

## **SEAGO Executive Board Meeting Link & Agenda Packet**

**November 21 2025**

### **Transcript**

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The SEAGO Executive Board Meeting covered several key points. Attendance was noted, and the Pledge of Allegiance was conducted. Paul R. David highlighted a change in EPA's Waters of the US definition, which may ease permitting for projects. Marina Morales was approved as the Greenlee County private sector representative. The board approved the 2025 CDBG project applications, including senior center improvements and other community projects. The SEAGO policy principles were discussed, emphasizing the need for reauthorization of the Older Americans Act, community-based services, and expanding the brownfields assessment program. The meeting also touched on the importance of the USMCA agreement for Arizona's trade relations.

### **Action Items**

- [ ] Approve the August 15 meeting minutes.
- [ ] Approve Marina Morales as the Greenlee County private sector representative.
- [ ] Approve the 2025 CDBG project applications.
- [ ] Approve the reappointment of Kathy Spangler and Arnold Lopez to the Advisory Council on Aging for their second term.

### **Outline**

#### **SEAGO Executive Board Meeting Introduction and Attendance**

- Unknown Speaker mentions saving work and Desmond needing to make phone calls.
- Speaker 1 greets Jose and Heather, confirming their attendance.
- Speaker 2 and Unknown Speaker discuss waiting for more attendees, including Arnold.
- Arnold expresses concern about doing the Pledge of Allegiance but is reassured by Speaker 3.
- Speaker 3 and Unknown Speaker discuss the flag display for the Pledge.

#### **Pledge of Allegiance and Meeting Commencement**

- Arnold calls the meeting to order, encourages everyone to stand for the Pledge.
- Unknown Speaker leads the Pledge, with Arnold finishing.
- Arnold checks for good communication and asks for clear identification of speakers.
- Arnold introduces the agenda, starting with member-entitled discussions on critical issues.

### **Discussion on Critical Issues**

- Speaker 3 offers to list attendees to save time.
- Speaker 4 asks various members if they have any critical issues, with most responding negatively.
- Paul R. David raises awareness about a change in EPA's Waters of the United States definition, which may impact future projects.
- Marina Morales is introduced as the nominee for the Greenlee County Public Sector representative.

### **Approval of Consent Agenda and IT Department Comment**

- Arnold moves to approve the August 15 minutes, with David making a motion and Mark seconding.
- Motion passes unanimously.
- Paul R. David comments on the IT department blocking AI-formatted notes, which SEAGO will investigate.
- Speaker 3 acknowledges the issue and plans to address it.

### **Approval of Marina Morales as Greenlee County Private Sector Representative**

- Speaker 3 introduces Marina Morales, detailing her qualifications and nomination.
- David expresses strong support for Marina's nomination.
- Arnold reads Marina's bio and welcomes her.
- David makes a motion to approve Marina, with Mark seconding.
- Motion passes unanimously, and Marina is officially approved.

### **Discussion on Advisory Council on Aging Nominations**

- Celeste Vasquez discusses vacant seats on the Advisory Council on Aging and potential nominees.
- Gray Clark from Douglas is interested in continuing his term, and Kathy Spangler and Arnold Lopez are nominated for reappointment.
- Jose Grijalva makes a motion to approve Kathy Spangler and Arnold Lopez, with Mark Mermis seconding.
- Motion passes unanimously.

### **Approval of 2025 CDBG Project Applications**

- William Osborne discusses the 2025 CDBG project applications, including Clifton, Graham County, Santa Cruz County, and Tombstone.
- Paul R. David asks about the impact of the \$229,000 budget item for technical assistance.
- Speaker 3 explains the staffing adjustments and the importance of the revenue for SEAGO.
- David makes a motion to approve the 2025 CDBG project applications, with Mayor Maldonado seconding.
- Motion passes unanimously.

### **SEAGO Policy Principles and Legislative Priorities**

- Speaker 3 explains the purpose of the SEAGO policy principles, which empower staff to discuss priorities with legislators and agencies.
- Key priorities include reauthorization of the Older Americans Act, community-based services, and permanent funding for housing assistance for older adults.
- Expanding the brownfields assessment program and pursuing a Community Housing Development Organization (CHDO) designation are highlighted.
- Speaker 3 mentions the importance of these priorities in securing funding and support for SEAGO's initiatives.