

# Arizona Space Commission Board of Directors

**PURPOSE:** To (1) direct the activities of, establish goals for and provide oversight of the Space Commission; (2) establish standards to ensure the proper use of fund monies; (3) identify research and funding opportunities within this State; (4) promote and assist developing workforce training to advance emerging technologies required for all aspects of space exploration; and (5) solicit proposals for funding and research opportunities related to the objectives of this section. The Space Commission shall develop and annually update a strategic plan for promoting and expanding space, aeronautics and aviation in this State, including a list of potential projects to further the purposes of the Commission. The Board shall conduct a hearing to review and amend or approve the strategic plan. On or before December 31, 2024 and each even-numbered year thereafter, the Commission shall submit the strategic plan to the Governor, the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

## **MEMBERSHIP:**

### Other

Three members, appointed by the President of the Senate:

**Mr. Jim Cantrell, CEO and Co-Founder, Phantom Space Corporation**  
**Megan Fitzgerald, Embry Riddle Aeronautical University**  
**Len Munsil, President, Arizona Christian University**

Three members, appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

**Major General Michael McGuire, USAF-Ret.**  
**Brett Mecum, President, Cadmus Public Affairs, LLC,**  
**Steven G. Zylstra, President & CEO, Arizona Technology Council**

Notes: The Space Commission is governed by a Board of Directors consisting of seven members. Priority shall be given to individuals with experience in commercial aerospace, civil aviation, military aerospace, space economic development, space-related academic research, nonprofit space economy support, real estate, and finance. Priority will also be given to individuals with a master's degree or above in space science, space engineering, space technology, space business, space leadership, space policy, space law and space operations as well as individuals from an early stage start-up company that focuses on the development and commercialization of new technologies related to space, and individuals with experience working in industries that are based in this State that are part of the space value chain or that are in downstream industries with a significant presence in this State. The Board shall elect a Chair from among the members of the Board.

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