

ARTS AND CULTURE COMMISSION – Residency Requirement

Authority: City Code, City Code, Chapter 3, Sections 3-7, 3-8, 3-9, and 3-10.
 Members: 7
 Duties: The Commission promotes arts and culture for Peoria. It recommends the acquisition of art for the City’s public art collection, and is involved in activities promoting the visual arts, performing arts, and arts in education.
 Liaison: Marylou Stephens / Arts, Culture and Library Services

Vacant
Reappointment

CURRENT MEMBERS

Name	District	Alt	Special Criteria	Appointed	Reappt'd	Reappt'd	Reappt'd	Reappt'd	Expiration
Williams, Jayme	Pine	No		11/19/2024					12/31/2026
Heller-Johnson, Tricia	Palo Verde	No		3/1/2022	6/6/2023	7/1/2025			6/30/2027
Ullery, Vicki	Mesquite	No		2/11/2025					12/31/2026
Vacant (Was Jaegge)		No							6/30/2027
Panzer, Robert	Ironwood	No		10/1/2013	5/3/2016	5/5/2020	7/1/2024		6/30/2026
Vigil, Christopher	Palo Verde	No		2/6/2024					12/31/2025
Smock, Julia,	Ironwood	No		11/1/2016	4/17/2018	8/23/2022	7/1/2024		6/30/2026

ARTS AND CULTURE COMMISSION REAPPOINTMENT INTERVIEW

Name	District	Qualification Summary
Vigil, Christopher	Palo Verde	<p>Interest: I wish to use my education and skills in the audio-visual field to improve my community.</p> <p>Qualifications: 8+ years of audio-visual work and education. Including The Conservatory of Recording Arts and Sciences in Tempe and Glendale Community College</p> <p>Participation in Steering Committees: No</p> <p>Vision of Peoria: A community united, enjoying together.</p> <p>Role of Arts in a City: Art is everything. It is what makes humans human.</p>

PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION – Residency Required

Authority: City Code, Chapter 20, Section 3-36 and 3-37

Members: 7

Duties: The commission is responsible for recommending planning and zoning policies governing land use in Peoria. It also reviews and recommends approval of zoning codes and annual revisions to the City’s Comprehensive Master Plan.

Liaison: Chris Jacques / Planning and Community Development

Vacant
Reappointment

CURRENT MEMBERS

Name	District	Special Criteria	Appointed	Reappt'd	Reappt'd	Reappt'd	Reappt'd	Expiration
Cottrell, Nathan	Mesquite		3/5/2024					6/30/2026
Feiter, Anthony	Willow		08/13/2019	01/07/2020	11/15/2023			12/31/2025
Egea, Julie	Willow		4/22/2025					6/30/2027
Gaynor, Emilio	Pine		2/11/2025					12/31/2026
Vacant (Was Myers)								12/31/2025
Villasenor, Layla	Willow		02/08/2023	11/19/2024				6/30/2026
Waitman, Joysaphine	Pine		2/2/2021	02/08/2023	11/19/2024			6/30/2026

PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION INITIAL INTERVIEW

Name	District	Qualification Summary
Hutchinson, Shawn	Ironwood	<p>Interest: I previously served for many years on the City of Peoria Planning and Zoning Commission, and I greatly valued the opportunity to contribute through public service. I understand there have been times when interest in serving on this commission has been limited, and I would like to make myself available should the need arise. I bring with me both experience and a strong understanding of the commission’s dynamics, as well as the roles and responsibilities required to serve effectively.</p> <p>Qualifications: I feel that in over 10 years of Commission service, including leadership as Chair and consistent engagement in high-impact decisions, I have a strong record of moving motions and securing consensus, demonstrating procedural confidence, exhibiting insightful evaluations of project suitability grounded in community context. I have been a part of active contributions to policy considerations, including sustainability and local economic benefit and have a deep familiarity with Peoria’s planning processes, zoning protocols, and strategic priorities.</p> <p>Characteristics of a Productive Member: A productive member of the Planning and Zoning Commission must come prepared for every meeting by thoroughly reviewing and understanding the board packets in advance. Preparation ensures that deliberations are informed, thoughtful, and respectful of both the applicant’s proposal and the community’s long-term vision. Equally important is attentiveness—listening carefully to staff presentations, project narratives, and technical explanations. Staff provides the expertise and context necessary to guide sound decision-making, and being receptive to their input builds trust and strengthens the quality of recommendations the Commission puts forward. Finally, a productive member engages with fellow commissioners in a collaborative and respectful manner, balancing differing viewpoints while keeping the City’s planning principles, zoning codes, and community needs at the forefront. The ability to combine preparation, open-minded listening, and constructive dialogue ensures that decisions are fair, consistent, and aligned with Peoria’s values and goals.</p> <p>Contentious Agenda: I recognize that planning and zoning decisions can directly impact neighborhoods, property values, and quality of life, which naturally leads to passionate responses from the public. At times, this includes opposition or activism that may be strongly expressed. In these moments, I believe it is essential to maintain a professional demeanor—listening respectfully, ensuring every voice is heard, and keeping the meeting focused on facts, policy, and procedure. While I approach each situation with civility and patience, I am also willing to respectfully disagree when necessary. As a board member, my responsibility is to balance public input with staff expertise, city codes, and the long-term vision for Peoria. This sometimes means making decisions that may not align with all viewpoints. By remaining composed, fair, and transparent in my reasoning, I can both respect the public process and uphold the integrity of the Commission’s role.</p> <p>Opportunities and Challenges: One of the greatest challenges Peoria faces is the balance between residential growth and the creation of meaningful employment opportunities. While we continue to see a steady increase in new rooftops, nearly 90% of our community members still commute south and east for good-paying jobs. This dynamic creates strain on regional transportation systems, impacts quality of life, and limits Peoria’s ability to fully realize its potential as a self-sustaining community. At the same time, this challenge presents a significant opportunity. By strategically planning for and encouraging developments that bring sustainable, higher-wage employment to Peoria, we can strengthen our local economy and reduce reliance on long commutes. I am supportive of recent efforts like the development of the Innovation Core and the successful attraction of companies such as Amkor, which represent the type of forward-looking investments that align with Peoria’s vision. These projects not only provide high-quality jobs, but also foster innovation, sustainability, and economic resilience. Ultimately, Peoria’s land use and planning strategy must continue to focus on attracting and supporting employment centers that bring long-term value, while thoughtfully managing residential growth. This balance is essential to creating a community where residents can both live and work, ensuring a more sustainable and prosperous future.</p>

PUBLIC SAFETY RETIREMENT BOARD - FIRE/MEDICAL - Residency Requirement w/Exceptions

Authority: City Code, Chapter 3, Sections 3-38 and 3-39

- Members: 5
- Mayor or designee (1)
 - Elected PSPRS members (2)
 - Residents of the City (2)

Duties: There are two separate Boards – one representing Fire and the other Police employee’s pension matters. The same two citizens are appointed to serve on both Boards. Meetings are held a minimum of once per year, and questions of eligibility, service credits, pension amount, and manner and time of payment of any benefit under the Public Safety Retirement System are decided by this Board, Claimants and/or the fund managers are entitled to a re-hearing in original determinations made by the Board

Liaison: Christine Nickel / Human Resources

Vacant
Reappointment
Election

CURRENT MEMBERS

Name	District	Special Criteria	Appointed	Reappt'd	Reappt'd	Reappt'd	Reappt'd	Expiration
Beck, Jason	Mayor	Mayor	01/03/2023					
Champion, Joshua	Pine	Peoria Resident	2/6/2018	4/16/2019	2/6/2024			12/31/2025
Taylor, Beau	N/A	Elected Position	7/1/2024					6/30/2028
Clure, Joe	Mesquite	Peoria Resident	2/6/2024					12/31/2025
Pool, Michael	N/A	Elected Position	6/5/2018	6/7/2022				6/30/2026

PUBLIC SAFETY RETIREMENT BOARD – FIRE/MEDICAL REAPPOINTMENT INTERVIEW

Name	District	Qualification Summary
Clure, Joe	Mesquite	<p>Interest: As a Peoria resident, my interest in serving on the PSPRS local retirement board is to fulfill the statutory requirements of determining public safety pension applications. As a citizen with experience and knowledge of ARS 38-800 I believe I could be an asset to this board.</p> <p>Qualifications: I am a retired Phoenix police officer with 34 years of service and a PSPRS member. I have on numerous occasions assist officers in the application/appeal process for a PSPRS pension. I have received significant training in public safety retirement systems including investment practices, benefit calculations/determination, differences between accidental verse ordinary medical/disability retirement, fiduciary obligations. Etc. from PSPRS and the National Association of Police Organizations (NAPO). I am also on the Ad-HOC committee for PSPRS to look at issues of recruitment and retention challenges for police and fire agencies. I am a current member of the PSPRS 457 Deferred Compensation Board which over sees the management of approx. \$650 million in Tier 2 and 3 members assets.</p> <p>Approving or denying retirements: As the Treasurer and President of the Phoenix Law enforcement Association for over 2 decades, one of my primary responsibilities was to assist officers in the application process for retirement. As stated above, I have attended numerous conferences, training classes, and countless meetings with attorneys in discussions ref retirement issues.</p> <p>Background: I am a retired Phoenix Police Officer with 34 years of services. I was also the Treasurer and President of the Phoenix Law Enforcement Association (PLEA). I am currently the executive director of the Arizona Police Association.</p> <p>Significant Challenges: Recruitment and retention of police officers and firefighters is currently the biggest challenge we face.</p>

PUBLIC SAFETY RETIREMENT BOARD – POLICE – Residency Requirement w/Exceptions

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Beck, Jason	N/A	Mayor	01/03/2023					
Champion, Joshua	Pine	Peoria Resident	2/6/2018	4/16/2019	2/6/2024			12/31/2025
Griffin, Michael	N/A	Elected Position	6/7/2022					6/30/2026
Clure, Joe	Mesquite	Peoria Resident	2/6/2024					12/31/2025

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