ARIZONA STATE SENATE

SENATE REGULATORY AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT EFFICIENCY COMMITTEE OF REFERENCE

Minutes of the Meeting
January 13, 2026
10:00 A.M., SHR 109

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Members Present:
Senator Shawnna Bolick, Chair
Senator Frank Carroll, Vice-chair
Senator Denise "Mitzi" Epstein
Senator Sally Ann Gonzales
Senator Venden "Vince" Leach
Senator Analise Ortiz
Senator Kevin Payne

Staff:
Jason Theodorou, Regulatory Affairs and Government Efficiency Research Analyst
Nicholas Gustoff, Regulatory Affairs and Government Efficiency Assistant Research Analyst
Hayden Darst, Regulatory Affairs and Government Efficiency Research Intern

Chairman Bolick called the meeting to order at 10:04 a.m. and attendance was noted.

Chairman Bolick offered comments.

SUNSET REVIEW OF THE ARIZONA BARBERING AND COSMETOLOGY BOARD

Presentation by the Arizona Office of the Auditor General

Katie Grzybowski, Arizona Auditor General's Office, distributed and explained a PowerPoint Presentation entitled "Arizona Barbering and Cosmetology Board" (Attachment A) and answered questions posed by the Committee.

Response by the Arizona Barbering and Cosmetology Board

Frank Migali, Executive Director, Arizona Barbering and Cosmetology Board, distributed and explained a PowerPoint Presentation entitled "Arizona Barbering & Cosmetology Board, Committee of Reference – Senate Regulatory Affairs & Government Efficiency" (Attachment B) and answered questions posed by the Committee.

Public Testimony

No public testimony took place.

Discussion and Recommendation

> **Senator Carroll moved that the Committee of Reference make the recommendation that the Arizona Barbering and Cosmetology Board implement the recommendations to the findings of the Auditor General's 2025 Performance Audit and Sunset Review Report and be continued for six years until July 1, 2032. The motion CARRIED with a roll call vote of 7-0-0. (Attachment 1).**

Senator Ortiz explained her vote.

SUNSET REVIEW OF THE ARIZONA BOXING AND MIXED MARTIAL ARTS COMMISSION

SUNSET REVIEW OF THE ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF GAMING

SUNSET REVIEW OF THE ARIZONA RACING COMMISSION

Presentation by the Arizona Office of the Auditor General

Liam VanPelt, Arizona Auditor General's Office, distributed and explained a PowerPoint Presentation entitled "Arizona Department of Gaming, Racing Commission, and Boxing and MMA Commission" (Attachment C) and answered questions posed by the Committee.

Lindsey Perry, Arizona Auditor General, answered questions posed by the Committee.

Response by the Arizona Boxing and Mixed Martial Arts Commission

Response by the Department of Gaming

Response by the Arizona Racing Commission

Jackie Johnson, Director, Arizona Department of Gaming, distributed and explained a PowerPoint Presentation entitled "AZ Department of Gaming, Performance Audit and Sunset Review, Presentation to Committee of Reference" (Attachment D) and answered questions posed by the Committee.

The Committee offered comments.

Ms. Johnson answered additional questions posed by the Committee.

The Committee offered comments.

Ms. Johnson answered additional questions posed by the Committee and continued to explain (Attachment D).

Ms. Perry answered additional questions posed by the Committee.

Public Testimony

No public testimony took place.

Discussion and Recommendation

> **Senator Carroll moved that the Committee of Reference make the recommendation that the Arizona Racing Commission implement the recommendations to the findings of the Auditor General's 2025 Performance Audit and Sunset Review Report and be continued for six years until July 1, 2032. The motion CARRIED with a roll call vote of 7-0-0. (Attachment 2).**

Senator Gonzales explained her vote.

> **Senator Carroll moved that the Committee of Reference make the recommendation that the Arizona Boxing and Mixed Martial Arts Commission implement the recommendations to the findings of the Auditor General's 2025 Performance Audit and Sunset Review Report and be continued for six years until July 1, 2032. The motion CARRIED with a roll call vote of 7-0-0. (Attachment 3).**

Senator Epstein explained her vote.

Senator Bolick answered questions posed by the Committee.

> **Senator Carroll moved that the Committee of Reference make the recommendation that the Arizona Department of Gaming implement the recommendations to the findings of the Auditor General's 2025 Performance Audit and Sunset Review Report and be continued for two years until July 1, 2028. The motion CARRIED with a roll call vote of 7-0-0. (Attachment 4).**

Senators Epstein, Gonzales and Leach explained their votes.

PERFORMANCE AUDIT REVIEW OF THE ARIZONA TOURISM AND SPORTS AUTHORITY

Presentation by the Arizona Office of the Auditor General

Katie Grzybowski, Arizona Auditor General's Office, distributed and explained a PowerPoint Presentation entitled "Arizona Sports and Tourism Authority" (Attachment E) and answered questions posed by the Committee.

Jeff Gove, Arizona Auditor General's Office, answered questions posed by the Committee.

Response by the Arizona Tourism and Sports Authority

Tom Sadler, President and CEO, Arizona Sports and Tourism Authority, distributed and explained a PowerPoint Presentation entitled "Arizona Sports & Tourism Authority, 2025 Performance Audit" (Attachment F).

Public Testimony

No public testimony took place.

Discussion

The Committee offered comments.

Attached is a list noting the individuals who registered their position on the agenda items (Attachment G).

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jackson Cooper
Committee Secretary

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