



**Arizona Department of Emergency and Military Affairs
State Emergency Council
MEETING MINUTES
April 29, 2021**

An emergency meeting of the State Emergency Council was convened on Thursday, April 29, 2021, at the 2nd Floor Conference Room of the Executive Tower, and facilitated by DEMA-EM personnel. Pursuant to A.R.S. §38-431.02, notice had been duly given. Present and absent were the following members of the SEC:

Member(s) Present:

Gov. Doug Ducey, Governor
Mr. Will Gaona, representing the Secretary of State
Mr. Josh Kredit, representing the Attorney General's Office
Brig. Gen. Kerry Muehlenbeck, Adjutant General and Director, Department of Emergency and Military Affairs
Mr. Allen Clark, Director, Division of Emergency Management
Ms. Cara Christ, Director, Department of Health Services
Mr. Misael Cabrera, Director, Department of Environmental Quality
Mr. Ken Hunter, representing the Department of Public Safety
Mr. Andy Tobin, Director, Arizona Department of Administration
Mr. Scott Selin, representing the Department of Water Resources
Mr. Andrew Pappas representing the House of Representatives

Member(s) Absent:

Mr. John Halikowski, Director, Department of Transportation
Mr. Mark Killian, Director, Department of Agriculture
Senator Karen Fann, Arizona State Senate

Others Present:

Mr. Daniel Ruiz, Governor's Office
Ms. Megan Fitzgerald, Governor's Office
Mr. Tony Hunter, Governor's Office
Mr. C.J. Karamargin, Governor's Office
Mr. Ben Norris, Attorney General's Office
Col. David Ciesielski, Department of Emergency and Military Affairs
Mr. Thomas Jones, Department of Emergency and Military Affairs-EM
Ms. Lucrecia Hernandez, Department of Emergency and Military Affairs-EM
Mr. Dan Porth, Department of Emergency and Military Affairs-EM
Ms. Darlene Quihuis, Department of Emergency and Military Affairs-EM
Mr. Travis Schulte, Department of Emergency and Military Affairs
Mr. Gene Wikle, Department of Emergency and Military Affairs-EM

REGULAR BUSINESS**WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS**

Gov. Doug Ducey called the meeting to order at 11:07 a.m. A quorum was present.

OPENING REMARKS

Gov. Doug Ducey led a discussion on current events.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Gov. Doug Ducey called to approve the June 18, 2020, meeting minutes as submitted. A **motion** was made to accept the minutes by Mr. Ken Hunter. Motion was **seconded** by Mr. Andy Tobin. **(Motion passed unanimously)**

GENERAL BUSINESS**GOVERNOR'S EMERGENCY FUND BALANCE FISCAL YEAR 2021**

The current FY21 balance is \$3,602,654.72.

GENERAL DISCUSSION

- I. **Background On The SEC And Its Members** - Presented by Mr. Allen Clark. There was a brief presentation on the role of the SEC.
- II. **Commonality of SEC Meetings Following A Disaster** – Presented by Mr. Thomas Jones. An explanation of the situational requirements necessary to convene an SEC Meeting was provided, including the requirement to convene a meeting prior to the end of the fiscal year in order to allocate any remaining funds from the GEF and to be updated on the status of all disaster activities.
- III. **2021 Border Crisis (SD2103)** - Presented by Mr. Allen Clark. On April 20, 2021, Governor Ducey declared a state of emergency in southern Arizona due to a surge of foreign nationals that has overwhelmed the Customs and Border Patrol as well as private non-profit, local, and state capacities as well as an increase in illegal trafficking. As part of the declaration, Governor Ducey activated the Arizona National Guard to deploy 250 Guard members on State Active Duty orders to support local law enforcement in those areas. In order to support the continued deployment of the Arizona National Guard in support of local law enforcement, additional funds are needed. This discussion was later voted upon under Motion #1.
- IV. **SAR Contingency Fund (70101)** – Presented by Mr. Allen Clark. Due to the high number of Search & Rescue missions throughout the State, the SAR Contingency Fund has been depleted and an additional allocation is necessary. This discussion was later voted upon under Motion #2.

MOTION RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE STATE EMERGENCY COUNCIL

Motion #1: A **motion** was made by Gov. Doug Ducey to allocate \$2,536,500.00 from the Governor’s Emergency Fund to the 2021 Border Crisis (SD2103). Motion was **seconded** by Mr. Misael Cabrera. **(Motion passed unanimously)**

Motion #2: A **motion** was made by Gov. Doug Ducey to allocate \$200,000.00 from the Governor’s Emergency Fund to the Search & Rescue Contingency (70101). Motion was **seconded** by Mr. Ken Hunter. **(Motion passed unanimously)**

After the motions were approved, as stated, the remaining balance in the fund is \$866,154.72

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

A call was made to the public for comment/question to the Council. No questions/comments were presented to the Council.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is set for June 22, 2021 (Tuesday) at 11:00 a.m. with the location to be determined.

Gov. Doug Ducey adjourned the meeting at 11:17 a.m.



April 29, 2021

**Allen Clark, Director
Arizona Division of Emergency Management**

Date