

Maricopa County Stadium District Board

PURPOSE: (1) prohibits the Maricopa County Stadium District Board from acquiring real property by eminent domain; (2) requires the Board to designate a contracted person or board member with financial management or accounting experience as district treasurer; (3) allows the Board to enter into agreements with contractors, tenants and other users of all or part of the major league baseball facility or any adjacent building that is owned by the district and operated by the district or the professional baseball franchise organization that occupies the major league baseball facility or adjacent building as determined appropriate, including agreements for reconstructing, equipping, repairing, maintaining or improving the major league baseball facility or adjacent building; and (4) requires a two-thirds majority vote of the Board to use monies for infrastructure spaces that are required for participation in the MLB. Spaces that are required for participation in a nationwide major league baseball league. The use of monies for the purposes prescribed by this subdivision requires approval of the Board by a two-thirds vote. The Board shall report to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee and the Governor's Office of Strategic Planning and Budgeting all new projects for reconstructing, equipping, repairing, maintaining or improving or any adjacent building that is paid for by the district from the county stadium district fund established pursuant to section 48-4231 on or before November 1 of each year through 2055. On or before November 1 of each year through 2055, shall report to Joint Legislative Budget Committee and the Governor's Office of Strategic Planning and Budgeting regarding all new projects for reconstructing, equipping, repairing, maintaining or improving a major league baseball facility or any adjacent building that is paid for by the district from the county stadium district fund established pursuant to section 48-4231. The report shall indicate which projects the professional baseball franchise organization contributed monies toward and the amount of the contribution.

MEMBERSHIP:

Senate One member who is a resident of a county in which a major league baseball facility that is owned by the district and that is operated by the district or the professional baseball franchise organization that occupies the major league baseball facility is located and has experience in construction, redevelopment, architecture, economic development or commercial or public finance, appointed by the Senate Minority Leader:

Denise “Mitzi” Epstein

Other One ex-officio member without the power to vote who represents the professional baseball franchise organization that occupies the major league baseball facility that is owned and that is operated by the district or the professional baseball franchise organization that occupies the major league baseball facility, appointed by the Governor:

Mr. Derrick Hall

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Mr. Andrew Cohn, Levine Investments LP

One member who owns a business located within three miles of the major league baseball facility that is owned by the district and that is operated by the district or the professional baseball franchise organization that occupies the major league baseball facility, appointed by the House Minority Leader:

Mr. Daniel R. Ortega Jr.

One member who owns a business located within three miles of the major league baseball facility that is owned by the district and that is operated by the district or the professional baseball franchise organization that occupies the major league baseball facility, appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

Mr. Theodore Myers

One member, appointed by the Chairperson of the Board of Supervisors of the county in which a major league baseball facility that is owned by the district and that is operated by the district or the professional baseball franchise organization that occupies the major league baseball facility is located:

Mr. Zach Schira

Two members who are appointed by the mayor of the municipality in which a major baseball league facility that is owned by the district and that is operated by the district or the professional baseball franchise organization that occupies the major league baseball facility is located:

Mr. Ed Zuercher

Mayor Kate Gallego

Two members who are residents of a county in which a major league baseball facility that is owned by the district and that is operated by the district or the professional baseball franchise organization that occupies the major league baseball facility is located and has experience in construction, redevelopment, architecture, economic development or commercial or public finance, appointed by the Governor:

Mr. John Graham

Mr. Chad Campbell

Notes:

Requires initial Maricopa County Stadium District Board members to be appointed before January 1, 2026, and assign themselves to staggered terms of

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two, three and four years at the first board meeting, with three initial members serving two years, three initial members serving three years and four initial members serving four years. Requires the Board vacancies to be filled within 30 days in the same manner as the initial appointment. All subsequent members serve four-year terms. A member may be reappointed for one subsequent full term. All vacancies shall be filled within thirty days after the vacancy occurs and in the same manner as the initial appointment. The Chairperson or the Board shall notify the Governor, the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives of the initial terms.

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EXPIRATION DATE:

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