



**Board of Directors
Agenda
August 21, 2025
10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.**

	ITEM	PRESENTER
1)	Call to Order, Roll Call, Opening Comments	Chair Val Gale City of Chandler
2)	Call to the Public A member of the public may request to address the Board by submitting a request to RWC staff via phone or email. Speakers will be considered at the sole discretion of the Board Chair and will be allotted no more than three (3) minutes to speak.	Chair Val Gale City of Chandler
3)	Approval of RWC Board Meeting Minutes from the May 22, 2025, Meeting This item is for information, discussion, and action.	Chair Val Gale City of Chandler
4)	RWC Member Asset Acceptance The purpose of this item is for the Board to accept Member assets as required by Governance. This item is for information, discussion, and action.	John Imig RWC Executive Director



5)	<p>Membership Request – University of Arizona Police Department</p> <p>The purpose of this item is to seek Board approval of the University of Arizona Police Department’s Membership request.</p> <p>This item is for information, discussion and action.</p>	<p>John Imig RWC Executive Director</p>
6)	<p>RWC Site Security & North Mountain Update</p> <p>The purpose of this item is to provide the Board with an update on the RWC’s Site Security Program and overview of the North Mountain incident.</p> <p>This item is for information and discussion only.</p>	<p>John Imig RWC Executive Director</p>
7)	<p>VHF Expansion — A 14 White Tanks Update</p> <p>The purpose of this item is to present the Board with an update from the VHF Expansion Working Group regarding A-14 at White Tanks.</p> <p>This item is for information and discussion only.</p>	<p>John Imig RWC Executive Director</p>
8)	<p>Executive Director’s Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A) Dec. 4th Motorola Solutions Inc. Migration Assurance Plan Study Session B) Phoenix Budget and Research Budget Management Score for FY 23-24 C) Motorola Trunked Users Group D) RWC Board Communications <p>This item is for information and discussion.</p>	<p>John Imig RWC Executive Director</p>
9)	<p>Announcements, Public Comment, Future Agenda Items</p> <p>The purpose of this item is to communicate any Board announcements, additional public comment, or future agenda items.</p> <p>This item is for information only.</p>	<p>Chair Val Gale City of Chandler</p>



10)	Adjourn	Chair Val Gale City of Chandler
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2025 RWC Board of Directors Meetings

<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>
Thursday, February 27th 10:00 – 11:30	City of Phoenix Public Transit Building 302 N. 1 st Avenue & Webex
Thursday, May 22nd 10:00 – 11:30	Webex
Thursday, August 21st 10:00 – 11:30	Webex
Thursday, December 4th 10:00 – 11:30	City of Phoenix Public Transit Building 302 N. 1st Avenue & Webex



**Regional Wireless Cooperative
Board of Directors
MINUTES
August 21, 2025**

City of Phoenix
Public Transit Building
302 N. 1st Ave, 7th Floor
Phoenix, Arizona 85003

Board Members Present		Board Members Absent
Shawn Holcomb~ – Arizona Fire and Medical Authority	Heather Cammarata*~ – Peoria	Greg Platacz~ – Buckeye
Jeff Scheetz~ – Avondale	Chuck Boyer*~ – Phoenix	Alan Romania – Guadalupe
Val Gale~ - Chandler	Bianca Lochner~ – Scottsdale	Jeff McMenemy – Harquahala FD
Alan Zangle~ – Daisy Mountain Fire District	Tony Van Roekel*~ – Sun City Fire and Medical	
Paul Marzocca~ – El Mirage	Cody Worrell~ – Surprise	
Milton Wiener~ – FRBSF	Kyle Carman~ – Tempe	
Rick St. John~ – Glendale	Michael Young – Tolleson	
Paul Luizzi~ – Goodyear	Les Brown – Wickenburg	
Michael Grant~ – Maricopa		
Gretchen Eichner* – MCCCCD		
Patrick Beumler~ – Paradise Valley		
*Board Alternate	^Non-Voting Alternate	~Telephone Participant

Staff and Public Present			
John Imig – RWC	Nicholas Roosevelt – RWC	Mark Sampson – RWC	Selena Barner – RWC
~Telephone Participant			

NOTE: RWC Administrative Staff attendees were accounted for prior to the start of the meeting. No roll call for other staff of RWC Members, other interested parties, or the public was taken.



1. **Call to Order, Roll Call and Opening Comments**

Board Chair Val Gale, representing the City of Chandler, called the meeting of the Regional Wireless Cooperative (RWC) Board of Directors (Board) to order at 10:03 AM. Chair Gale asked RWC Management Assistant, Nick Roosevelt (RWC) to take Roll Call.

2. **Call to the Public**

Chair Gale received no response when asked if there were any requests from the public to speak.

3. **Approval of RWC Board Meeting Minutes from the May 22, 2025, Meeting**

Chair Gale asked the Board if there was any need for discussion on the draft minutes presented from the May 22, 2025, Board Meeting. There was no discussion.

A **MOTION** was made by Rick St. John and **SECONDED** by Paul Luizzi to approve the May 22, 2025, RWC Board meeting minutes.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (19-0)

4. **RWC Member Asset Acceptance**

John Imig (RWC) provided a brief history of the RWC Member Asset Acceptance process. He said that member agencies may transfer ownership of certain assets to the RWC in exchange for equity, with the RWC then assuming responsibility for maintenance, replacement, and upgrades. The City of Buckeye submitted a request to transfer these assets from its newly constructed Jackrabbit Trail site.

A **MOTION** was made by Alan Zangle and **SECONDED** by Rick St. John to approve the recommendation as presented.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (19-0)

5. **Membership Request – University of Arizona Police Department**

Mr. Imig reported that the University of Arizona Police Department (UAPD) requested RWC membership to support five Valley facilities, including three Talkgroups with 8–16 radios. Mr. Sommerfeld (UAPD) stressed the importance of interoperability, noting past challenges during special events, and shared that UAPD plans to transition from contracted security staff to sworn officers within two years.

Mr. Luizzi (Goodyear) asked how interoperability would function. Mr. Sommerfeld explained it would enable direct communication with partner agencies during incidents, focusing initially on coordination rather than independent channel use. Mr. Imig added that UAPD is already an Interoperability Partner and, once transitioned, would seek its own Talkgroups and access to partner agency Talkgroups. Mr. Sommerfeld confirmed this and reiterated UAPD's commitment to long-term collaboration.



The request is contingent on meeting all technical requirements.

A **MOTION** was made by Paul Luizzi and **SECONDED** by Rick St. John to approve the recommendation as presented.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (19-0)

6. RWC Site Security & North Mountain Update

Mr. Imig reported that the RWC experienced an intrusion at the North Mountain site earlier this year, which caused damage and required response from Phoenix Police, the City of Phoenix ITS Radio Shop, and a vendor. Tom Grebner (Phoenix) stated that a proof-of-concept with Genetec cameras is underway to replace outdated DVR systems. The new cameras can distinguish people from animals, generate timed alerts, and notify on-call staff by email. A security access control badging system is also being evaluated.

Mr. Zangle (Daisy Mountain FD) asked if the new system would cover all sites, including facilities and fire stations. Mr. Grebner confirmed it would be deployed at most RWC-controlled locations, with some agencies already using their own systems. Cody Worrell (Surprise) asked about after-hours monitoring, and Mr. Grebner clarified that two on-call technicians are always available to receive alerts. Mr. Imig reminded the Board that funding for the proof-of-concept was approved in December 2024 and stated that a future budget request will follow for full implementation.

7. VHF Expansion – A 14 White Tanks Update

Mr. Imig reported that VHF frequencies are in high demand in the West Valley due to rapid growth, and additional channels were identified as necessary to support fire operations. In coordination with Phoenix Fire Department Technical Services, Aaron Fritzinger (Phoenix) and his team, along with the Radio Shop, worked extensively to locate available frequencies.

Mr. Imig stated that Stuart Snow (Phoenix) identified and licensed Channel A14 at White Tanks. Funding for the project was previously approved, and an operational plan has been developed and is awaiting final acceptance by Phoenix Fire Department command staff. Once approved, A14 will be deployed to expand VHF capacity for partner agencies.

8. Executive Director's Report

A. Dec. 4th Motorola Solutions Inc. Migration Assurance Plan Study Session

Mr. Imig reported that Motorola presented a preliminary multi-year plan to address infrastructure lifespan issues, estimated at more than \$80 million over five years. The project is anticipated for the FY 28 budget, and the Board will begin discussions in December to allow agencies time to prepare.



Chair Gale noted that the December 4 session will be held in person, with a virtual option available, and strongly encouraged members to attend in person due to the significance of the topic. Mr. Imig added that the session will be structured as a roundtable to promote direct interaction and confirmed it will take place at the MAG building.

B. Phoenix Budget and Research Budget Management Score for FY 23-24

Mr. Imig reported that the RWC received an exceptional budget management score from Phoenix Budget and Research for FY 23–24, finishing the year 9% under budget. He credited the RWC Accounting Staff and supporting departments for their diligence, noting that this continues to be one of RWC’s key performance metrics. As a result of the underspend, settlement credits will be issued to member agencies.

C. Motorola Trunked Users Group

Mr. Imig reported that the Motorola Trunked Users Group (MTUG) has resumed quarterly meetings, providing a forum for trunked system users to share information, address technical issues, and coordinate with Motorola. He noted improved dialogue with Motorola and added that Mike Bruner is now leading the local service center.

D. RWC Board Communications

Mr. Imig reminded members to notify the RWC of any changes to their Board representatives or alternates, noting that per governance, appointees must be executive-level leaders authorized to make financial decisions on behalf of their agencies. He emphasized the importance of timely updates so records remain accurate and meeting communications are properly distributed. Chair Gale thanked Mr. Imig and his team for their continuous work behind the scenes and expressed the Board’s appreciation for their efforts.

9. Announcements and Future Agenda Items

There was no discussion on this item.

10. Adjournment

Chair Gale adjourned the meeting at 10:43 AM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Selena Barner – Administrative Aide



BOARD OF DIRECTORS REPORT

TO:	Regional Wireless Cooperative (RWC) Board Members	Agenda Date:	August 21, 2025	
FROM:	John Imig, RWC Executive Director			Item 4
STAFF:	Nicholas Roosevelt, RWC Management Assistant II			
SUBJECT:	RWC MEMBER ASSET ACCEPTANCE			

BACKGROUND

The RWC Governance, section 3.4 RWC Capital Equity, states *"If a Member brings assets to the RWC and the Board accepts the assets on behalf of the RWC, the Member's Equity will increase based on the value of the assets at the time of transfer to the RWC, as agreed upon by the contributing Member and the Administrative Managing Member."*

The RWC Board is being asked to officially accept the following Member assets completed in the last fiscal year or not previously credited toward a Members' equity. If approved, the Administrative Manager (i.e. City of Phoenix) will begin the process of assessing equity value, which will then be presented for Board approval in February as part of the RWC Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR).

Member	Site
City of Buckeye	Jackrabbit Trail ¹

RECOMMENDATION

The RWC Executive Director, after review and concurrence of the RWC Executive Committee, hereby recommends the Board accept these assets on behalf of the RWC per Governance section 3.4.

¹ The City of Buckeye is only relinquishing the real property (radio and networking equipment) associated with this site.



BOARD OF DIRECTORS REPORT

TO:	Regional Wireless Cooperative (RWC) Board Members	Agenda Date:	August 21, 2025	
FROM:	John Imig, RWC Executive Director			Item 5
STAFF:	Nicholas Roosevelt, RWC Management Assistant II			
SUBJECT:	MEMBERSHIP REQUEST: UNIVERSITY OF ARIZONA POLICE DEPARTMENT			

THE ISSUE

The University of Arizona Police Department (UAPD) is seeking Membership in the RWC to facilitate public safety communications at their local facilities. This includes their Downtown Medical Campus and the Arizona Mining and Mineral Museum in Phoenix, as well as satellite locations in Chandler, Scottsdale, and Gilbert¹.

The City of Phoenix Information Technology Services (ITS) Department is confident there are no technical issues that will prevent the UAPD from using the RWC Network. UAPD is also working closely with Motorola Solutions Inc. to provide a solution that will link their local talkgroups back to the UAPD Communications Center located on the main campus in Tucson. UAPD is also a Member of the Pima County Wireless Integrated Network (PCWIN) and thus is familiar with cooperative communications networks.

RECOMMENDATION

The RWC Executive Director, after review and concurrence of the RWC Executive Committee, hereby recommends the Board approve the University of Arizona Police Department for RWC Membership request, *contingent upon all technical and operational considerations being satisfied. If approved, the RWC-UAPD IGA will be signed by both parties, technical considerations finalized, and a go-live date on the RWC system will be agreed upon. A UAPD Board representative and alternate would then be formally named.

¹ Although the City of Gilbert is a Member of the TRWC (Mesa Topaz) network, ITS is confident in the ability to provide sufficient RWC coverage to that location.



BOARD OF DIRECTORS REPORT

TO:	Regional Wireless Cooperative (RWC) Board Members	Agenda Date:	August 21, 2025	
FROM:	John Imig, RWC Executive Director			Item 6
STAFF:	Thomas Grebner, City of Phoenix Deputy Chief Information Officer Nicholas Roosevelt, RWC Management Assistant II			
SUBJECT:	RWC SITE SECURITY & NORTH MOUNTAIN UPDATE			

THE ISSUE

The RWC Radio Shop will provide a briefing regarding the vandalism and RWC response to the North Mountain Site that occurred Sunday, June 8.

The Radio Shop will additionally provide an overview of RWC mitigation efforts to ensure future site security. This includes the Communication Site Monitoring and Access Control Replacement Program approved by the Board of Directors on December 5, 2024, for the current Fiscal Year (25-26).

This project is designed to replace devices that meet standards or requirements for enhanced video monitoring and site access capabilities. This project is in coordination with the City of Phoenix Public Works Department as they are in the process of updating Phoenix's access control systems.

RECOMMENDATION

This item is for information and discussion only.



BOARD OF DIRECTORS REPORT

TO:	Regional Wireless Cooperative (RWC) Board Members	Agenda Date:	August 21, 2025	
FROM:	John Imig, RWC Executive Director			Item 7
STAFF:	Aaron Fritzinger, City of Phoenix Fire Technical Services Bureau Nicholas Roosevelt, RWC Management Assistant II			
SUBJECT:	VHF EXPANSION – A14 WHITE TANKS UPDATE			

THE ISSUE

The Board will receive an update on the work of the VHF Expansion Working Group, specifically the progress being made on bringing Fire Hazard Zone Channel A-14 online at the White Tanks-West site to address the rapid growth in West Valley.

RECOMMENDATION

This item is for information and discussion only.



BOARD OF DIRECTORS REPORT

TO:	Regional Wireless Cooperative (RWC) Board Members	Agenda Date:	August 21, 2025	
FROM:	John Imig, RWC Executive Director			Item 8
STAFF:	Nicholas Roosevelt, RWC Management Assistant II			
SUBJECT:	EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT			

BACKGROUND

The Executive Director will brief the Board of Directors on the following items:

- A) Dec. 4th Motorola Solutions Inc. Migration Assurance Plan Study Session
- B) Phoenix Budget and Research Budget Management Score for FY 23-24
- C) Motorola Trunked Users Group
- D) RWC Board Communications

RECOMMENDATION

This item is for information and discussion.