



# Arizona Department of Agriculture

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Unapproved minutes FAPAC meeting Dec. 10, 2019 Arizona Department of Agriculture (AZDA),  
Food and Agriculture Policy Advisory Committee

Pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.02 notice is hereby given to the members of the AZDA Food & Agriculture Policy Advisory Committee (FAPAC) and to the general public that the AZDA FAPAC will hold a meeting open to the public on Tuesday, December 10, 2019 beginning at 10:00 AM at 1688 W Adams St, Phoenix, AZ, 85007, Room 206. The FAPAC may vote to hold an executive session for the purpose of obtaining legal advice on any matter listed on the agenda pursuant to A.R.S. 38-431.03 (A)(3). The FAPAC may take formal action on any of the agenda items listed below. For the convenience of the FAPAC and the public, the order of the agenda items may be changed at the discretion of the Chair. Phone in number for the day of meeting is **1-877-820-7831, participant passcode is 267225#**. The agenda for the meeting is as follows:

1. Call to Order Liz Taylor, Chair  
10:05 am
2. Roll Call Michele Mellott  
FAPAC in the room: Liz Taylor(Chair), Sharma Torrens, Dave Richins, Glenna McCullom-Cloud  
Phone: Rocco Cardinale, Leslie Fox, Elyse Guidas, Bruce Gwynn,  
AZDA in the room: Director Killian, Michele Mellott  
Public: Ashley Schimke, Angie Rodgers, Brooke Lipsitz, Jesse Gruner,
3. Member Update Michele Mellott  
Chair Liz Taylor had everyone touch base with current life.  
Liz is dedicating her work on FAPAC to three recently departed friends, Claudia, Peter and Jake.  
Sharma is now on AACD. Annual conference in July, The 7 and 9<sup>th</sup>.  
Glenna, attended AG roundtable. Important to include nutrition. Next year's agenda?  
Dave: United Food Bsnk acquired Waste Not. Working on an AP.
4. Approval of September 5<sup>th</sup>, 2019 Minutes Liz Taylor  
Glenna made a motion that we accept the minutes of the Sept. 5<sup>th</sup>, 2019 meeting.  
Dave Richins second.  
Vote: Rocco(no comment), Leslie Fox(abstain), Glenna: Aye, Dave: Aye, Liz: Aye, Sharma: Aye, Bruce: Aye  
Minutes approved.
5. Discussion with new FAPAC Chair of work of FAPAC, including work plan and calendar For 2020 and 2021 AZ Legislative session Director Killian and Liz Taylor  
Mark thanked Liz for taking the lead. Mark asked Angie about the \$250,000 Chart submitted by Liz. Will vote on in January.  
Discussion led by Liz that FAPAC will concentrate on issues that are legislatively related. Things we can actually Initiate action. By a nodding head vote all agreed that was a good idea.

6. Discussion of next steps for approved FAPAC Farm to School Month Recommendations to Director Killian for the upcoming 54<sup>th</sup> Legislative Session of 2020.

Director Killian and Liz Taylor

Ashley Schimke suggests we amend the request for Farm to School Month to October as that coincides with the USDA Farm to School month.

7. Discussion of current FAPAC working document of recommendations and if and how to integrate it into the work plan for the 2021 Legislative Session.

Liz Taylor and Director Killian

Good idea to narrow the focus down. Hoping for a half day or day long retreat to work on plans going forward.

8. 2020 Legislative and other updates from Arizona Foodbank Network(AFN), Hunger Advisory Council(HAC/DES), Pinnacle Prevention, Farm to School(ADE), and AZ Association of Conservation Districts(AACD)

Liz Taylor

Jesse Gruner(Pinnacle Prevention) presented two projects: Produce Incentive Program and Agriculture Workforce Development Program.

Angie Rodgers presented Friends of the Farm. Arizona's Farm-to-Food-Bank Program.

9. Discussion of potential FAPAC recommendations to Director concerning support of related legislative efforts for upcoming 54<sup>th</sup> legislation session.

Liz Taylor

Recommendations possibilities: \$250,000 refunding will be needed.

Pinnacle development program.

Double up buck trying to move to grocery stores.

Agreed to get a letter to the Director for 2020 legislative session. 2<sup>nd</sup> week of January, review, adopt, and approval needed.

10. Update on AZDA 4<sup>th</sup> Food Summit

Liz Taylor

Moving ahead, Sept 27-28 in Flagstaff. Four prong focus, Farm to School, Young farmers small farmers, Economic development and Food waste. . .

11. AZDA Food Access Workshops update

Michele Mellott

Had a food access workshop in September in Payson(Indigenous Foods) and one in Clarkdale(Harvey Grady)

We have had 10 so far. Next one may be in Wilcox at the end of January. Four prong focus, Farm to School, Young farmers small farmers, Economic development and Food waste. . .

12. Call to the Public

This is the time for the public to comment. Members of the Committee may not discuss items that are not specifically identified on the agenda. Therefore, pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.01 (H), action taken as a result of public comment will be limited to directing staff to study the matter, responding to any criticism or scheduling the matter for further consideration and decision at a later date.

Brooke Lipsitz: Reported that she has attended Food Summit and Food Access workshops. Works with Hunger Relief and Wildfire, (State contractor for SNAP Outreach partnerships with DES. Especially Native American Community. Learning All she can from us.

13. Executive Session

To obtain legal advice pursuant to A.R.S. §38-431.03 (A) (3) on any matter on the agenda

NOT NEEDED

14. Next Meeting

To Be Determined Week of January 12 or 19, 2020.

Motion to adjourn by Dave Richins, Second by Glenna.

Rocco(no response), Leslie: Aye, Elyse(no response) Bruce: Aye, Glenna: Aye, Dave: Aye, Liz: Aye, Sharma: Aye.

Motion Passed.

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