

ARIZONA STATE LEGISLATURE

SENATE AD HOC COMMITTEE ON ACCESS TO BREAKTHROUGH MENTAL HEALTH THERAPIES

Minutes of the Meeting
January 6, 2026
10:00 A.M., SHR 2

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Members Present:

Senator Thomas "T.J." Shope, Chairman
Senator Flavio Bravo
Senator John Kavanagh
Senator Kevin Payne

Staff:

Michael Madden, Senate Research Analyst
Samuel Rosenberg, Senate Assistant Research Analyst

Chairman Shope called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m. and attendance was noted.

OPENING REMARKS

Senator Shope offered opening comments and explained a PowerPoint presentation entitled "Breakthrough Mental Health Therapies: Research & Recent Developments" (Attachment A).

PATIENT VOICE – VETERAN SPEAKER

Alan Mullen, former Army Special Forces Operations, offered comments and answered questions posed by the Committee.

ACCESS PATHWAYS AND BARRIERS TO RESEARCH

Dr. Sue Sisley, MD, Scottsdale Research Institute, distributed a document entitled "Scottsdale Research Institute" (Attachment B) and offered comments. Dr. Sisley answered questions posed by the Committee.

The Committee offered comments.

Dr. Sisley answered additional questions posed by the Committee.

ARIZONA FIREFIGHTER ACCESS TO BREAKTHROUGH TREATMENTS

Dan Freiberg, President, Professional Firefighters of Arizona, offered comments and answered questions posed by the Committee.

SYSTEM PREPARATION FOR FDA-APPROVED PRODUCTS

Dr. Chung Trinh, MD, Researcher, offered comments and answered questions posed by the Committee.

DISCUSSION

The Committee offered comments.

CLOSING REMARKS

Senator Shope offered closing comments.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:21 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeff Christophersen
Committee Secretary

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