



## FIDUCIARY BOARD

Arizona State Courts Building  
1501 West Washington Street, Phoenix, Arizona 85007  
Conference Room 106

**January 8, 2026**  
**10:00 a.m.**

### **Approved Regular Meeting Minutes**

*Audio/Video Recording – [Click Here](#)*

#### **MEMBERS ATTENDANCE:**

**Present:**

Hon. Jennifer Perkins-Chair  
Elaine Acosta Sweet-Vice  
Sheryll Prokop  
Brian Williamson

**Telephonically Present:**

Teresa Lancaster  
Jeanette S. Bloss  
Zora Manjencich  
Tiffany A. Poarch  
Sharon Yates

**Absent:**

Vinay M. Singh

#### **OTHER ATTENDEES:**

**AOC Staff:**

Abby Raddatz  
Wil Castro  
Emanuel Aronbayev  
Jared Trebesch  
Armita Oliver  
Pasquale Fontana  
Rachel Rowland  
Crystal Jones  
Raul Ortiz, Jr.  
Shaun Baland  
Dewayne Hayward

**Call to Public**

Susan Wulff  
Bill Chalmers

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**CALL TO ORDER**

***Called to Order By:***

Hon. Jennifer Perkins, Chair

***Time:***

10:00 a.m.

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**1) NEW MEMBER WELCOMES**

***1-A: Introduction of the following new members:***

- 1. Sheryll Prokop was appointed on December 30, as a Chief Justice Designee member of the Fiduciary Board*
- 2. Brian Williamson was appointed on December 30, 2025, as a Public member of the Fiduciary.*

***Video Time: 00:03:05***

***Individual Addressing the Board:***

Hon. Jennifer Perkins – Chair/Jared Trebesch

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**2) REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

***2-A: Review, discussion, and possible action regarding adopting the regular session recording and written minutes of the meeting held on November 13, 2025.***

***Video Time: 00:06:10***

***Individual Addressing the Board:***

Hon. Jennifer Perkins - Chair

***Discussion:*** None

***Motion:*** Accept the regular recording and written minutes of the meeting held on November 13, 2025.

***Motion Proposals:*** First Elaine Acosta Sweet

Second Sharon Yates

***Motion Results:*** Pass 9-0-0-1

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**3) PENDING COMPLAINTS**

***3-A: Update regarding pending complaints***

*Video Time: 00:06:45*

***Individual Addressing the Board:***

Jared Trebesch

***Discussion:*** As of December 30, 2025, there are \*47 open complaints.

***Note:*** \*Complaints are open until a finding of probable cause is entered. The total open complaints represent complaints under investigation.

***3-B: Review, discussion, and possible action regarding Complaint No. 23-0034, involving Linda Kohl.***

*Video Time: 00:07:56*

***Individual Addressing the Board:***

Pasquale Fontana

***Discussion:*** It is recommended that the Board adopt the Findings of Fact in Exhibit A as the Findings of Fact in this matter.

It is further recommended that the Board adopts the Conclusions of Law in Exhibit A as Conclusions of Law in this matter.

It is further recommended that the Board, having adopted the above-referenced findings and conclusions, order the following disciplinary sanction in Complaint No. 23-0034.

- a. Issue a Censure to Linda Kohl's fiduciary license, pursuant to ACJA §7-201(H)(24)(a)(6)(b).

***Motion:*** Accept staff's recommendation.

***Motion Proposals:*** First Teresa Lancaster  
Second Zora Manjencich

***Motion Results:*** Pass 9-0-0-0-1

***3-C: Review, discussion and possible action regarding Complaint nos. 24-0032, 24-0033, 24-0034, and 24-0035 involving Bogutz & Gordon, PC, Teresa Lancaster, Craig Wisnom, Jacquelyne Mingle.***

*Video Time: 00:12:04*

***Individual Addressing the Board:***

Crystal Jones

***Discussion:*** It is recommended that the Board accept the finding of the Probable Cause Evaluator and enter a finding that Bogutz & Gordon, P.C.; Teresa Lancaster; Craig Wisnom; and Jacquelyne Mingle have not committed the

alleged act(s) of misconduct as detailed in the Investigation Summary in Complaint Numbers 24-0032, 24-0033, 24-0034 and 24-0035.

It is further recommended that the Board dismiss Complaint Numbers 24-0032, 24-0033, 24-0034 and 24-0035, with prejudice.

**Motion:** Motion to defer until the next meeting to consult with legal counsel.

**Motion Proposals:** First Zora Manjencich  
Second Sheryll Prokop

**Motion Results:** Pass 7-1-0-1-1

**Recusals:** Teresa Lancaster

**3-D:** *Review, discussion and possible action regarding Complaint Nos. 25-0013, 25-0014, and 25-0015 involving Maricopa County Public Fiduciary, Heidi Ernst, Tiffany Covington.*

**Video Time:** 00:25:38

**Individual Addressing the Board:** Rachel Rowland

**Discussion:** It is recommended that the Board accept the finding of the Probable Cause Evaluator and enter a finding that the Maricopa County Public Fiduciary, Heidi Ernst, and Tiffany Covington have not committed the alleged act(s) of misconduct as detailed in the Investigation Summary in Complaint Numbers 25-0013, 25-0014, and 25-0015.

It is further recommended that the Board dismiss Complaint Numbers 25-0013, 25-0014 and 25-0015, with prejudice.

**Motion:** Accept staff's recommendation.

**Motion Proposals:** First Sharon Yates  
Second Elaine Acosta Sweet

**Motion Results:** Pass 8-0-0-1-1

**Recusals:** Brian Williamson

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**4) Pending Compliance Audits**

**4-A:** *Update regarding pending compliance audits.*

**Video Time:** 00:27:49

**Individual Addressing the Board:** Jared Trebesch

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**Discussion:** As of December 30, 2025, there are \*2 open compliance audits pending completion/final reports\*.

**Note:** *\*Working papers associated with the compliance audit maintained by Division staff are not public records and are not subject to disclosure. Upon completion of an audit the final report issued to the affected party is a public record subject to public inspection. Final reports that result in corrective action are posted to the program webpage at <https://www.azcourts.gov/cld/Fiduciary-Licensing-Program/Compliance-Audit>.*

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## 5) INITIAL LICENSURE AND ELIGIBILITY

**5-A:** *Review, discussion, and possible action regarding the following applications for initial individual and/or business licensure:*

**Video Time:** 00:28:24

**Individual Addressing the Board:** Emanuel Aronbayev

**Discussion:** The following applicant has applied for individual fiduciary licensure and has submitted a complete application demonstrating that they meet the minimum eligibility requirements for licensure. No information has been presented or obtained during the background check which precludes licensure. It is recommended the Board grant initial fiduciary licensure to:

1. Araceli Rodriguez

**Motion:** Accept staff's recommendation

**Motion Proposals:** First Elaine Acosta Sweet  
Second Tiffany A. Poarch

**Motion Results:** Pass 9-0-0-0-1

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## 6) RENEWAL LICENSURE AND APPLICATIONS

**6-A:** *Review, discussion, and possible action regarding the following applications for renewal of individual and/or business entity licensure:*

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| 1. Anita Mackowiak   | 5. Coconino County Public |
| 2. Benjamin Burnside | Fiduciary                 |
| 3. Brett Howard      | 6. Deborah Delisanti      |
| 4. Carol Severyn     | 7. Dorothy Valley         |

8. *Fundamentals Fiduciary Group, LLC*
9. *Heather Fish*
10. *Jeanne Vatterott-Gale*
11. *Karin Royle*
12. *Karrie Rubke*
13. *Michele Peavy*
14. *Nina Alley*
15. *Tina Brooks*
16. *Valley of the Sun Fiduciary, LLC*
17. *Yuma County Public Fiduciary*
18. *Christopher Leas*
19. *Claudia Ramirez*
20. *LaToya Jackson*
21. *Rashida Suminski*

22. *Vallely Consulting, LLC*
23. *Kathryn Blair*
24. *Yavapai County Public Fiduciary*
25. *Rashiel Salem*
26. *Mohave Estate Management Office*
27. *Carla Jones*
28. *Northern Arizona Fiduciaries, Inc.*
29. *Fred Appel*
30. *Pinal County Public Fiduciary*
31. *Daniel Roberts*
32. *Dianne McNamara*
33. *Vanessa Nefflen*

**Video Time: 00:29:30**

**Individual Addressing the Board:**

Emanuel Aronbayev

**Discussion:**

It is recommended that renewal of standard licensure be granted to the following license holders for the 2024-2026 renewal cycle:

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| 1. Anita Mackowiak                   | 13. Michele Peavy                    |
| 3. Brett Howard                      | 14. Nina Alley                       |
| 4. Carol Severyn                     | 15. Tina Brooks                      |
| 6. Deborah Dellisanti                | 16. Valley of the Sun Fiduciary, LLC |
| 7. Dorothy Vallely                   | 17. Yuma County Public Fiduciary     |
| 8. Fundamentals Fiduciary Group, LLC | 18. Christopher Leas                 |
| 9. Heather Fish                      | 19. Claudia Ramirez                  |
| 10. Jeanne Vatterott-Gale            | 20. LaToya Jackson                   |
| 11. Karin Royle                      | 22. Vallely Consulting, LLC          |
| 12. Karrie Rubke                     |                                      |

**Motion:** Accept staff's recommendation

**Motion Proposals:** First Jeanette S. Bloss  
Second Zora Manjenich

**Motion Results:** Pass/Fail 9-0-0-1

**Individual Addressing the Board:**

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**Discussion:** It is recommended that renewal of standard licensure be granted to the following license holders for the 2024-2026 renewal cycle:

2. Benjamin Burnside

**Motion:** Accept staff's recommendation

**Motion Proposals:** First Jeanette S. Bloss  
Second Sharon Yates

**Motion Results:** Pass 8-0-0-1-1

**Recusals:** Teresa Lancaster

**Individual Addressing the Board:** Emanuel Aronbayev

**Discussion:** It is recommended that renewal of standard licensure be granted to the following license holders for the 2024-2026 renewal cycle:

5. Coconino County Public Fiduciary  
21. Rashida Suminski.

**Motion:** Accept staff's recommendation.

**Motion Proposals:** First Elain Acosta Sweet  
Second Sheryll Prokop

**Motion Results:** Pass 8-0-0-1-1

**Recusals:** Sharon Yates

**Individual Addressing the Board:** Emanuel Aronbayev

**Discussion:** The Division recommends approval for renewal of business licensure be granted to Yavapai County Public Fiduciary along with its' designated principal Kathryn Blair for the 2024-2026 renewal cycle.

**Motion:** Accept staff's recommendation.

**Motion Proposals:** First Jeanette S. Bloss  
Second Brian Williamson

**Motion Results:** Pass 9-0-0-0-1

**Individual Addressing the Board:** Crystal Jones

**Discussion:** The Division recommends approval for renewal of individual licensure to Rashiel Salem for the 2022-2024 and the 2024-2026 renewal cycles and business licensure be granted to Mohave Estate Management for the 2022-2024 and 2024-2026 periods.

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**Motion:** Accept staff's recommendation.

**Motion Proposals:** First Elaine Acosta Sweet  
Second Zora Manjencich

**Motion Results:** Pass 9-0-0-0-1

**Individual Addressing the Board:** Raul Ortiz, Jr.

**Discussion:** The Division recommends approval for renewal of business licensures be granted to Northern Arizona Fiduciaries, Inc., along with its' designated principal Carla Jones for the 2024-2026 renewal cycle.

**Motion:** Accept staff's recommendation.

**Motion Proposals:** First Brian Williamson  
Second Tiffany A. Poarch

**Motion Results:** Pass 9-0-0-0-1

**Individual Addressing the Board:** Crystal Jones

**Discussion:** The Division has not found any additional negative history in the course of their investigation and recommends approval for renewal of business licensure be granted to Pinal County Public Fiduciary along with its' former designated principal Fred Appel for both the 2022-2024 and 2024-2026 periods.

**Motion:** Accept staff's recommendation.

**Motion Proposals:** First Tiffany A. Poarch  
Second Sharon Yates

**Motion Results:** Pass 9-0-0-0-1

**Individual Addressing the Board:** Emanuel Aronbayev

**Discussion:** The Division recommends approval for the renewal of standard licensures granted to Daniel Roberts and Dianne McNamara for the 2024-2026 renewal cycle.

**Motion:** Accept staff's recommendation.

**Motion Proposals:** First Sheryll Prokop  
Second Elaine Acosta Sweet

**Motion Results:** Pass 9-0-0-0-1

**Individual Addressing the Board:** Emanuel Aronbayev

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**Discussion:** The Division recommends approval for renewal of standard licensure be granted to Vanessa Nefflen for the 2024-2026 renewal cycle.

**Motion:** Accept staff's recommendation.

**Motion Proposals:** First Brian Williamson  
Second Elaine Acosta Sweet

**Motion Results:** Pass 9-0-0-1

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## 7) ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

### 7-A: Division Updates

**Video Time: 00:49:09**

**Individual Addressing the Board:** Abby Raddatz/Pasquale Fontana/Wil Castro

**Discussion:** Congratulations to Wil Castro and Pasquale Fontana for the great work with their teams on clearing up the backlog. The board discussed the progress of code restyling efforts led by Lisa Hauser, with the first document nearing completion. Pasquale Fontana announced the addition of Dwayne Hayward as a new investigator

Welcome to the Complaints Team Dewayne Hayward.

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## CALL TO THE PUBLIC

**Individual Addressing the Board:**

**Video Time: 00:52:37**

\*Susan Wulff

\*Bill Chalmers

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## ADJOURNMENT

**Motion:** The Chair adjourned the meeting at 10:58 a.m.

**Initials:** AO