

SPORTS COMMISSION BOARD OF DIRECTORS

MISSION: The Sports Commission operates like an umbrella agency to coordinate sports bids for the region, as well as a central clearing house for local sports programs.

FORMATION AUTHORITY: A.R.S. § 11-702.

COMPOSITION: A.R.S. § 11-702: “A. The authority shall be governed by a board of directors consisting of fifteen members. In counties having a population of over one million five hundred thousand persons according to the most recent United States decennial census, the Board of Supervisors shall appoint five members, the president of a state university within the county shall appoint one member and the mayors of the seven most populous cities in that county shall each appoint one member, except that the mayor of the most populous city shall appoint three members. In counties having a population of over one million five hundred thousand persons according to the most recent United States decennial census, the Board of Supervisors shall appoint three members of the initial board of directors to terms of four years, the president of a state university within the county shall appoint one member of the initial board of directors to a term of two years and the remainder of the appointing cities shall appoint one member of the initial board to a term of two years. All subsequent members shall be appointed to terms of four years. A director may not be appointed to more than two consecutive terms. B. Members of the board of directors shall not have any direct or indirect financial interest in, or be employed in any capacity by, entity with which the authority has a contractual or lessor-lessee relationship other than the Arizona board of regents or an institution under the jurisdiction of the board of regents. A violation of this section is a class 1 misdemeanor.”

DUTIES AND POWERS: A.R.S. § 11-702-705: “C. The board of directors may on behalf of the authority: 1. Adopt and use a corporate seal 2. Sue and be sued 3. Enter into contracts, including intergovernmental agreements under chapter 7 article 3 of this title (§11-951) as necessary to carry out the purpose and requirements under this chapter. 4. Adopt administrative rules as necessary to administer and operate the authority and any facility under its jurisdiction. 5. Employ an executive director and administrative and clerical employees and prescribe the terms and conditions of their employment as necessary to carry out the purposes of the authority. 6. Acquire by any lawful means, except by eminent domain and operate, maintain, encumber and dispose of real and personal property and interests in property. 7. Administer trusts declared or established for the Authority, receive and hold in trust or otherwise property located in or out of this state and, if not otherwise provided, dispose of the property for the benefit of the authority. 8. Promote events in the public interest that are approved and listed in the budget under § 11-705, subsection A, paragraph 3, subdivision (d). 9. Accept gifts. D. The board directors shall: 1. Appoint from among its members a chairman, secretary and treasurer and such other officers as may be necessary to conduct its business. 2. Keep and maintain a complete and accurate record of all of its proceedings. All proceedings and records of the board shall be open to the public as required by title 38, chapter 3, article 3.1 (§38-431) and title 39, chapter 1 (§39-101). 3. Actively promote the use of the authority’s property and lease or sublease the property for professional and amateur sport events and for other suitable activities for the benefit of the public. 4. Provide for the maintenance and operation of the properties, facilities, franchises and interests controlled by the authority.” §11-703 (Using University Property) “The Board of Directors may enter into one or more intergovernmental agreements pursuant to Chapter 7, Article 3 of this title with the Arizona Board of Regents or with any institution under its jurisdiction in the County to lease university real or personal property. Any such lease may authorize the authority to sublease the property for any activity suited to the property, including sporting events. In addition, the Board of Directors, pursuant to § 11-702, subsection C, paragraph 6, may acquire ownership of or an ownership interest in any such property. Subject to the provision of Title 4, the Board of Directors may permit and regulate the sale, use and consumption of alcoholic beverages at events held on property acquired, leased or subleased under this section.” §11-704 (County Sports Authority Fund) “A. The authority treasurer shall maintain a county sports authority consisting of all monies received by the authority, including: 1. Payments received from leasing, subleasing or renting facilities. 2. Revenues received by the authority from admissions and concessions and other proceeds from events held at facilities leased by the authority. 3. Monies received from issuing and selling bonds under Article 2 in this chapter. 4. Interest and other income received from investing monies in the fund. 5. Gifts, grants and donations

received for that purpose from any private source. B. Monies in the fund may be used only for the following purposes: 1. Ordinary and necessary administration and operation expenses of the authority, including: (a) Reasonable salaries and employee related expenses of employees of the authority. (b) Reasonable reimbursement of expenses of members of the Board of Directors. 2. Making all payments required under any lease or sublease of facilities by the authority. 3. Repaying and redeeming bonds issued by the authority, including interest and redemption charges. 4. Academic scholarships, established by the Board of Directors at the end of the fiscal year, to any college or university under the jurisdiction of the Arizona Community College Board or the Arizona Board of Regents. These scholarships shall be funded from unexpended and unencumbered monies remaining in the fund at the end of the fiscal year which are not otherwise required as reserves. C. The Treasurer of the authority may invest unexpended monies in the fund as provided in Title 35, Chapter 2, including in the local government investment pool, if authorized by the State Treasurer. Interest and other income from investments shall be credited to the fund. The Treasurer of the authority shall invest the monies so as to mature at the times when the fund assets will be required for the purposes of this article. If the liquid assets in the fund become insufficient to meet the authority's obligations, the Board of Directors shall direct the Treasurer of the authority to liquidate sufficient securities to meet all of the current obligations and immediately notify the Board of Supervisors, the Attorney General, and the Auditor General of the insufficiency, and the Attorney General and Auditor General shall investigate and audit the circumstances surrounding the depletion of the fund and report their findings to the Board of Supervisors. D. The Board of Directors shall cause an annual audit to be conducted of the fund by an independent certified public accountant within thirty days after the end of the fiscal year. The Board shall immediately file a certified copy of the audit with the Auditor General. The Auditor General may make such further audits and examinations as he deems necessary, but if he takes no official action within thirty days after the audit is filed, the audit is deemed sufficient. The Board of Directors shall pay all fees and costs of the certified public accountant and Auditor General under this subsection from the fund." §11-705 (Annual Budget) "A. Not later than June 30 each year the Board of Directors shall hold a public hearing to adopt and submit to the Board of Supervisors a budget for the following fiscal year which shall include: 1. Receipts during the past fiscal year. 2. Expenditures during the past fiscal year. 3. Estimates of amounts necessary for administration and operation expenses during the following fiscal year including amounts proposed for: (a) recurring items of expense, (b) capital items (c) unanticipated contingencies and emergencies (d) events to be promoted by the authority in the following fiscal year. 4. Anticipated revenue to the authority in the following fiscal year. 5. A complete asset and liability statement. 6. A statement of profit or loss from operations. 7. Cash on hand as of the date the budget is adopted and the anticipated balance at the end of the current fiscal year. 8. An itemized statement of commitments, reserves and anticipated balance at the end of the following fiscal year. 9. The amount budgeted for scholarships. B. The budget may be amended during the year to account for unanticipated revenues received after the budget is adopted."

MEETINGS: Meetings are held every other month at 400 E. Van Buren Street, Suite 600, Phoenix Arizona.

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