# ARIZONA STATE LEGISLATURE

## ARIZONA OFF-HIGHWAY VEHICLE STUDY COMMITTEE

**Minutes of the Meeting**
**October 15, 2026**
**10:00 A.M., SHR 1**

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**Members Present:**

Senator Timothy "Tim" Dunn, Co-Chair
Senator Rosanna Gabaldón
Benny Aja
DeAnna Bindley
Bob Broscheid
Josh Hurst (Director's Designee)**
Representative Teresa Martinez, Co-Chair*
John Koleszar
Becki Ross
William Boyd (Commissioner's Designee)***
J.C. Sanders
Jerry Smith

**Members Excused:**

Shawn Clark
David Elia, Sr.
Sheriff David Rhodes
Representative Myron Tsosie
Jennifer Toth

**Staff:**

Sawyer Bessler, Senate Research Analyst
Nicholas Gustoff, Senate Assistant Research Analyst
Robert Swoboda, House Assistant Research Analyst

* *Representative Martinez temporarily appointed to replace Representative Biasiucci*
** *Director, Arizona Game and Fish Department*
*** *Commissioner, State Land Department*

Co-Chair Dunn called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m. and attendance was taken.

**INTRODUCTION OF MEMBERS**

Senator Dunn requested that Committee members introduce themselves.

The Committee members introduced themselves.

Senator Dunn offered opening remarks.

**Sawyer Bessler, Senate Natural Resources Committee Research Analyst,** gave an overview of the Off-Highway Vehicle (OHV) Study Committee and reviewed the Committee's previous recommendations.

## OFF-HIGHWAY VEHICLE FEE DISCUSSION

### Arizona Department of Transportation Update on Fee Increases via Rule Making

Senator Dunn distributed and read an email from **Jennifer Toth, Director, Arizona Department of Transportation,** with the subject line “Re: Request for information from 3/23/26 Arizona Off-Highway Vehicle Study Committee” (Attachment A), in lieu of a presentation from the Department and offered related comments.

The Committee answered questions posed by members and offered comments related to OHV fee increases.

**Sawyer Bessler, Senate Natural Resources Committee Research Analyst,** answered questions posed by the Committee.

Senator Dunn answered questions posed by the Committee.

Mr. Bessler offered comments.

Senator Dunn offered additional comments.

### Research Staff Presentation on Off-Highway Vehicle-related Legislation

**Sawyer Bessler, Senate Natural Resources Committee Research Analyst,** distributed and explained a PowerPoint presentation entitled "Overview of Off-Highway Vehicle Legislation" (Attachment B).

Senator Dunn offered comments.

Mr. Bessler answered questions posed by the Committee.

Senator Dunn offered additional comments.

Mr. Bessler answered additional questions posed by the Committee.

The Committee offered comments.

Mr. Bessler answered additional questions posed by the Committee.

Ms. Bindley answered questions posed by the Committee.

Senator Dunn offered additional comments.

## ARIZONA STATE PARKS & TRAILS OFF-HIGHWAY VEHICLE RECREATION FUND UPDATE – EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR BOB BROSCHEID

**Bob Broscheid, Executive Director, Arizona State Parks Board,** distributed and explained a PowerPoint presentation entitled "Arizona State Parks and Trails Off Highway Vehicle Recreation Fund Update" (Attachment C).

Senator Dunn offered comments.

Executive Director Broscheid continued his presentation.

Ms. Ross offered comments.

Executive Director Broscheid offered comments and continued his presentation.

Ms. Ross answered questions posed by the Committee and offered additional comments.

Executive Director Broscheid offered additional comments.

Senator Dunn offered additional comments.

Executive Director Broscheid answered questions posed by the Committee.

The Committee offered comments.

Executive Director Broscheid answered additional questions posed by the Committee.

The Committee offered additional comments.

**Sawyer Bessler, Senate Natural Resources Committee Research Analyst,** answered questions posed by the Committee related to the OHV Recreation Fund.

Senator Dunn offered additional comments.

**ALPINE TRAIL UPDATE – JERRY SMITH, PRESIDENT OF ARIZONA ALPINE TRAIL**

Senator Dunn introduced Mr. Smith and offered comments.

**Jerry Smith, President, Arizona Alpine Trail,** distributed a booklet entitled "Arizona Alpine Trail Master Plan" (Attachment D) and offered related comments.

The Committee offered comments.

Mr. Smith answered questions posed by the Committee.

The Committee offered additional comments.

**COMMITTEE DISCUSSION**

Senator Dunn offered comments and called for Committee discussion.

Representative Martinez offered comments.

The Committee discussed the information presented and answered questions posed by members.

**Sawyer Bessler, Senate Natural Resources Committee Research Analyst,** offered comments.

The Committee continued discussion and offered comments.

Mr. Bessler offered additional comments and answered questions posed by the Committee.

The Committee continued discussion and offered additional comments.

**UPCOMING LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES**

The Committee offered comments.

> **Ms. Bindley moved that the Off-Highway Vehicle Study Committee recommend the following: 1) extend the Off-Highway Vehicle Study Committee sunset date by five years; 2) extend or remove the sunset date of the OHV education component and expand its applicability to all OHV operators, rather than only OHV owners; and 3) that the Arizona Department of Transportation provide the Committee with a financial analysis of potential OHV fee changes.**

The Committee discussed the recommendations.

> **Ms. Bindley's motion CARRIED by voice vote.**

The Committee offered additional comments.

**CALL TO THE PUBLIC**

**Karen Smith, representing self,** offered comments.

Senator Dunn offered closing remarks.

Attached is a form noting the individual who submitted a Speaker slip on the agenda items (Attachment E).

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:11 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeff Christophersen
Committee Secretary

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