

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

Friday, November 14, 2025 at 1:00 p.m.  
Via Zoom Video/Audio Conferencing

**MEMBERS**

**President**

Kevin Hartke, Mayor, Chandler

**Vice President**

Mila Besich, Mayor, Superior

**Treasurer**

Jerry Weiers, Mayor, Glendale

Ken Budge, Mayor, Bisbee  
Eric Orsborn, Mayor, Buckeye  
Lisa Fitzgibbons, Mayor, Casa Grande  
Robyn Prud'homme-Bauer, Mayor, Clarkdale  
Alexis Hermosillo, Mayor, El Mirage  
Becky Daggett, Mayor, Flagstaff  
Al Gamos, Mayor, Globe  
Joe Pizzillo, Mayor, Goodyear  
Cal Sheehey, Mayor, Lake Havasu City  
Tom Schoaf, Mayor, Litchfield Park  
Nancy Smith, Mayor, Maricopa

Mark Freeman, Mayor, Mesa  
Mark Stanton, Mayor, Paradise Valley  
Jason Beck, Mayor, Peoria \*  
Kate Gallego, Mayor, Phoenix  
Stephanie Irwin, Mayor, Pinetop-Lakeside  
Julia Wheatley, Mayor, Queen Creek  
Tom Murphy, Mayor, Sahuarita  
Corey Woods, Mayor, Tempe  
Regina Romero, Mayor, Tucson \*  
Roberta Cano, Mayor, Winslow  
Douglas Nicholls, Mayor, Yuma \*

\*Not in attendance

President Kevin Hartke called the meeting to order at 1:04 p.m. He then invited Nick Ponder to share his thoughts before the group moved into an executive session. Nick announced his withdrawal from consideration for the League Executive Director position. Mayor Hartke thanked Nick for his contributions to the League and confirmed that the organization would move forward with the selection process.

**1. EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR CONTRACT AND OBTAIN LEGAL ADVICE PURSUANT TO A.R.S. SEC. 38-431.03(A)(3) AND (A)(4).**

A motion to enter into executive session was made by Mayor Alexis Hermosillo of El Mirage, seconded by Mayor Tom Murphy of Sahuarita, and approved unanimously.

The Committee entered executive session with attorneys Justin Pierce and Nancy Davidson to discuss the selection of an Executive Director.

## 2. NEXT STEPS IN EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR SELECTION PROCESS

Following the executive session, the Chair reconvened the regular meeting.

A motion to authorize the League's attorney and the President to enter contract negotiations with Rene Guillen to serve as the next Executive Director of the League of Arizona Cities and Towns was made by Mayor Mila Besich of Superior, seconded by Mayor Ken Budge of Bisbee, and passed unanimously.

President Hartke adjourned the Executive Committee at 2:01 pm.

  
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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

  
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PRESIDENT