



# Minutes of the Board of Adjustment REGULAR MEETING June 21, 2023

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Adjustment, of the City of Tempe, which was held in Council Chambers  
31 East Fifth Street, Tempe, Arizona

**Present:**

**Staff:**

Chair Richard Watson	Jeff Tamulevich, Community Development Director
Vice Chair John 'Jack' Confer	Ryan Levesque, Comm. Development Deputy Director
Board Member Raun Keagy	Steve Abrahamson, Principal Planner
Board Member Kevin Morrow	Jennifer Daniels, Administrative Assistant II
Board Member Kaelee Palmer	

Regular Meeting 6:00 p.m.

Agenda items 1 and 2 were done in opposite order tonight.

**2) Voting of the Meeting Minutes:**

Study Session & Formal Meeting Minutes from January 25, 2023.

**Motion** by Vice Chair Confer to approve Meeting Minutes from January 25, 2023; second by Board Member Palmer. Motion passed on **5-0** vote.

**Ayes:** Chair Watson, Vice Chair Confer, Board Members Keagy, Morrow and Palmer

**Nays:** None

**Abstain:** None

**Absent:** Board Members Naugle, Miller, and Gans

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- 1) Request for an Appeal of the Zoning Administrator's Decision to deny a Reasonable Accommodations Waiver to increase the number of residents in a group home from five (5) to ten (10), pursuant to ZDC Section 3-409, for **NORTHSIGHT SIESTA**, for a proposed group home located at 2604 South Siesta Drive. The appellant is Northsight Recovery, LLC. **(PL220335)**

Chair Watson stated that tonight we have only 5 board members present for the meeting. A quorum of 4 is needed for the appeal to pass. The normal board capacity is 7 board members. Chair Watson let the appellant know they have to option to proceed or ask for a continuance until the next regularly scheduled BOA Meeting.

Mr. Evan Schlack, Chief Operating Officer and General Counsel for Northsight Recovery asked if it is the same ratio if it is a full board. Chair Watson stated that they must have 4 votes in the affirmative even if 7 board members are present. Mr. Schlack asked the board for a continuance.

Mr. Abrahamson stated that Chair Watson someone would need to motion the continuance and a vote would need to be taken. Chair Watson called for a motion to approve the continuance.

**Applicant Presentation:**

None

**Staff Presentation:**

None

**Public Comment:**

None

**Applicant Response:**

None

**Commission Discussion:**

None

**Motion** by Board Member Morrow to approve the continuance request until July 19, 2023, for Northsight Siesta, located at 625 West 3<sup>rd</sup> Street: second by Board Member Keagy. Motion passed on **3-2** vote.

**Ayes:** Chari Watson, Board Members Morrow and Keagy

**Nays:** Vice Chair Confer and Board Member Palmer

**Abstain:** None

**Absent:** Board Members Naugle, Miller, and Gans

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**3) Staff Announcements:**

Mr. Abrahamson announced there will now be a BOA Meeting on July 19, 2023. There is a DRC meeting this Tuesday June 27, 2023, at the Tempe History Museum. This meeting will be to discuss the General Plan 2050. Any board members that wish to attend may join. The meeting will also be available to view through WebEx.

Vice Chair Confer stated that in the January BOA Minutes there was a follow up for the lawsuits that went to Superior Court. Vice Chair Confer stated that someone from staff was going to give an update in March and there was not a BOA Meeting in March. Vice Chair Confer would like some follow up from staff in the July 19, 2023, BOA Study Session.

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**4) Adjourn**

**Motion** by Vice Chair Confer to adjourn meeting; second by Board Member Keagy. Motion passed on **5-0** vote.

**Ayes:** Chair Watson, Vice Chair Confer, Board Members Keagy, Morrow and Palmer

**Nays:** None

**Abstain:** None

**Absent:** Board Members Naugle, Miller, and Gans

Hearing adjourned at 6:08 p.m.

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Prepared by: Jennifer Daniels, Administrative Assistant II  
Reviewed by: Steve Abrahamson, Principal Planner