

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

Friday, May 10, 2024 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

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Craig McFarland, Mayor, Casa Grande \*  
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Alexis Hermosillo, Mayor, El Mirage +  
Ginny Dickey, Mayor, Fountain Hills  
Brigitte 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

Vice President Kevin Hartke called the meeting to order at 10:08 a.m. He then led the Executive Committee in a moment of silence and the Pledge of Allegiance.

Vice President Kevin Hartke announced that they would begin the meeting with Agenda Items 5 and 6 to accommodate a guest speaker.

**5. LEGAL UPDATE**

A comprehensive legal update was provided by General Counsel Nancy Davidson, covering cases on urban camping, homelessness, and property taxes, among other issues. The update focused on the legal complexities and implications of these cases. The legal briefing underscored the vigilance needed for potential future legal challenges and ballot measures.

## **6. EXECUTIVE SESSION PURSUANT TO A.R.S. 38-431.03(A)(3)**

The committee at 10:30 a.m. entered an executive session to discuss legal strategies with General Counsel Nancy Davidson and attorney Mary O'Grady regarding potential legal challenges to HCR2023. The executive session ended at 11:15 a.m. and the meeting reconvened into regular session.

### **1. REVIEW AND ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

Vice President Kevin Hartke requested a motion on the adoption of the minutes. Mayor Nancy Smith of Maricopa moved to approve the minutes of the February 2, 2024, Executive Committee Meeting; Mayor Brigette Peterson of Gilbert seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

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

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

Tom Savage presented a detailed update regarding the current legislative session. Various bills related to housing, zoning reforms, sober living home regulation, and government property lease excise tax (GPLET) were discussed. The focus was on the complex and fluid nature of ongoing deliberations, especially concerning the housing and zoning legislation. Emphasis was placed on the significant amount of bills tracked and the extensive advocacy and testimony provided by the League staff.

### **3. 2024 LEAGUE CONFERENCE UPDATE**

Executive Director Tom Belshe introduced Deputy Director Matt Lore to provide an update on the 2024 League Annual Conference.

Matt Lore provided an update on the upcoming 2024 League Annual Conference, to be held at the Arizona Biltmore from August 27th to 30th. Registration processes, arrangements, and sponsorship goals were outlined. The committee was encouraged to suggest additional sponsors that could contribute to the event's success.

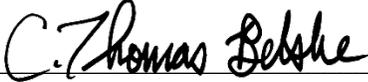
### **4. LEAGUE BUDGET FOR 2024-2025**

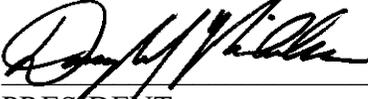
Vice President Kevin Hartke introduced Budget Subcommittee Chair, Mila Besich of Superior and Executive Director, Tom Belshe to review the proposed changes to the budget.

The FY 24-25 League budget was presented, including plans to use reserve funds for electrical and building improvements while maintaining a 40% reserve. Investments were proposed for solar installations, electrical systems, and new windows. Also, an increase in rent for the capital press corps was included in the Property Corporation budget.

The motion to approve the FY 24-25 League budget was made by Mayor Nancy Smith of Maricopa, seconded by Mayor Joe Pizzillo of Goodyear, and passed unanimously.

Vice President Kevin Hartke called for any other business for the good of the order. No other business was brought forth. Vice President Hartke adjourned the Executive Committee meeting at 11:53 a.m.

  
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

  
PRESIDENT