ARIZONA STATE SENATE

57TH LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION

MINUTES OF COMMITTEE ON
REGULATORY AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT EFFICIENCY

DATE: April 23, 2025 **TIME:** 9:00 A.M. **ROOM:** SHR 109

CHAIRMAN: Senator Shawnna Bolick **VICE-CHAIRMAN:** Senator Frank Carroll

ANALYST: Jason Theodorou

ATTENDANCE

BILLS

Committee Members	Pr	Ab	Ex	Bill Number	Disposition
Senator Epstein	X				
Senator Fernandez	X				
Senator Leach	X				
Senator Ortiz	X				
Senator Payne	X				
Senator Carroll, Vice-Chairman	X				
Senator Bolick, Chairman	X				

EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS

Name	Position	Recommendation
Kandace French Contreras	Member, Arizona Racing Commission	CONFIRMATION
James E. Padish	Member, Arizona Racing Commission	CONFIRMATION
Jay Zucker	Member, Arizona Racing Commission	CONFIRMATION

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https://www.azleg.gov/videoplayer/?clientID=6361162879&eventID=2025041055

Chairman Bolick called the meeting to order at 9:04 a.m. and attendance was noted.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Senator Bolick stated that without objection, the minutes of March 26, 2025 were approved as distributed.

EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS

Kandace French Contreras – Member, Arizona Racing Commission – CONFIRMATION RECOMMENDED

Jenn Ramirez-Mendoza, Regulatory Affairs and Government Efficiency Committee Research Intern, gave an overview of the Arizona Racing Commission.

Kandace French Contreras introduced herself, reviewed her resume and answered questions posed by the Committee.

Lloyd Yother, Arizona Horsemen's Benevolent and Protective Association, testified in support of the confirmation of Kandace French Contreras.

> **Senator Carroll moved that the Regulatory Affairs and Government Efficiency Committee recommend to the full Senate the CONFIRMATION of Kandace French Contreras to the Arizona Racing Commission. The motion CARRIED with a roll call vote of 6-0-1 (Attachment 1).**

James E. Padish – Member, Arizona Racing Commission – CONFIRMATION RECOMMENDED

James E. Padish introduced himself and reviewed his resume.

Bas Aja, Arizona Horsemen's Benevolent and Protective Association, testified in support of the confirmation of James E. Padish and answered questions posed by the Committee.

> **Senator Carroll moved that the Regulatory Affairs and Government Efficiency Committee recommend to the full Senate the CONFIRMATION of James E. Padish to the Arizona Racing Commission. The motion CARRIED with a roll call vote of 6-0-1 (Attachment 2).**

Jay Zucker – Member, Arizona Racing Commission – CONFIRMATION RECOMMENDED

Jay Zucker introduced himself, reviewed his resume and answered questions posed by the Committee.

The Committee offered comments.

Lloyd Yother, Arizona Horsemen's Benevolent and Protective Association, testified in support of the confirmation of Jay Zucker.

> **Senator Carroll moved that the Regulatory Affairs and Government Efficiency Committee recommend to the full Senate the CONFIRMATION of Jay Zucker to the Arizona Racing Commission. The motion CARRIED with a roll call vote of 7-0-0 (Attachment 3).**

Attached is a list noting the individuals who registered their positions on the Executive Nominations (Attachment A).

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:24 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Zoey Paredes
Committee Secretary

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