

Colorado Springs Urban Renewal Authority Board Meeting Minutes Final



Wednesday, September 24, 2025
11:00 – 1:00 p.m.

This meeting was a hybrid meeting held in person and through a zoom teleconference.

Item 1 - Call to Order and Roll Call

Chair John Olson called the meeting to order at 11:04 a.m. In attendance at the meeting were Commissioners: Tom Bailey, Mike DeGrant, Gary Feffer, Sam Friesema, Cecilia Harry, Maureen Juran, Parth Melpakam, John Olson, Wynne Palermo, Anthony Perez, Bob Riefstahl, and Bill Wysong. Commissioner Mark Tremmel was excused.

Item 2 - Approval of August 27, 2025, Meeting Minutes

A motion was made by Commissioner Anthony Perez, seconded by Commissioner Parth Melpak to amend and approve the minutes of August 27, 2025, with Item 9 stating motion passed 12 – 0 with Commissioner Cecilia Harry abstaining from the vote. The motion passed 11 - 0 by Commissioners: Mike DeGrant, Gary Feffer, Sam Friesema, Cecilia Harry, Maureen Juran, Parth Melpakam, John Olson, Wynne Palermo, Anthony Perez, Bob Riefstahl, and Bill Wysong.

Item 3 - Approval of the CSURA Financial Report and Claims as of August 31, 2025

Carrie Bartow, CLA reviewed the financial report and claims as of August 31, 2025, as provided in the agenda packet.

A motion was made by Commissioner Wynne Palermo, seconded by Commissioner Cecilia Harry to accept the financial report and approve the claims as of August 31, 2025. The motion passed 11 – 0 by Commissioners: Mike DeGrant, Gary Feffer, Sam Friesema, Cecilia Harry, Maureen Juran, Parth Melpakam, John Olson, Wynne Palermo, Anthony Perez, Bob Riefstahl, and Bill Wysong.

Item 4 - Citizen Discussion

None

Item 5 – City Auditorium Update

City Council approved the lease between the City and AVA (Alternative Venue Alliance) Presents on July 8, 2025. Jesse Morreale (owner of AVA Presents) gave an update on his vision with the site. AVA's goal is to restore, stabilize, and grow venue operations, and to create concert, festival, and event projects that synchronize the needs and desire of the community.

Commissioner Tom Bailey entered the meeting.

Item 6 – Bristow Lowell Project Update

Toby Gannett gave a PowerPoint presentation on the Bristow-Lowell project.

Item 7 – Finalizing Retreat Topics

The board discussed various topics to be discussed at the retreat. The final agenda will be posted before the October 30, 2025, retreat at Gold Hill Mesa Community Center.

Item 8 - Executive Director Report

Jariah Walker presented the September Executive Director report as presented in the agenda packet.

Item 11 – Non-Agenda Item

Item 12 – Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 1:01 p.m.

The CSURA Fall Retreat is scheduled for Thursday, October 30, 2025. Due to the retreat the regularly scheduled board meeting on October 22, 2025, is cancelled.

The next regular CSURA board meeting is scheduled for November 12, 2025. The board meeting will be held in the Pikes Peak Conference Room at City Hall at 107 N. Nevada Avenue. The board meeting will be a hybrid meeting held both in person and through Zoom teleconference. If you cannot attend in person, please use the Zoom link listed at the top of the agenda.

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