update to the full Commission at their July 2nd meeting.

Mr. Cavanaugh noted the agenda items to be discussed at the June 22nd subcommittee meeting.

9. Agenda Items for July 2, 2020 meeting
No discussion.

10. Call to the Public

The following attendees spoke at call to the public:

- Maria Klucarova, Supervisor Sharon Bronson's Office greeted the Commission.

11. Adjournment (4:50 p.m.)

MOTION: Commissioner Jenni Zimmerman moved, seconded by Commissioner Lucretia Free to adjourn the meeting. Motion approved 9-0.