



**ARIZONA COMMERCE AUTHORITY BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES**

Tuesday, April 28, 2015  
10:00 A.M.

1700 W. Washington St., Executive Tower, Phoenix, Arizona  
2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Governor's Conference Room

**I. Call to Order and Roll Call**

Governor Ducey, Chair, called the April 28, 2015 meeting of the Arizona Commerce Authority Board of Directors to order at 10:06 a.m. and welcomed the attendees and the public.

The meeting was noticed and properly posted. Governor Ducey requested that Sarah Knaperek call the role.

**Board Members Present in Person**

Governor Doug Ducey, Chair  
Gary Abrams  
Craig Barrett  
Michael Bidwill  
John Kaites  
Jim Keeley  
Steve Macias  
Brian Mueller  
Victor Smith  
Sandra Watson, President/CEO  
Candace Wiest  
House Speaker David Gowan  
President Rita Chang  
President Eileen Klein  
Mayor Mark Mitchell  
Mark Dobbins  
Julie Pastrick  
Judy Wood

### **Board Members Present Via Conference Line**

Richard Boals

### **Board Members Not Present**

Drew Brown

Mike Ingram

Senate President Andy Biggs

Richard Adkerson

President Dr. Michael Crow

President Dr. Ann Hart

Dr. Rufus Glasper

## **II. Welcome Remarks from Chair Governor Doug Ducey**

Governor Ducey expressed his excitement as the new chairman of the ACA Board of Directors. He thanks the board members for their leadership as he looks forward to being an active leader in advancing Arizona's economy. He recognized Tim Jeffries' appointment as Director of the Arizona Department of Economic Security as he was a founding board member for the ACA. He proceeded to walk through his highlights of his first 100 days in office, which included Apple's new Global Command Center, the success of Arizona's Super Bowl Visiting CEO program. He concluded by stating that the goal for Arizona is to become the best place in the nation to do work, business and raise a family.

## **III. Approval of November 13, 2014 ACA Board of Directors Meeting Minutes\***

Gary Abrams moved to approve the minutes of the November 13, 2014 meeting of the ACA Board of Directors; Victor Smith seconded. The motion was approved.

#### **IV. CEO Report-Sandra Watson**

Sandra Watson, President and CEO of the ACA, began her remarks by recognizing 69 companies the ACA worked with during the second and third quarters of Fiscal Year 2015. She called on Kevin Sullivan, SVP, Business Attraction, to walk through the ACA Business Attraction and Expansion pipeline. Brian Sherman, SVP, Business Development reported on the Fall 2014 Arizona Innovation Challenge results. Creation, highlighting on the Innovation program and early stage pipeline. Brian concluded his report by speaking on manufacturing and trade which included RevAZ, the Mexico City office and AZ STEP. Keith Watkins, SVP, Economic/Rural Development reported on rural community engagement over the second and third quarter of the Fiscal Year 2015; which included highlighting the Rural Economic Development Grant for 2014 round one and two. Sandra conclude her remarks

#### **V. Executive Session**

Craig Barrett moved to enter into Executive Session; Candace Wiest seconded. The motion was approved.

##### **a. Client Updates**

##### **b. Business Development Strategies**

#### **VI. Call to Board Members for Items for Future Agendas**

No comments or future items for discussion were noted.

#### **VII. Call to Public**

No public comment.

#### **VIII. Adjournment**

Victor Smith moved to adjourn; Gary Abrams seconded. The Board of Directors adjourned at 12:24 p.m.