Maricopa Regional Continuum of Care

Board Meeting Minutes

September 8, 2026

This meeting was conducted in person only.

MEMBERS	ATTENDANCE
Tamara Bridwell, Maricopa County	Present
Tim Burch, Co-Chair, City of Tempe	Present
Councilmember Wally Campbell, City of Goodyear	Not Present
David Crummey, PNC Bank	Present
Elizabeth da Costa, AHCCCS	Present
Jason Flam, City of Mesa	Present
Friend Kenny, Youth Action Board	Not Present
Emma Garcia, Valley of the Sun United Way	Present
Councilmember Doreen Garlid, City of Tempe	Present
Vice Mayor Kesha Hodge Washington, City of Phoenix	Present
Gabriel Jaramillo, Vitalyst Health Foundation	Not Present
Benjamin Jeffrey, MACV Foundation	Present
Matthew Kelly, Co-Chair, Mercy Care	Present
Tianna Matthews, Maricopa County Sheriff's Office	Not Present
Rachel Milne, City of Phoenix	Present
Gabe Priddy, Phoenix Rescue Mission	Present
Arianna "Nikki" Ramirez, Copa Health	Present
Amy Schwabenlender, Keys to Change	Not Present
Nathan Smith, CASS	Not Present
Amy Sullivan, City of Peoria	Present
Charles Sullivan, Arizona Behavioral Health Corporation	Present
Maria Wildey, Community Bridges, Inc.	Not Present

1. Call to Order

The meeting of the Maricopa Regional Continuum of Care (CoC) Board was called to order by Co-Chair Kelly at 1:42 pm. Roll call was taken to confirm a quorum of members was present.

2. Call to the Audience

Co-Chair Burch asked MAG staff whether any public comments had been received. MAG staff confirmed that there were no public comments received and no one had offered public comments at that time.

3. Informational Items

Co-Chair Kelly noted that there were no informational items on the agenda for this meeting.

4. Approval of Consent Agenda

Co-Chair Kelly noted that there were no informational items on the agenda for this meeting.

5. Executive Session – RFI/RFP Workgroup Update

Co-Chair Kelly introduced item 5 and noted that the Request for Information (RFI)/Request for Proposals (RFP) Workgroup has requested to provide an update on the group's progress and next steps in a Board executive session. The Board may vote to convene into executive session for discussion regarding items sensitive to the CoC's request for proposals process.

Co-Chair Kelly reminded Board members that only members who have previously signed the attestation that was sent out prior to the meeting will be considered non-conflicted and able to join the executive session. All conflicted Board members, staff members, and members of the public must leave the room during executive session.

Co-Chair Kelly requested a motion to approve the Board entering executive session. Emma Garcia moved to approve, and Vice Mayor Kesha Hodge Washington seconded the motion. The motion passed with the following members voting in favor: Tamara Bridwell, Tim Burch, David Crummey, Elizabeth da Costa, Jason Flam, Emma Garcia, Councilmember Doreen Garlid, Vice Mayor Kesha Hodge Washington, Benjamin Jeffrey, Matthew Kelly, Rachel Milne, Gabe Priddy, Nikki Ramirez, Amy Sullivan, and Charles Sullivan.

6. Action on RFI/RFP Workgroup Recommendations

Following the Board's executive session, Co-Chair Burch welcomed conflicted members, staff, and members of the public back into the room at 4:11 pm.

Co-Chair Burch requested a motion on the RFI/RFP Workgroup Recommendations. Vice Mayor Kesha Hodge Washington moved to direct staff to establish a conflict of interest policy under which all Board members would sign an attestation stating that they are not conflicted. The motion further specified that Board members must notify the Board in writing within a set time frame if a conflict arises, that a firewall must be established so that any conflicted member does not participate in discussions related to the RFP, and that any conflicted member must recuse themselves from all Board decisions or discussions related to the RFP. Councilmember Doreen Garlid seconded the motion.

During discussion, the Board raised the question of whether staff should develop the policy or whether it would be more appropriate for the RFI/RFP Workgroup's consultant to do so. As a result, the motion was amended to direct the consultant, Kristy, to develop the conflict of interest policy instead of staff. The amended motion was accepted by the motion maker.

Vice Mayor Kesha Hodge Washington further added to the motion to adopt the RFP with the changes discussed and to adopt timeline number two. The Board considered whether the motion needed to explicitly name the timeline or whether stating it generally was sufficient, and Board members agreed that the language as stated was adequate. Benjamin Jeffrey seconded the amended motion and the motion was approved with the following members voting in favor: Tamara Bridwell, Tim Burch, David Crummey, Elizabeth da Costa, Jason Flam, Emma Garcia, Councilmember Doreen Garlid, Vice Mayor Kesha Hodge Washington, Benjamin Jeffrey, Matthew Kelly, Rachel Milne, Gabe Priddy, Nikki Ramirez, Amy Sullivan, and Charles Sullivan.

7. Request for Future Agenda Items

Co-Chair Kelly asked if any members had requests for future agenda items.

Co-Chair Burch raised an item regarding transition support, noting that the Board is looking for contingency funding for staffing entity transition support if necessary. Co-Chair Burch stated that any such request or decision would go to the Executive Committee.

David Crummy referenced Benjamin Jeffrey's earlier idea about providing a "how did we get here" presentation, explaining that it would be helpful to outline how our CoC developed its current structure, how the various components work together, and how our system compares to other Continuums of Care. Co-Chair Kelly noted that the Board

has previously discussed holding a Board retreat, and that part of the retreat would include a more in-depth overview of the Continuum of Care.

Rachel Milne suggested that staff send out a survey, or a similar tool, to assess where each Board member currently stands in terms of their knowledge base ahead of the Board retreat.

8. Board Roundtable

Co-Chair Burch asked if any members had items to share for the Board roundtable. None were noted.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the Board meeting adjourned at 4:11 pm.